



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

**February 24, 2025, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Held in Meeting Room 1, 285 County Road 44**

MEMBERS PRESENT Councillor Deb Wilson
Greg Lane
Cholly Boland
James McNeil
Wayne Brown
Shawn Carnegie
Nadia Diakun-Thibault
Mayor Nancy Peckford

MEMBERS ABSENT Kevin Willey
Karen Dunlop, Chief Administrative Officer

STAFF PRESENT Chloe Preston, Municipal Clerk
Matt Gilmer, Manager of Economic Development & Tourism

A. Open Meeting

Chair Mayor Nancy Peckford called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m.

B. Land Acknowledgement

The land acknowledgement was read by Mayor Nancy Peckford.

C. Approval of the Agenda

Resolution # MTFCTF-2025-04

Moved By Wayne Brown

Seconded By Cholly Boland

Be it resolved that:

The agenda for February 24, 2025 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

D. Disclosure of Interest

None.

E. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolution # MTFCT-2025-05

Moved By Cholly Boland

Seconded By Wayne Brown

Be it resolved that:

The following meeting minutes be approved as circulated:

1. December 16, 2024; and,
2. January 13, 2025.

CARRIED

1. Committee Meeting Minutes - December 16, 2024
2. Committee Meeting Minutes - January 13, 2025

F. Delegations

None.

G. Decision Items

H. Correspondence/Information Items/Reports

1. Interim Report Review & Comment

Mayor Nancy Peckford thanked Nadia Diakun-Thibault for producing a draft interim report.

Nadia Diakun-Thibault provided an overview of the Interim Report.

Wayne Brown asked about the repository for members.

Municipal Clerk Chloe Preston advised on the rollout plan.

Greg Lane asked about fostering partnerships via the Memorandum of Understanding and identified Susan Cork as the appropriate contact.

Shawn Carnegie regarding Line 151 of the report - asked if Ottawa and Kingston is the best description. He asked if it should include Montreal or specify along the St Lawrence corridor.

Nadia Diakun-Thibault advised she attempted to keep the report high level to allow for further investigation

Cholly Boland acknowledged that the strategies were a lot of focus on research and suggested more pragmatism in the strategies presented.

Mayor Nancy Peckford suggested the Campus may be a bigger partner in these endeavors. Mayor Nancy Peckford asked if the new Executive Director of the Campus could be consulted prior to the interim report rises to Council.

Greg Lane suggested looking into the procurement policy.

James McNeil noted that the campus, with a mandate to fill vacant space, generates income and has a lot of critical components that could assist in clean tech attraction.

Councillor Deb Wilson asked how could Sustainable North Grenville be involved.

Discussion ensued as to the potential advantages of using various mechanism for research including graduate students to help revamp and bring in new ideas or procedures to problem solve.

Greg Lane discussed how North Grenville could become a Next Generation community.

The final report should identify short term and long term goals for the municipality.

Manager of Economic Development, Matt Gilmer has looked into the businesses that are here. He acknowledged that a student could be beneficial so long as they were dedicated or tailored to the research/understanding.

Councillor Deb Wilson asked how the Task Force becomes involved and avoids duplicating the work of Director of Corporate Services, Hillary Geneau on the Climate Action Plan. She further acknowledged that there is Sustainable North Grenville and an Environmental Action Advisory Committee.

By consensus, the Task Force agreed that Nadia Diakun-Thibault and Greg Lane will present the Interim Report to Council in March 2025. Final edits to the report are to be submitted before February 27, 2025 to ensure the report is slated for an agenda in March.

I. Other Business

1. Items for Next Meeting

Next Meeting: March 17, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

1. Delegation/Presentation from Ann Weir, UCLG Manager of Economic Development RE: Business Incentive & Attraction

3. Delegation/Presentation from Annie Hillis, Kemptville Campus Executive Director - Partnership Possibilities

4. Delegation/Presentation from Gaby Kalapos - Right of Way Subsidies Discussion (March 2025)

5. Discussion - Alternatives to Natural Gas (April 2025)

6. Network/Partner Overview - Ongoing

7. Delegation/Presentation from Tom Graham, Sustainable North Greenville - Partnership Possibilities (April 2025)

J. Public Questions

None.

K. Adjournment

Chair Mayor Peckford adjourned the meeting at 3:5 p.m.

Resolution # MTFCT-2025-06

Moved By Cholly Boland

Seconded By Shawn Carnegie

Be it resolved that:

The meeting be adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

CARRIED