

Committee:	Environmental Action Advisory Committee
Subject:	Committee Work Plan 2023-2026
Date:	June 2025

INTRODUCTION:

On May 21, 2019, By-Law 47-19 was established by the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of North Grenville to create eight Committees of Council. These committees were created to allow for more focused and timely investigation of a specific matter, to have members of the public add their perspectives for a specific matter and allow additional opportunity for participation and comment on specific subjects.

EAAC Purpose:

To provide information to local residents on environmentally sustainable practices, offer advice to the North Grenville Municipal Council on initiatives to promote a green economy, and to identify near- and long-term funding opportunities as suggestions for inclusion in the yearly budget and business planning cycles of the Municipality.

GOALS:

Committee to outline Goals based on objectives noted in the terms of reference for the specific committee.

Goal: <i>Link to committee</i>	Key Action Steps:	Target Date:	Lead Committee Member:	Other Supports:
1. Education: Incorporate and encourage environmental awareness and practices within the township departments and public	<p>A) Prepare a draft list of current environment-related terminology and definitions to be incorporated into working documents of Committees, Council, and the Municipality</p> <p>B) Create a repository of materials, guides, handbooks, resources, etc., on environmental practices that would serve Council, Municipal Staff, residents and business as manuals for implementing nature-based solutions</p>			

	<p>C) Promote and encourage Environment related educational Webinars & organize/participate in events</p> <p>D) Promote waste management transparency to the public (what happens to waste, costs, etc)</p> <p>E) Provide ideas to Council for incentives for and recognition of residents who reduce their household waste to encourage others in the community to follow suit;</p> <p>F) Create opportunities for public engagement with residents, local experts and community leaders, with an emphasis on engaging youth within the community</p>			
<p>2. Eliminating Harm to the Environment</p>	<p>A) Water Security Index</p> <p>B) Identify long-term and future solutions to reduce waste within the Municipality;</p> <p>C) Illegal material Burning: Develop education and awareness program; review bylaws and penalties</p> <p>D) Promote the establishment of a Green Burial Cemetery</p>		Peter Friedrichs	

	<p>E) Reduce environmental impact of development</p> <p>F) Promote sustainable agricultural practices</p>			
3. Climate Change	<p>A) Tree Canopy preservation and development</p> <p>B) Promote the reduction of fossil fuel usage</p> <p>C) Promote sustainable/low energy/low waste construction</p> <p>D) Education on local affects of climate change.</p> <p>E) Ensure future development has infrastructure to support greater use of EVs</p> <p>F) Promote Cycle-friendly roads</p>			
4. Biodiversity	Habitat Garden – Crozier Park	Fall 2023	Philip Fry Nadia Diakun-Thibault	NG Habitat Gardeners & Oxford Mills Association volunteers
4. Natural Resource Management	<p>A) Tree Canopy/Preservation and development</p> <p>B)</p>			
5. Roadside vegetation management				
6. Cycling education initiatives				

7. Storm event mitigation				
8. Carbon sequestration				
9. Biodiversity tracking				

EXPECTED OUTCOMES:

Committee to outline expected outcomes based on goals and objectives determined for the remainder of the term.

Outcomes include making recommendations to Council:

- *To inform residents on environmentally sustainable practices.*
- *Offer advice to the North Grenville Municipal Council on initiatives to promote a green economy.*
- *Identify near and long-term funding opportunities as suggestions for inclusion in the yearly budget and business planning cycles of the Municipality.*

ANTICIPATED ECONOMIC IMPACT:

Committee to outline anticipated economic impact.

- *Increased tourism to the area.*
- *People move/relocate to North Grenville as it is seen as environmentally responsible.*
- *Residents adopt new practices to reduce the cost of their anthropogenic impacts.*

COMMUNICATIONS PLAN:

Committee to note the plan to communicate.

- *With North Grenville based on results of committee recommendations such as press releases, community events, municipal website and/or social media.*

APPLICABLE LEGISLATION:

How does this apply to provincial and federal mandates?

Actions taken at the municipal level of government help other levels of government meet their legislative obligations.

- *Federal Government – The Government of Canada is a climate change leader having signed the Paris Agreement committing to reducing greenhouse gases (GHG) and is working to meet GHG reduction targets by the implementation of the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change.*

- Provincial Government – the Ontario Government is committed to protecting and conserving the environment and thus established the "A made-in-Ontario Environment Plan" with important commitments to reducing the amount of waste in landfills, safe and clean water, protecting air, protecting natural spaces and species, addressing climate change, holding polluters accountable, and supporting infrastructure in compliance with environmental protection.

RELATION TO THE COUNCIL WORK PLAN:

How does this relate the North Grenville Council Work Plan and Strategic Plan?

(refer to Community Strategic Plan Progress Report January 2025)

Values: Balanced and Environmentally Sustainable Growth

Sustainable, Strategic Growth: Environmental Stewardship

- *(Goal 3.1) Mitigate Climate Change Impacts and Preserve the Natural Environment*
- *(Key Action 1.1.1) Develop a "Healthy Environment" Plan to guide environmental sustainability in North Grenville.*
- *(Key Action 3.5.1) Identify and develop an inventory of existing natural assets / heritage assets.*

Promote Environmentally Conscious Development

- *(Key Action 1.1.3) Apply environmental sustainability principles of design and operations to facility rehabilitation.*
- *(Key Action 1.1.4) Strengthen Official Plan policies that direct and guide development on preserving the natural environments (e.g., alternative forms of site development).*
- *(Key Action 1.3.2) Implement environmentally conscious design and engineering standards for Municipal infrastructure projects and establish a target for private developments.*
- *(Key Action 1.3.3) Promote Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standard construction for larger commercial, institutional, and industrial developments.*
- *Protect, enhance, and promote our parks and public green spaces.*
- *Adopt green approaches that are cost effective and bring economic benefits.*
- *Protect our water sources and waterways.*
- *Protect and grow the tree canopy in Kemptville and nearby development areas.*

A Safe, Healthy and Cohesive Community: Recognize our Rural Heritage.

- *Identify and develop an inventory of existing natural assets / heritage assets. Preserve our rural lifestyle in parts of North Grenville, including farmland, forests, and wetlands.*
- *Preserve and protect our natural and built heritage.*