

A meeting of the Climate and Environment Advisory Committee for the Town of Mahone

Bay was held on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers

Present

Mayor David Devenne
Councillor Penny Carver
Councillor Kelly Wilson
Veryan Haysom
Richard Wilson
John Evarts (virtual)
Gregg Little
Amanda Montgomery
Dylan Heide, CAO (left at 9:35am)
Lauren Clark, Climate & Energy Program Manager
Kelly Munroe, Town Clerk (joined at 9:30am)

Absent:

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 3 b, Coyotes."

Motion carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes

A motion by Mr. Haysom, seconded by Mr. Little, "THAT the minutes of the October 4, 2023 meeting be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

3. Updates

a. Sustane Tour

The committee discussed the tour they had of the Sustane facility on October 18th.

b. Coyotes

Members discussed recent reports of coyotes interacting with trail users in and near Mahone Bay.

A motion by Mr. Haysom, seconded by Ms. Montgomery, "THAT the committee recommend that Council direct staff to provide a report on the subject of coyotes with a view to community policy in respect of co-existence and conservation." Motion carried.

- <u>4. Discussion: Initiating Community Engagement Regarding Climate Change Adaptation</u>
 Mr. Haysom will work on a proposal for the committee to consider with respect to adaptation and resiliency engagement, for Council's consideration.
- <u>5. Consideration of Pending MPS/LUB Adoption and Follow-up Bylaw Development</u> The committee was informed that the Town's draft Municipal Planning Strategy and Land Use Bylaw has passed first reading by Council.
- 6. <u>Discuss/Promote upcoming Solar Open House</u>

The committee discussed the upcoming open house for the solar garden.

- 7. Staff Report on Work Completed in the Second Quarter)
 The committee received the 2023/24 second quarter report from Ms. Clark.
- 8. Start the Annual Strategic Plan and GHG Action Plan Review

The committee discussed their annual review of the Town's Strategic Plan and Green House Gas Action Plan. This item will be further discussed at the committee's December meeting. The committee will also review their Terms of Reference.

On completion of business, the committee adjourned at 11:00am.

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