



A meeting of the Climate and Environment Advisory Committee for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Wednesday, July 3rd, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers at Town Hall.

Present

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

Absent:

1. Approval of Agenda

A motion by V. Haysom, seconded by A. Montgomery, "THAT the agenda be approved as amended to add the proposed Stormwater Management Bylaw as #6 and EC Flood Risk as #7." Motion carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes

A motion by V. Haysom, seconded by G. Little, "THAT the minutes of June 5th, 2024 be approved as presented." Motion carried.

3. First Quarter Report – Climate and Energy Program Manager

Climate and Energy Program Manager Lauren Clark presented her first quarter report and addressed questions from Committee members.

4. Updates

4.a) CiB – Communities in Bloom

A. Montgomery updated Committee members on Communities in Bloom and the upcoming judges visit on July 9th, and addressed questions.

4.b) MBARC – Mahone Bay an Adaptive, Resilient Community

J. Evarts and L. Clark updated Committee members regarding the upcoming community adaptation workshop on July 23rd and how this would be an opportunity to introduce / promote MBARC, and addressed questions.



4.c) Heritage Upskilling Event – October 5th, 2024

J. Evarts updated Committee members on work with the Centre for Local Prosperity to host a heritage upskilling event at the Mahone Bay Centre on October 5th, and addressed questions.

4.d) HWA – Hemlock Woolly Adelgid

L. Clark updated Committee members on discussions with Atlantic Tree Solutions (ATS) concerning addressing HWA through the Town's Urban Forest Management Plan process currently underway. The importance of mapping hemlocks in the community and informing residents as to their appropriate care was highlighted.

4.e) Battery Storage Project – Low Carbon Communities

J. Evarts and L. Clark updated Committee members on the opportunity to apply to the Provincial Low Carbon Communities program for funding and the potential for an application supporting battery storage.

A motion by J. Evarts, seconded by V. Haysom, "THAT the Committee recommend to Council the allocation of \$25,000 and application to the Low Carbon Communities Program for an additional \$75,000 to support the purchase of a utility scale storage battery to pilot grid energy storage." Motion defeated.

5. Strategic Dialogue Engagement for Adaptation Presentation – Climate and Energy Program Manager

Climate and Energy Program Manager L. Clark presented to the Committee and received feedback on the presentation.

6. Stormwater Management Bylaw

V. Haysom raised the proposed Stormwater Management Bylaw which received first reading at the recent Council meeting on June 27th, proposing the Committee provide feedback on the bylaw, particularly as it concerns the role of natural assets in stormwater management.

A motion by Councilor Wilson, seconded by V. Haysom, "THAT the Committee appoint G. Little, J. Evarts and V. Haysom to report back to a special meeting of the C&E Committee to take place prior to July 25th to provide input to the public hearing on the Stormwater Management Bylaw." Motion carried.

The special meeting was scheduled for 9 AM on Thursday, July 18th.

7. EC Flood Risk

This item was deferred to the Committee's next meeting.



8. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Committee is scheduled for September 4th.

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Chair, Councillor Penny Carver

CAO Dylan Heide, Recording Secretary