



# PORT COLBORNE

## City of Port Colborne Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** November 13, 2024  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Engineering and Operations Centre, Committee Room  
1 Killaly St West, Port Colborne

**Members Present:** A. Smits, Chair  
J. Hellinga  
O. Iwanicki  
K. Klauck  
T. Lamb  
N. Green (virtual), non-voting, NPCA  
R. Waines (virtual)  
N. Gieger  
M. Bagu, Councillor  
T. Hoyle, Councillor

**Members Absent:** N/A

**Staff Present:** Cassandra Banting, Staff Liaison  
Samantha Morris, Environmental Services Division

**Others Present:** Nil

### 1. Call to Order

The Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. EST.

### 2. Adoption of the Agenda

Katherine Klauck moved to adopt the EAC meeting agenda dated November 13, 2024.  
Seconded by Tim Lamb.

Carried

### 3. Disclosures of Interest

Nil

#### 4. Approval of Minutes

Postponed

#### 5. Staff Updates (C. Banting)

##### *Urban Forest Management Plan: Plantings*

Council approved a \$200,000 budget to plant trees this year. Planting has started across the City. They've planted 250/400 trees so far. Another planting will be done in the Spring.

Phase 2 of this initiative will involve matching the NPCA's tree list the list in the Urban Forest Management Plan.

##### *EV Charging Stations*

A report about the new EV charging stations was presented to Council yesterday. They are moving forward with the level 2 stations. The level 3 will be delayed but are forthcoming. The City is also looking into greening the fleet.

Cassandra proposed having a ribbon cutting ceremony with the EAC at one of the new charging stations in the new year.

##### *Green Energy Plan*

The City is working with the Region and other municipal partners on a Green Energy plan (climate change strategy on GHG emissions).

#### 6. EAC 2024 Workplan Updates

##### 6.1. Progress Towards the Goals

Goal #1: Increase public awareness of environmental initiatives

- Katherine and Amanda will continue to review the website and send feedback to Samantha and Cassandra.
- Samantha will send Katherine and Amanda examples of good websites from other municipalities.
- The final speaker series event is coming up next week.

Goal #4: Advocating for electrification – reducing gas in new homes

- Tim Lamb reported that the Committee is not moving forward with this report to Council.

Other goals were completed in 2024.

#### 7. EAC 2025 Plan

The Committee discussed the 2025 workplan. Several events and activities were proposed. The Committee will finalize these further in the new year.

The Committee discussed the possibility of attending a Council meeting to present workplan with other City committees.

**8. New Business**

Nil.

**9. Adjournment**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:57 p.m. Moved by Tim Lamb and seconded by Norbert Grieger.

Carried

The next EAC meeting will be held on January 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Amanda Smits

Cassandra Banting

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**Chair**

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**Staff Liaison**