

Environment Advisory Committee Meeting
Approved Minutes
June 14, 2024 at 9:30 am

1. Call to Order	Chair Starr Cardwell called the meeting to order at 9:30 am
2. Present	Chair Starr Cardwell, Vice Chair Spencer Reynolds, Levi Cliche, Stephen Hawboldt, Mayor Amery Boyer, Climate Lead Cassidy Walker, and Recording Secretary Kim Dunning
3. Regrets	CAO Sandi Millett-Campbell, Mike Bernard, and Councillor Paula Hafting
4. Additions to Agenda	New Business iii. Cleans Energy Initiative
5. Approval of Agenda	MOTION #EAC2024-06-14-01 It was regularly moved and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
Edits to the Minutes	None
6. Approval of Minutes	MOTION #EAC2024-06-14-02 It was regularly moved and seconded to approve the minutes of May 10, 2024, as presented. Motion carried.

7. **Presentations**

None

8. **Public Input**

None

9. **New Business**

i. **Downtown Sidewalk Clean Up**

Deferred until the next Environment Advisory Committee meeting as Councillor Hafting is away.

ii. **Climate Conference**

Levi Cliché has been trying to find information regarding the project. Website has the ad for the Climate Conference and a page of the people who contributed to the project. They are hoping to find more of the planning files and will share this information with Climate Lead Walker and arrange a meeting to review/discuss.

ACTION: Share documentation on Climate Conference and arrange a meeting

NAME: Levi Cliché and Climate Lead Walker

DUE: June 21, 2024

iii. **Cleans Energy Initiative**

Climate Lead Walker shared documentation on two program opportunities (Clean Energy and Equity Initiative and Clean Energy and Equity Initiatives) and is not sure if

they will be applicable for the Town. The Clean Equity Energy Initiative is a wage subsidy program and is to help people who want to transition into different trades. Levi Cliché added that this did sound like a good opportunity. Mayor Boyer asked for assistance in updating the tree canopy as this doesn't cover GIS, and Stephen Hawboldt suggested Community College in Lawrencetown, as there could be some planning technology students available for this. Climate Lead Walker also added that CLEAN may have a few specialists to help. Chair Cardwell asked if there was an age limit to this and Climate Lead Walker advised that there isn't one. Chair Cardwell also asked if there is a way to let students know who are graduating and Climate Lead Walker responded that they weren't sure who this could be shared with, as one of these programs is new to 2024. Recommendation for Chair Cardwell to share information with Annapolis West Education Centre (AWEC). Climate Lead Walker will also email both programs to this Committee.

Levi Cliché advised that there is an Environmental and Sustainable Energy Technology Program, and this could help with the Town's Tidal Project, and they will share the contact information to provide assistance from the Sustainable Energy Program.

ACTION: Share the two leaflets with EAC

NAME: Climate Lead Cassidy

DUE: June 21, 2024

ACTION: Share this information with the school's Guidance Counsellor

NAME: Chair Starr

DUE: June 30, 2024

ACTION: Forward contact information on Environmental and Sustainable Energy Technology Program to Mayor Boyer

NAME: Levi Cliché

DUE: June 21, 2024

10. Unfinished Business

- i. Sustainable Practices Communication Series Letter – Task Team Update
Spencer Reynolds has spoken to the Marketing and Economic Development Committee (MEDC) and recommends adding this to ii. Public Engagement Suggestions/Meeting of the agenda. MEDC also will have a page in the Town Crier Newsletter, and maybe an option to add this there.
- ii. Public Engagement Suggestions/Meeting
Climate Lead Walker gave a review of the topics for the Community Engagement Ideas:
 - Heat pumps, rebates, energy efficiency

- Understanding projected impacts of climate change
- Case studies and success stories
- Shoreline Preservations and Conservation
- Individual actions for collective impacts
- Renewable energy

After further discussion a tentative date was set for September 19, 2024, and with an option of having one in Middleton. Climate Lead Walker advised that they had recently attended a Green Shores training level one and plan to complete level 2 in the future. They offered to join the Green Shores Local Government Group on behalf of EAC and Levi Cliché added that Clean Annapolis River Project (CARP) may be interested in also joining. Climate Lead Walker asked what the timeline would be for the community engagement work, how often EAC would want them to occur, and how EAC would tackle presenting them. Mayor Boyer suggested winter to be the next one, and all agreed to start deciding on a few topics now.

Levi Cliché added that storm water starts in September, so could do a presentation in August (Town of Annapolis Royal and Middleton). CARP on storm water management, and Mayor Boyer asked if solar could be added. Climate Lead Walker will update the document with the additions and will share for members to add their names to any of the ideas. They added that during their training session mentioned earlier in the minutes, that there is an opportunity of accepting applications from homeowners who have specific species at risk on their coastal or lakefront property, and they will share the link on this opportunity.

ACTION: Share link on TransCoastal Adaptations

NAME: Climate Lead Walker

DUE: June 21, 2024

ACTION: Send information on Green Shore for Local Government Group to Levi Cliché

NAME: Climate Lead Walker

DUE: June 21, 2024

iii. Nova Scotia Coastal Plan – Task Team Update

Levi Cliché hasn't had time to work on this. Mayor Boyer and Chair Cardwell offered their assistance as they know this is a large project to take on. They are available to help with preparing the template and Levi Cliché responded that they need to establish what is needed on the template before it can proceed. It was agreed that Levi Cliché will share documentation on this with Chair Cardwell for them to review the documents to find themes, etc. They also added that coastal strategy would be first and they are very upset that the coastal plan wasn't approved.

ACTION: Share documents with Chair Cardwell

NAME: Levi Cliché
DUE: June 30, 2024

11. Correspondence

None

12. Next Meeting

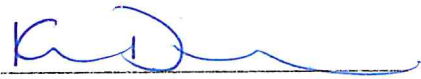
Levi Cliché and Climate Lead Walker unable to attend July 12, 2024 at 9:30 am, so moved to July 5, 2024 at 9:30 am

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 am



Starr Cardwell, Chair



Kim Dunning, Recording Secretary