



MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH GRENVILLE
ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, October 28, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
Held in Meeting Room 1, 285 County Road 44

MEMBERS PRESENT Co-Chair Councillor Kristin Strackerjan
Mayor Nancy Peckford
Peter Friedrichs
Nadia Diakun-Thibault

MEMBERS ABSENT Sasha Honsl
Fred Schueler

STAFF PRESENT Senterre McKenna, Committee Clerk

A. Open Meeting

Co-Chair Kristin Strackerjan called the meeting to order at 6:14PM.

B. Land Acknowledgment

The land acknowledgement was read by Kristin Strackerjan.

C. Approval of the Agenda

#EAAC-2024- EAAC-2024-25

Moved By Nadia Diakun-Thibault
Seconded By Peter Friedrichs

Be it resolved that:

The Committee agenda for October 28, 2024 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

D. Disclosure of Interest

None.

E. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

#EAAC-2024- EAAC-2024-26

Moved By Nadia Diakun-Thibault
Seconded By Kristin Strackerjan

Be it resolved that:

The following meeting minutes be approved as circulated:

1. September 23, 2024
2. August 26, 2024

CARRIED

1. Committee Meeting Minutes - September 23, 2024
2. Committee Meeting Minutes - August 26, 2024

F. Delegations

None.

G. Decision Items

None.

H. Correspondence/Information Items/Reports

1. Tree Canopy Discussion, Nadia Diakun-Thibault

Nadia Diakun-Thibault would like to have this information read over by the Members to review her notes on comparing city by-laws regarding tree management. She prefers Vancouver's by-law for trees, which requires permission for tree removal, she would like this implemented in North Grenville to protect its trees. She also suggested that the rain garden program from Ottawa could benefit North Grenville, although Kristin Strackerjan pointed out past resistance from residents regarding property rights. Nadia Diakun-Thibault is concerned about environmental consequences if no changes are made and suggested a survey involving students in mapping air quality and heat samples in the area next summer. Kristin Strackerjan mentioned potential planning and budgeting for this initiative. The Members feel that a tree health check in North Grenville is also needed. The committee's contributions will be included in future land plans, and this item will be added to the workplan.

2. Terms of Reference

Nadia Diakun-Thibault emphasized the need for the workplan to align with the Terms of Reference. She suggested creating an online space for posting environmental issues, events, and news, with frequent updates. Kristin Strackerjan pointed out challenges in collaborating with the Communications department, while Peter Friedrichs proposed an internal repository for information sharing. Kristin Strackerjan recommended using Google Drive with access limitations. Nadia Diakun-Thibault expressed the importance of effectively communicating with the public, feeling current methods are insufficient, despite Kristin Strackerjan noting that agendas and minutes are public.

ACTION: Senterre McKenna, Committee Clerk will speak to Chloe Preston, Municipal Clerk regarding this potential repository option.

The members reviewed the workplan, suggesting changes, including:

- b.** Rain gardens: modeled after Ottawa's program to protect water tables.
- c.** Eliminating household waste reduction: noted this is no longer under the Committee's purview.
- e.** Website presence: focusing on resources for residents to improve home sustainability and involving schools in environmental education.
- f.** Online materials and courses: linking to webinars and sustainability fairs.
- h.** Grant options: for implementing pollinator gardens.
- i.** Recycling information, Peter and Kristin discussed how to effectively communicate this to the public and ensure it reaches them.
- j.** Some topics might be better suited for the Mayor's Task Force on Clean Tech.

Members reviewed workplan and read the suggested changes:

ACTION: Senterre McKenna, Committee Clerk will send out the Original Terms of Reference and new proposed document and ask the Members for feedback. Specifically, 4 new Terms of Reference in line with the old 12. This is with the intention that this can be reviewed before the next meeting.

3. Developers and Greenspace Development
Moved to next meeting.
4. Workplan Review
Moved to next meeting.

5. 'Crimson King' Norway Maple - Crozier Park
Moved to next meeting

I. Other Business

1. Items for Next Meeting
 - Terms of Reference
 - Workplan Review
 - Developers and Greenspace
 - Crimson King
 - Water security update
 - Maple leaf from Space, Nadia Diakun-Thibault
 - Task Force update, Nadia Diakun-Thibault
1. Maple Leaf from Space, Nadia Diakun - Thibault
2. Task Force Update, Nadia Diakun-Thibault

J. Public Questions

None.

K. Adjournment

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Moved By Peter Friedrichs
Seconded By Nadia Diakun-Thibault

Be it resolved that:

The meeting be adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

CARRIED