

# MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH GRENVILLE MAYOR'S TASKFORCE ON CLEAN TECHNOLOGY MINUTES

January 13, 2025, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Held in Meeting Room 1, 285 County Road 44

MEMBERS PRESENT Councillor Deb Wilson

Greg Lane Cholly Boland James McNeil Wayne Brown Kevin Willey Shawn Carnegie

Nadia Diakun-Thibault Mayor Nancy Peckford

STAFF PRESENT Chloe Preston, Municipal Clerk

Matt Gilmer, Manager of Economic Development & Tourism

Bruce Enloe, Executive Assistant to Mayor

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# A. Open Meeting

Mayor Nancy Peckford called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m

#### B. Land Acknowledgement

The land acknowledgement was read by Mayor Nancy Peckdord.

# C. Approval of the Agenda

Moved By Wayne Brown

Seconded By Cholly Boland

Be it resolved that:

The agenda for January 13, 2025 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED** 

#### D. Disclosure of Interest

None.

## E. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

Be it resolved that:

The following meeting minutes be approved as circulated:

1. December 16, 2024

**DEFERRED** 

1. Committee Meeting Minutes - December 16, 2024

## F. Delegations

None.

#### G. Decision Items

1. February Meeting Date

February Meeting Date rescheduled to February 24, 2025.

## H. Correspondence/Information Items/Reports

1. Clean Technology Company Attraction

James McNeil led a discussion on Clean Tech Company Attraction, centering on needs in terms of companies and requirements to attract them to the community. Further highlights included a list of current talent within the community and where investment to commence the attraction could come from. Additional questions about research partners and relationships were asked, including what government incentives could be taken advantage of. Research into specific areas including 'Ag Tech' and its related definitions were provided. Geographic metrics in Ottawa were discussed relating to Clean Tech companies were delivered.

Members spoke in support of the report provided and the thought provocation. Further discussion that the findings could inform the interim report.

Questions arose about whether development around industry happens the same way it did when Kanata was formed.

Members discussed inviting UCLG Manager of Economic Development, Ann Weir to a future meeting to discuss county initiatives or possible strategies.

2. Green Tech, Green Technology, or Nature-based Solutions Discussion Paper

Nadia Diakun-Thibault provided a presentation and slide deck. General discussion ensued on the applicability of the information to the interim report and how it could be incorporated.

## 3. Potential European Green Initiatives

Nadia Diakun-Thibault provided a presentation and slide deck. Discussion about international context ensued amongst members and how similar initiatives could be encompassed within the Task Force's interim report to Council. Inclusion of international reflection in successes and shortcomings would be beneficial to provide a fulsome report.

### Interim Report to Council

Mayor Nancy Peckford explained the interim report would not be ready for January 31, 2025, but that the February Task Force meeting would be dedicated to the topic. If completed in February, the Interim Report would rise to Council in March for deliberation and acceptance.

#### I. Other Business

1. Items for Next Meeting

Topics for future meetings based on availability:

- 1. Delegation/Presentation from Ann Weir, UCLG Manager of Economic Development, re Business Incentive & Attraction from the County Perspective
- 2. Research on Businesses Matt Gilmer, Manager of Economic Development (North Grenville)
- 3. Right of Way Subsidies Discussion March Meeting
- 4. Network/Partner Overview Ongoing
- 5. Interim Report Generation February Meeting

#### J. Public Questions

None.

### K. Adjournment

Mayor Nancy Peckford adjourned the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

Moved By Kevin Willey

Seconded By Cholly Boland

Be it resolved that:

The meeting be adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

# **CARRIED**