



Corporation of The Municipality of North Grenville

Environmental Action Advisory Committee Meeting No. 3

Draft Minutes

**March 25, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Municipal Office Meeting Room 1**

**Present**

Co-Chair John Palmer (virtual)  
Co-Chair Councillor Kristin Strackerjan  
Fred Schueler  
Nadia Diakun-Thibault  
Mayor Nancy Peckford (virtual)  
Peter Fredrichs  
Sasha Honsl

**Absent**

Philip Frederick Fry (regrets)

**Staff Present**

Mike Finley, Director of Public Works  
Cheryl Fequet, Public Works Coordinator

**Members of the Public**

None

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**A. Open Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Kristin Strackerjan at 6:12p.m.

**B. Acknowledgement of Indigenous Territory**

The Municipality of North Grenville acknowledges that the Municipality operates on the territory of Anishnabek.

We recognize all First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples who now call North Grenville their home. We respect and support the need for cultivating a strong relationship, and we commit to Indigenous-informed decision making to foster the path towards reconciliation.

**C. Approval of Agenda:**

EAAC-2024-09

Moved By: Nadia Diakun-Thibault

Seconded By: Sasha Honsel

Repository for Committee Documents to be added under Section H  
Correspondence/Information Items/Reports.

That the agenda be accepted as amended.

Carried

**D. Disclosure of Interest**

None

**E. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting**

EAAC-2024-10

Moved By: Sasha Honsel

Seconded By: Nadia Diakun-Thibault

That the meeting minutes of February 26, 2024, be approved as presented.

Carried.

**F. Delegations**

None

**G. Decision Items**

None

**H. Correspondence/Information Items/Reports**

Councillor Kristin Strackerjan advised members that the Terms of Reference for the Mayor's Task Force on Clean Technology have been approved by Council. There will be a call for a representative from the EAAC to be on the Task Force.

Members will include Mayor Nancy Peckford, Councillor Deb Wilson, 4 members of Community and Economic Development Advisory Committee (CEDAC), 1 member of Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee (ARAAC), 1 member of Environmental Action Advisory Committee (EAAC) and 3 community members.

**H.1. Water Security**

Peter Fredrichs has been making good progress meshing the data available into the framework. Data is from the annual reports.

Committee members discussed at length the direction, the outcome, and concerns of this project. The project needs to fall within the scope of the committee's terms of reference.

Discussion on the various documents and plans already available and/or being prepared by various agencies such as the Municipality's Water Servicing Masterplan and the RVCAs Source Water Projection Plan. These documents provide insight on the future of water quality within the municipality. The impacts of climate change need to be addressed.

## **H.2 Committee Terms of Reference**

Committee feels the Terms of Reference (ToR) are outdated and need to be revised. Members are to review the ToRs, share amongst committee via email and provide suggested changes at the next meeting.

## **H.3. Indigenous Trails within North Grenville**

The naming of Indigenous Trails within North Grenville is within the realm of the Indigenous Advisory Circle. The EAAC is not involved in this project.

## **H..4. Tree Canopy**

Many aspects of the tree canopy topic were raised such as:

- Definition
- What needs to be saved?
- Types of trees being cut
- What you can tell people to do with their land
- Site alteration
- Differences in urban areas and rural areas
- Tree planting programs
- Emerald ash bore

A fulsome conversation is required as this is a big topic with many components. Tree canopy/site alteration will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

## **H.5. Habitat Garden**

Nadia Diakun-Thibault provided an updated on the Habitat Garden project with the Oxford on Rideau Grade 6 class. Things are progressing very well as seedlings are growing. Some water testing has been completed and will be doing some more.

Students need the dimensions of the pavilion and roof area to determine their rain barrel requirements.

A concern was raised regarding the requirements for ongoing support of the habitat garden. The garden itself will flourish on its own but the municipality will need to manage it. Municipality needs to move towards getting native plants on all the roadsides within the municipality.

Committee wants publicity and media attention when the plants flower.

The School Board wants to create a manual outlining the process to create a habitat garden that can be taken to other schools to grow the program.

What financial support does the school need?

**H.6. Repository for Committee Documents**

Members have requested a repository for documents as a lot of emails are generated and they need a place to house all the documents. The site needs to have a private side as well as a public side. Links to the site can be put on the municipal website.

Every advisory committee has a page on the municipal website for their use. The Comms team is looking into the availability of the website as a repository as well as establishing a process for uploading documents to the website.

**I. Other Business**

**I.1 Items for Next Meeting**

Water security update  
Tree canopy/site alteration  
Terms of Reference  
Habitat Garden

**J. Public Questions**

None.

**K. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18p.m.

The next scheduled meeting is April 22, 2024.