

MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH GRENVILLE ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, June 23, 2025, 6:00 p.m. Held in Meeting Room 1, 285 County Road 44

MEMBERS PRESENT Co-Chair Councillor Kristin Strackerjan

Fred Schueler

Mayor Nancy Peckford Nadia Diakun-Thibault

Peter Friedrichs Sasha Honsl

STAFF PRESENT Mary Remmig, Deputy Clerk

A. Call to Order

Co-Chair Councillor Kristin Strackerjan called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

B. Land Acknowledgment

The land acknowledgement was read by Councillor Kristin Strackerjan.

C. Adoption of Agenda

#EAAC-2025-16

Moved By Fred Schueler Seconded By Peter Friedrichs

Be it resolved that:

The Committee agenda for June 23, 2025 be approved as presented.

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D. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None.

E. Minutes of Previous Meeting

#EAAC-2025-17

Moved By Fred Schueler Seconded By Sasha Honsl

Be it resolved that:

The following meeting minutes be approved as circulated:

1. Environmental Action Advisory Committee - April 28, 2025

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1. Committee Meeting Minutes - April 28, 2025

F. Reports and Decision Items

1. Bishop's Mills Cheese Factory Park

Deputy Clerk, Mary Remmig delivered an overview. She advised that the archeological report is being supplied following a discussion of the Committee in March 2025 about using the property for a legacy tree planting or recreational space and the soil quality. The archeological report does not outline any soil quality considerations as this is typically demonstrated in a geotechnical report.

Fred Schueler advised that he will visit the property to create a plan for committee consideration.

The item will be brought back for further discussion.

2. Workplan Review

Sasha Honsl delivered an overview of the draft work plan. the session was treated as a working session to complete the work plan.

Key topics included enhancing education initiatives, encouraging green bin use for commercial and institutional properties, and exploring whether the municipal waste contract allows for institutional collection. The Committee also discussed including the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee in relevant initiatives.

Several new items were added to the work plan, including:

Roadside vegetation management

Cycling education initiatives

Storm event mitigation

Carbon sequestration

Biodiversity tracking

Tree canopy and ash tree management

Members suggested using tools like the iNaturalist app for species inventory and emphasized the need for community engagement. Volunteers were assigned to lead specific action items, and the finalized work plan will be circulated to the Committee. Input to the Official Plan update was also flagged as a timely opportunity for Committee involvement.

Terms of Reference

Deputy Clerk Mary Remmig advised that this went forward on April 8, 2025 to Council. Council had some comments and the project has been assigned to the Committee Clerk to develop a draft, revised Terms of Reference for the Committee to comment on at their meeting in August. The workplan developed is generally consistent with the comments from Council.

4. Water Security Update

Peter Friedrichs provided a brief update.

G. Adjournment

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Moved By Nadia Diakun-Thibault Seconded By Fred Schueler

Be it resolved that:

The meeting be adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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