



MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH GRENVILLE
ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, February 24, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Held in Meeting Room 1, 285 County Road 44

MEMBERS PRESENT Co-Chair Councillor Kristin Strackerjan
Peter Friedrichs
Fred Schueler
Nadia Diakun-Thibault
Sasha Honsl

MEMBERS ABSENT Mayor Nancy Peckford

STAFF PRESENT Senterre McKenna, Committee Clerk

A. Open Meeting

Co-Chair Kristin Strackerjan called the meeting to order at 6:05p.m.

B. Land Acknowledgment

The land acknowledgement was read by Kristin Strackerjan.

C. Approval of the Agenda

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Moved By Nadia Diakun-Thibault
Seconded By Sasha Honsl

Be it resolved that:

The Committee agenda for February 24, 2025 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

D. Disclosure of Interest

None.

E. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

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Moved By Peter Friedrichs

Seconded By Sasha Honsl

Be it resolved that:

The following meeting minutes be approved as circulated:

1. January 27, 2025

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1. Committee Meeting Minutes - January 27, 2025

F. Delegations

None.

1. Oxford on Rideau - Habitat Student Garden

Moved to next meeting.

G. Decision Items

H. Correspondence/Information Items/Reports

1. Clean Yard By-Law

The Members discussed the Clean Yard By-Law and its definition. Nadia Diakun-Thibault requested clarification on the list of refuse items, raising concerns about the environmental impact of items such as mattresses and tanks. Kristin Strackerjan noted that the Members should revisit the definition of "nuisance" for some of the listed items. Fred Schueler mentioned that he had not yet had the opportunity to review the list of plants and trees to confirm its accuracy but intends to do so and present his findings at a future meeting.

2. Workplan Review

The working group reviewed the workplan, with Nadia Diakun-Thibault and Sasha Honsl having made revisions to the list, including the removal of recycling and blue boxes. They plan to format the workplan according to the provided template.

The updated terms of reference will be submitted to the Council for adoption.

Kristin Strackerjan shared that the waste management station will begin accepting light bulbs for recycling starting mid-summer.

Kristin also informed the group that the closure of the Burritt's Rapids Dump is being proposed, with the matter set to go before the Council on February 25th. She wanted to ensure the Members were aware, as the report includes information on water source locations and the potential impact on the area.

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Moved By Peter Friedrichs
Seconded By Sasha Honsl

Be it resolved that:

Council accepts and adopts the revised Terms of Reference as presented as they are more in line with the Environmental Action Advisory Committee current focus.

CARRIED

3. Phragmites Discussion

Fred Schueler highlighted the local challenges with phragmites and their impact on other species. He expressed interest in exploring options and solutions from other municipalities. Kristin Strackerjan mentioned that at ROMA, there was a funding opportunity for municipalities, specifically targeting phragmites. Fred Schueler will gather more information and present it to the Member at a future meeting.

4. Tree Care and Management Resolution - Notice of Motion

Kristin Strackerjan highlighted that the Notice of Motion is very specific, particularly regarding trees on Municipal land. She expressed interest in having further discussions on tree maintenance and management. Council has referred the matter to the advisory committee for review. Sasha Honsl proposed developing a policy or plan for tree removal. Peter Friedrichs asked about the funding allocated for tree replacement, the definition of municipally owned lands, and whether there is an existing tree inventory.

Nadia Diakun-Thibault suggested focusing on tree preservation, noting that gathering the necessary information could be challenging. She pointed to Vancouver's Tree By-Law as a potential model. A discussion followed regarding local tree removal and maintenance. Nadia mentioned that trees along Stone Rd had recently been removed, but she was unsure if the work was carried out by Hydro One, the

Municipality, or the County. She had sent an email but did not receive a response. The Members expressed interest in determining who is responsible for tree removal.

Sasha Honsl noted that Merrickville has had a new tree care policy in place since 2021.

Kristin Strackerjan proposed adding this topic to the workplan for further discussion and stated she would email Mike Findley in Public Works to help identify who carried out the tree removal on Stone Rd.

I. Other Business

1. Items for Next Meeting

1. Delegation: Oxford on Rideau- Habitat Student Garden
2. Cheese Factory, Fred Schueler
3. Terms of Reference to Council
4. Workplan update
5. Roadside Trimming- Tree Removal on Stone Rd
6. Standing Item: Water Security Update

For a future meeting:

Roadside Pollinator- Delegation Michelle (April), Fred to confirm contact information for the Clerk's Office to reach out.

J. Public Questions

None.

K. Adjournment

Peter Friedrichs referenced the email received from Deputy Clerk Mary Remmig and requested some clarification. Kristin Strackerjan explained that the email was intended for clarification. Nadia Thibault-Diakun disagreed, stating that such clarification should not be necessary at the municipal level.

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Moved By Sasha Honsl

Seconded By Nadia Diakun-Thibault

Be it resolved that:

The meeting be adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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