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A meeting of the Climate and Environment Advisory Committee for the Town of Mahone Bay was held on Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 9:02 a.m. in Council Chambers at Town Hall.

Present

Councillor Penny Carver  
Councillor Rebecca Twanow  
John Evarts  
Veryan Haysom  
Amanda Montgomery  
Sarah Riley  
Lorrie Roberts  
Craig Stewart  
Lauren Clark, Climate & Energy Program Manager  
Dylan Heide, CAO (Secretary)

Absent:

Gregg Little (with regrets)

1. Introduction

Chair Carver led the committee in introductions.

2. Approval of Agenda

A motion by S. Riley, seconded by A. Montgomery, "THAT the agenda be approved as amended to change item 7.a. to '2025 priorities and budget input', noting that MBARC will remain a standing agenda item."

Motion carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes

A motion by J. Evarts, seconded by A. Montgomery, "THAT the minutes of October 2nd, 2024 be approved as presented."

Motion carried.

4. Background on the Climate and Environment Advisory Committee

Climate & Energy Program Manager L. Clark and CAO D. Heide provided some background on the formation of the Committee and its activities in the previous Council term, with consideration to new members. Committee members discussed Council's draft strategic plan and how feedback could be provided. The joint meeting of various Town committees which was proposed last year was also discussed and CAO D. Heide informed the members that



plans for the joint meeting would be discussed at the March Asset Management Committee meeting.

#### 5. Third Quarter Report

Climate & Energy Program Manager L. Clark presented her Third Quarter report for 2024-25 and addressed questions from members. Committee members discussed opportunities for closer integration with the new Communications Committee, suggesting the new Project Communications Coordinator and other members of the Communications Committee be invite to the Committee's May meeting for further discussion.

#### 6. Updates

##### a) Communities in Bloom

A. Montgomery provided members with some background on Communities in Bloom and the Committee's prior / ongoing involvement with this initiative, with her being appointed as the Committee's representative.

##### b) MBARC - Feed.Build.Repair An Up!Skilling Festival

Climate & Energy Program Manager L. Clark led members in a debrief concerning Feed.Build.Repair An Up!Skilling Festival, which took place at the Mahone Bay Centre last October as a component of the Committee's MBARC initiative.

##### c) Hemlock Woolly Adelgid

Climate & Energy Program Manager L. Clark updated Committee members on progress with Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) identification and treatment on Town property, as well as recent identification – and potential approaches to treatment – for the forested area known locally as the Wentzell Woods.

#### 7. Other Items

##### a) 2025-26 Budget

Committee members agreed that Climate & Energy Program Manager L. Clark would follow up to schedule a special meeting of the Committee in late March, to discuss 2025 priorities and budget recommendations.



a) Food hub meeting in MODL

An update was provided on the recent food hub meeting in MODL.

8. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

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Chair, Councillor Penny Carver

CAO Dylan Heide, Recording Secretary