



A meeting of the Climate and Environment Advisory Committee for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Wednesday, September 4th, 2024, at 9:02 a.m. in Council Chambers at Town Hall.

Present

Councillor Penny Carver

Councillor Kelly Wilson

Richard Wilson

Veryan Haysom

Gregg Little

Lauren Clark, Climate & Energy Program Manager

Dylan Heide, CAO (Secretary)

Hayley Drapeau, Clean Foundation

Patrick Rowentree, Atlantic Tree Solutions (remote)

Absent:

Amanda Montgomery (with regrets)

John Evarts (with regrets)

1. Approval of Agenda

A motion by V. Haysom, seconded by G. Little, "THAT the agenda be approved as presented." Motion carried.

2. Approval of Minutes

The draft minutes for the July 3rd meeting had mistakenly not been circulated in the meeting package.

A motion by V. Haysom, seconded by K. Wilson, "THAT the approval of the Minutes of July 3rd be deferred to the Committee's next meeting."

Motion carried.

A motion by V. Haysom, seconded by G. Little, "THAT the Minutes of July 18th be approved as presented." Motion carried.

3. Updates

a. Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA)

Climate & Energy Program Manager Lauren Clark and Atlantic Tree Solutions Arborist Patrick Rowentree (remote) spoke to the Committee concerning an upcoming report to Council recommending treatment of Town-owned trees for HWA. Committee members expressed support for the recommendation and discussed how the opportunity for treatment of trees for HWA might be expanded beyond Town-owned trees.

A motion by R. Wilson, seconded by G. Little, "THAT the Committee recommend to Council that staff be directed to assess the potential to develop our in-house capacity to manage invasive species." Motion carried.

A motion by V. Haysom, seconded by G. Little, "THAT the Committee recommend to Council that the Town proceed with the treatment of Eastern Hemlocks on Town land for HWA." Motion carried.

b. Urban Forest Management Plan

Climate & Energy Program Manager Lauren Clark provided a progress update on the development of the Urban Forest Management Plan, particularly those components tendered to Atlantic Tree Solutions in fiscal 2024-25.

c. Feed. Build. Repair. An Up!Skilling Festival – October 5th, 2024

Preparations for the event were discussed. Members were encouraged to provide suggestions for program activities / participants as soon as possible as the event program would soon be finalized.

d. Adaptation Event (July 23rd) and GHG Conversation (August 20th)
Debrief

Members debriefed the events hosted by the Town's 2024 Clean Foundation summer interns in July and August. Alternative presentation formats, such as video presentations, were discussed for future years, in consideration of typically low public attendance at summer events.

e. Wetland Identification and Assessments

Hayley Drapeau, Clean Foundation Climate Lead providing capacity support to the Town, gave an update on wetland identification and



assessments – particularly focused on the Town’s watershed – being conducted for the Town by Clean Foundation personnel and addressed questions from Committee Members.

f. Funding – Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation, Growing Canada’s Community Canopies, Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund, etc. Climate & Energy Program Manager Lauren Clark provided a brief update on the status of various funding applications.

4. Environment Canada’s Flood Risk Information – Gregg Little
Deferred to the Committee’s next meeting.

5. Communities in Bloom – Information provided to new residents
Deferred to the Committee’s next meeting.

6. Adjournment
Agenda concluded, meeting adjourned at 11:00 PM.

The next regular meeting of the Committee is scheduled for October 2nd.

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Chair, Councillor Penny Carver

CAO Dylan Heide, Recording Secretary