

## **Memorandum**

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**Date:** January 16, 2023

**To:** Nicole Rubli, Acting City Clerk

**From:** Janice Peyton, Executive Assistant, DPW

**Re:** Environmental Advisory Committee  
Annual 2022 Report

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At the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of January 11, 2023, the Environmental Advisory Committee reviewed the annual report documenting the committee's highlights for 2022.

The Committee resolved as follows:

Moved by Katherine Klauck  
Seconded by Norbert Gieger

That the Port Colborne Environmental Advisory Committee Annual Report for 2022 be submitted to the Legislative Services department for Council.  
CARRIED.

A copy of the report is attached. Please place this item on the next available Council agenda.



Signed:

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Janice Peyton  
Executive Assistant, DPW  
Recording Secretary, EAC

## **Port Colborne Environmental Advisory Committee Annual Report: 2022**

**Introduction:** This annual report documents the Port Colborne's Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) highlights for 2022.

**Purpose:** *"The Environmental Advisory Committee is an Ad-Hoc Committee of Council whose purpose is to:*

- *Advise Council on environmental, energy conservation and shoreline protection issues that affect the City of Port Colborne and those matters referred to the Committee by Council.*
- *To promote the integration of environmental, energy conservation and shoreline protection considerations into the planning and development of City policies, programs and services."*

**2022 Membership:** Trent Doan, Norbert Gieger, Jack Hellinga (Vice Chair), Tim Hoyle (as of November 2022, Councillor Hoyle), George McKibbin (Chair), Steven Rivers, Kerry Royer (non-voting member NPCA), Ryan Waines, Councillor Mark Bagu, Councillor Harry Wells (term ending November 2022), Tim Lamb, and Katherine Klauck. Cassandra Banting (Public Works liaison) and Janice Peyton (Recording Secretary) provide City staff support.

**Meetings:** In 2022 five virtual meetings were held: February 2<sup>nd</sup>; April 23<sup>rd</sup>; June 8<sup>th</sup>; August 10<sup>th</sup>; and November 9<sup>th</sup>. One working committee meeting was held in July while drafting revised terms of reference and committee core competencies. One virtual consultation on climate change actions and review with Chris Kalimootoo, Director, Public Works. Members enjoyed a holiday reception on December 14.

**Committee Presentations:** Here are the list of presenters from members of the public, City representatives and various interest groups. Kerry Royer updated the Committee on Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority projects; Dr. Rod Tennyson presented papers on Wind Turbine Issues and Committee Core Competencies; Nicole Rubli and Saima Tufail, Clerk's Office updated the Committee on the City's procedural bylaw; Herb Sawatsky updated the Committee on 50by30's greenhouse gas reduction initiatives; and John McNeil, a forestry consultant, updated the committee on the ongoing urban forestry study.

Various committee members prepared and presented reports on ongoing projects.

**Actions:** Here are the main EAC initiatives in 2022:

- Reviewed Council's procedural bylaw to ensure EAC compliance;
- Drafted revised terms of reference and work plan for the City Clerk's office and Council review;
- Drafted reports and recommendations on climate warming and Port Colborne's Strategic Plan;

- Provided comments on a public notice, attended a public meeting, and prepared a report and recommendations in response to Planning and Development Report #2209-09;
- Reviewed and prepared reports and recommendations on land use compatibility where air and noise are concerned and hydrology for City review on Port Colborne Quarry's JART Review;
- In response to a request from Council, we prepared two reports and recommendations on wind turbine issues. The two reports are entitled: Overview of Wind Turbine Issues and Memorandum to Council on Multi Municipal Wind Turbine Working Group Correspondence – Ontario's Energy Plan and Wind Turbines;
- Reviewed and requested significant changes including the additional review of a City bylaw and policy on boulevard trees to a draft forestry request for proposals;
- Provided notice on a ship discharge into the Canal;
- Submitted operational questions on several environmental topics to Public Works staff for review, clarification and comment; and
- Reviewed Bill 23 and other policy amendments being proposed by the Province of Ontario.

What is Next in 2023: Subject to emerging issues and Council requests, EAC will also:

- Answer questions on the submitted revised terms of reference and implement Council's decisions on final revisions;
- Continue review and study of local climate change mitigation and adaptation issues;
- Update on Ontario's excess soil regulation OR 416/10;
- Review and provide comments on a revised boulevard tree bylaw and policy; and
- Review and provide comments on Provincial initiatives re environmental heritage features and hazard land policies.

On behalf of the EAC members, we thank Council for the opportunity to be of service in 2022.