



**MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH GRENVILLE**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**No 6**  
**Monday, June 24, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Held in Meeting Room 1, 285 County Road 44**

MEMBERS PRESENT Peter Friedrichs  
Philip Fry  
Fred Schueler  
Nadia Diakun-Thibault

MEMBERS ABSENT Co-Chair Councillor Kristin Strackerjan  
Mayor Nancy Peckford  
Co-Chair John Palmer

STAFF PRESENT Cheryl Fequet  
Mike Finley, Director of Public Works  
Senterre McKenna, Committee Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT Co-Chairs absent, committee voted that Nadia will acts as chair.

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**A. Open Meeting**

The meeting was opened at 6:10 PM.

Discussion about clearer communication from council. Nancy Peckford addressed the lack of clear direction. Fred Schueler requested some more direction from council as to which direction the committee should focus on. Nancy Peckford noted there are long and short term goals. He added he would like to have Conservation meeting information shared with EAAC after they met so that EAAC Members can discuss.

**B. Land Acknowledgment**

The Land Acknowledgment was read by Nadia Diakun-Thibault.

**C. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved By Fred Schueler  
Seconded By Peter Friedrichs

*Be it resolved that:*

*The Environmental Action Advisory Committee Meeting agenda for June 24, 2024 be approved as presented.*

**CARRIED**

**D. Disclosure of Interest**

None.

**E. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Moved By Fred Schueler  
Seconded By Philip Fry

*Be it resolved that:*

*The minutes of the Environmental Action Advisory Committee meeting held on May 27, 2024 be approved as circulated.*

**CARRIED**

1. Committee Meeting Minutes - May 27, 2024

**F. Delegations**

None.

**G. Decision Items**

1. Terms of Reference  
Moved to next meeting

**H. Correspondence/Information Items/Reports**

1. Herbicides

Philip Fry presented information regarding herbicide spraying. He is requesting a from to Lanark County and UCLG regarding restricting spraying. He presented a copy of a letter from Michelle Poilly, against spraying in her area. He has some information regarding spraying at a specific location, all the broadleaf plants are struggling, except in invasive species, specifically poison ivy. He suggested to the members to gather additional information to present to the committee at a later date. Fred Schueler noted that friends of Lanark County had a

successful plan for herbicides, he will reach out to them again for additional information. Mike Findley added, that the municipal roads are reviewed by the county weed inspector. He further explained less than half that were identified were sprayed this year. Philip Fry noted that the roads are identified by a number, according to his records, this information isn't clear. Nancy Peckford added Council and UCLG have discussed this topic previously, they looked into a spray policy, they haven't come up with an alternative solution. There are some area with have opted out of spraying, like Rideau Lakes. Future models will be reviewed and considered for alternative solutions. Nadia Diakun-Thibault suggested that the committee is tasked to research and present to council in the future. Mike Findley added there isn't enough staff support to complete extensive research on a alternative solution and therefore they have had to use the weed inspectors decision. Mike Findley noted if anyone is concerned about weeds to contact the weed inspector.

## 2. Habitat Garden Update

Philip Fry noted the Habitat Garden launch. Steps are being taken to open a Habitat Garden at other schools. It was very successful and opened with many in attendance. Nancy Peckford added that there was a lot of effort made to its success. She thanked the committee for all the work put in to its completion. Nadia Diakun-Thibault noted she was at the graduation ceremony, and spoke to many parents about the garden. The children and wanted to be involved and enjoyed the process. Philip Fry noted the lost land in North Grenville, he thinks hands on experience is practical work, and the children are able to benefit from that knowledge.

## 3. Water Security Update

Peter Friedrichs presented Loss of Woodlands in Kemptville- about water and land security in EQuinelle, Oxford Village areas are affected. He compared past and current arial maps of Colonnade Rd., EQuinelle, Kemptville Public School, Tempo Sub Division, Oxford Village area, Oxford Village Phase 2, The Creek, Somerville Rd., Brookside Park ( Phase 2). He noted the loss of acreage. .662 total acres lost. The committee discussed the findings. Nancy Peckford inquired on the value of the land that was assessed. Noted there are more public green paces per capita that is publicly managed, forested lands, and are committed to preserving. Nancy Peckford noted the French Catholic School has announced they are building on a Kemptville Campus site, on a location where a poplar tree grove was at the end of its life. Phillip Fry would like to propose integration of a regreen area around the new school site, planting new trees to recoup for the lost grove.

## 4. Tree Canopy/Site Alteration Update

Amend Agenda to Tree Canopy/ Site Alternation Update to Tree Canopy/ Site Alternation Bylaw Update

Nadia Diakun -Thibault inquired about greenspace requirements for developers. Nancy Peckford added there is discussion with developers about greenspace provisions, and any new developments it is in their building contracts. The MNG has discussed added parks and greenspaces to existing developments. There are prescriptive requirements for all developers.

Action: Nadia Diakun -Thibault and Fred will present, moved to next meeting.

5. Mayor's Task Force Update

Nancy Peckford noted they had their first meeting and there is a task force on clean municipalities, and added there will be a presentation at a future meeting.

6. Maple Leaf in Trees Visible from Space - Fred Schueler and Nadia Diakun-Thibault

Fred Schueler gave information about trees that are based on a Japanese design, and suggested a maple leaf design with high density trees for Crozier Park. Additional information to follow in a meeting, with a location and design plan.

**I. Other Business**

1. Items for Next Meeting

1. Maple Leaf in Trees Visible from Space
2. Term of Reference
3. Water Security Update
4. Tree Canopy/ Site Alternation Bylaw Update
5. Green Burial Update - Clerks Office
6. Developers adhere to greenspace development

**J. Public Questions**

None.

**K. Adjournment**

Moved By Nadia Diakun-Thibault  
Seconded By Fred Schueler

*Be it resolved that:*

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.*

**CARRIED**