

A meeting of the Climate and Environment Advisory Committee for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 9:05 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Present

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

Absent:

Councillor Kelly Wilson (with regret)

1. Approval of Agenda

A motion by V. Haysom, seconded by A. Montgomery, “THAT the agenda be approved as amended to add Coastal Protection Act as item 6.” Motion carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes

A motion by V. Haysom, seconded by G. Little, “THAT the minutes of March 13th, 2024 be approved as amended to correct references to R. Wilson.” Motion carried.

3. Updates

3.a) Council’s decision on CEAC’s proposed amendments to the 2021-25 Strategic Plan & update to Community GHG Reduction Action Plan

Councillor Carver relayed Council’s decisions on the Committee’s recommendations regarding the Community GHG Reduction Action Plan and 2021-25 Strategic Plan. The GHG Action Plan was updated as recommended. Council declined to amend the 2021-25 Strategic Plan for 2024-25.

3.b) MBARC document – April 9th Council meeting decision

Councillor Carver relayed Council’s approval of the MBARC public engagement plan and associated timeline / budget. It was agreed that MBARC would be a standing agenda item going forward.

3.c) Climate and Energy Program Manager Position

Councillor Carver relayed Council's on the Committee's recommendation regarding the Climate and Energy Program Manager Position. Council decided to extend the position term by an additional two years.

3.d) Communities in Bloom

Committee members discussed the recently announced Communities in Bloom initiative and potential value to this initiative in promoting ecology and stewardship. Members discussed potential avenues for involvement with Communities in Bloom going forward.

3.e) Wildfire Risk Assessment

Committee members discussed the recent presentation to Council concerning the wildfire risk assessment of the Town, what additional steps can / should be taken, and the role of private property owners in reducing wildfire risk.

4. Correspondence: Mahone Bay Living Shoreline Monitoring Summary 2021-23

Committee members reviewed and discussed correspondence from Coastal Action concerning the monitoring of the living shoreline pilot.

5. Climate and Energy Program Manager Fourth Quarter Report

Committee members reviewed and discussed the Climate and Energy Program Manager's quarterly report.

6. Coastal Protection Act

Committee members discussed recent developments with respect to the Coastal Protection Act. It was indicated that additional discussion and a potential motion were to be anticipated at the Committee's next meeting.

7. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

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Chair, Councillor Penny Carver

CAO Dylan Heide (Recording Secretary)