



A meeting of the Climate and Environment Advisory Committee for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 at 9:02 a.m. in Council Chambers

Present

Councillor Carver (Chair)
Amanda Montgomery
Richard Wilson
Veryan Haysom
Gregg Little
Dylan Heide, CAO (Recording Secretary)
Lauren Clark, Climate & Energy Program Manager

Absent:

Councillor Wilson (with regrets)
John Evarts (with regrets)
James Tilley

1. Approval of Agenda

A motion by Mr. Haysom, seconded by Mr. Wilson, "THAT the agenda be approved as amended to add item – Mahone Bay Adaptable & Resilient Community as item #6."

Motion carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes

A motion by Mr. Haysom, seconded by Mr. Little, "THAT the minutes of the September 6, 2023 meeting of the Climate and Environment Committee be approved as amended to include "Climate Change & Adaptation" as 5(a) and to reflect – under this item – that Veryan provided notice to add an item to the next meeting agenda."

Motion carried.

3. Updates

a. Sustainability Summit Events

Members debriefed on the Summit; several attended and shared positive feedback. Councilor Carver mentioned that a formal debrief of the conference planning committee is likely in the near future. The question was raised if the summit would become an annual event.

b. A group visit to the Sustane Facility

Lauren Clark ran doodle poll suggesting October 18th from 10-12 Noon was the best date/time for the tour, to which members agreed.

4. CLIMAtlantic Toolkits for shoreline assessment and remediation/adaptation

Members discussed the tool, which some members had tried. Lauren Clark & CAO Dylan Heide reviewed the Town's experience with adaptation planning. Members agreed that the limitations of the Town's adaptation planning to date concern interactions between public infrastructure and private property / adjacent private properties with each other. Members further agreed that it may be helpful to promote the Toolkit to residents.

Members discussed the possibility of a community climate adaptation session in the coming months.

5. Reconciliation of parking lot items with upcoming meetings agenda

Members reviewed the parking lot items list and Lauren Clark amended the upcoming meetings' agenda accordingly. With respect to adaptation, the Committee will consider developing a Community Engagement Plan on the subject to recommend to Council. Adaptation discussion will be broad enough to encompass subjects such as wave suppression and local food production.

6. Mahone Bay Adaptable & Resilient Community

Mr. Haysom spoke to the need for "big picture" adaptation conversations with multiple community actors (focused on listening and engagement, not providing answers). At the Committee's next meeting the plan will be to develop a Community Engagement Plan on "Initiating the Community Adaptation Conversation".

7. Discuss/promote upcoming solar garden open house

Moved to the Committee's November meeting agenda.

Adjourned on motion at 11:06 am

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Recording Secretary, Dylan Heide