

## **City of Port Colborne**

### **Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday, May 8, 2024  
**Time:** 6:00 pm  
**Location:** Engineering and Operations Centre, Committee Room  
1 Killaly St West, Port Colborne

**Members Present:** R. Waines  
J. Hellinga  
T. Doan  
N. Gieger  
T. Lamb  
K. Klauck  
A. Smits

**Staff Present:** T. Hoyle, Councillor  
K. Royer, NPCA Representative  
Cassandra Banting

#### **1. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

#### **2. Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved By Tim Lamb

Seconded By Jack Hellinga

That the agenda dated May 8, 2024, be accepted, with the addition of a request to support the Urban Forest Management Plan under Item 5, Staff Updates.

Carried

#### **3. Disclosures of Interest**

Nil.

#### **4. Approval of Minutes**

Moved By Ryan Waines  
Seconded By Tim Lamb

That the minutes of the Regular Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting of March 20, 2024, be accepted as circulated.

Carried

#### **4.1 Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting March 20, 2024**

### **5. Staff Updates**

C.Banting provided the following staff updates:

- The Urban Forest Management Plan will be presented to Council on July 9
- Rain barrel giveaway for the fall is being proposed
- Tree planting project has been initiated and to tender this summer

K.Royer provided comment regarding ensuring new tree plantings are preferably native.

A. Smits asked if tree rebate can be expanded to native plants and shrubs, not just trees. C.Banting to follow up.

C.Banting asked to provide status on PLC/JART committee. C.Banting to follow up with Planning.

C.Banting to follow up with Planning regarding engagement on Official Plan update.

C.Banting to find out status on Site Alteration By-Law update.

That the Environmental Advisory Committee support the Urban Forest Management Plan, 2024, in principle.

Moved By Norbert Gieger  
Seconded By Tim Lamb

Carried

### **6. Order of Business**

#### **6.1 Environmental Engagement**

The Environmental Engagement subcommittee updated the committee on the details of their plans for the library speaker series. They would like to have 2 or 3 events and are considering the following four themes:

- What is climate change?
- Conservation in Niagara panel
- Electrification and heat pumps
- Water shoreline, pollution

**6.2 Stormwater Management & Wastewater**

**6.3 Urban Forest**

**6.4 Electrification Engagement and Education**

The Electrification Engagement and Education subcommittee asked for "did you knows" to be published in the City Newsletter, similar to the Water Wednesday posts on City social media. Cassandra Banting, Compliance, Programs & Performance Manager, will inquire about this with Communications.

**7. New Business**

Nil.

**8. Adjournment**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:39 p.m.

Moved By Katherine Klauck

Seconded By Jack Hellinga

That the Regular Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting of May 8, 2024, be adjourned.

Carried