



The regular meeting of the Climate and Environment Advisory Committee for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Wednesday, June 5th, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Present:

Mayor, D. Devenne
Councillor P. Carver
Councillor K. Wilson
Veryan Haysom
John Everts
Gregg Little
Richard Wilson
GHG Plan Intern, Alyssa Hardiman
Climate Adaptation Intern, Emma Wolfe
Climate Lead (CCCP – Clean Foundation), Hayley Drapeau (virtually)
Climate & Energy Program Manager, L. Clark (Secretary)

Absent:

Amanda Montgomery (regrets)
CAO, Dylan Heide (vacation)

Land Acknowledgement

Let us begin by acknowledging that we are gathered today in Mi'kma'ki. The ancestral, present and future territory of the Mi'kmaw people. Today, we gather with the intent followed by the living Peace and Friendship Treaties - with respect, cooperation and coexistence.

Approval of Agenda

A motion by R. Wilson, seconded by Councillor Wilson, "THAT the agenda be approved, with the amendment that item 8 be moved up to be after 4a and that the coastal protection motion from the last meeting be added to the agenda under updates."

Motion Carried

Introductions

Hayley Drapeau, Emma Wolfe, and Alyssa Hardiman were introduced to the committee, and the committee also gave brief introductions.

Minutes

A motion by Councillor Wilson, seconded by G. Little, "THAT the minutes of May 1st 2024 be approved as presented." Motion Carried

Updates

a. Coastal Protection

There was a brief discussion on the motion made during the last meeting, on May 1st 2024, which was withdrawn during the most recent council meeting.

A motion by J. Evarts, seconded by V. Haysom "THAT the original motion from the minutes of the CEAC meeting on May 1st 2024 be rescinded." Motion Carried

b. Sea-level Rise and Harbour Protection

There was a brief discussion of the document written by G. Little.

A motion by R. Wilson, seconded by Councillor Wilson "THAT Gregg be requested to bring back to the committee an expanded presentation on this topic". Motion Carried

c. Communities in Bloom (CiB)

Councillor Carver gave an update on the progress made by the CiB group as well as a quick overview of the program.

d. MBARC

L. Clark and J. Evarts gave a quick summary of the Community Orchard Event that took place on May 25th, which was the first official MBARC event. There was a discussion of upcoming events, and the next meeting date.

e. Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA)

A motion was made by Councillor Wilson, seconded by J. Evarts "THAT the committee recommend to Council that staff be directed to communicate to Atlantic Tree Solutions, (the tree consultants), so that they are aware of our intention to develop an HWA monitoring process and design an analysis of treatment options." Motion Carried

f. Inter-committee meeting 2025

Councillor Wilson and Councillor Carver informed the committee of the plan to have an inter-committee meeting in 2025 between the Climate and Environment Advisory Committee, the Asset Management Committee, the Planning and Advisory Committee, as well as Town Council. This plan had been recommended initially by the Asset Management Committee and was subsequently endorsed by the Planning Advisory Committee via recommendation to Council.

2024-2025 Budget – Climate and Environment

L. Clark outlined the climate and energy related operational and capital budget items in the 2024-2025 budget.

Battery storage

There was a discussion of how battery storage could help the Town and the community as well as a debrief of the meeting with Surette Battery. There was also a discussion of the upcoming Low Carbon Communities grant opportunity and how this may apply to that project.

Strategic Dialogue and Engagement for Climate Adaptation

The reading list from this Simon Fraser University course had been circulated in the meeting package. A presentation on the contents of the course will be given during the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:01am

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Councillor, Penny Carver

Lauren Clark, Recording Secretary