

TOWN OF CORNWALL
SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, May 8th, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

~ A G E N D A ~

1. Call to Order
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Approval of Agenda/Additions to Agenda
4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest
5. Approval of Minutes – April 17th, 2023
6. Resident Engagement
 - Water School – Judging Students Artwork, Water School Debrief
 - Wildflower Campaign
 - Summer Meeting Schedule
7. CAWG Updates
8. In Camera
9. Correspondence
10. Adjournment

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Monday, April 17th, 2023, at 5:00 PM**

Chair: Councillor Judy Herlihy
Present: Councillor Cory Stevenson
Mayor Minerva McCourt

Also: Kevin Coady – Chief Administrative Officer
Doug Longmoore – Manager of Infrastructure
Stephen O’Shea – Utility Operator

Two Community Members

Regrets: Deputy Mayor Jill MacIsaac
Billy Ramsay – Infrastructure Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Judy Herlihy.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Chair read the land acknowledgement; that the land we gather on is the ancestral land of the Mi’kmaq and we respect the Mi’kmaq as the Indigenous People of Prince Edward Island.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Councillor Stevenson and seconded by Mayor McCourt that the agenda be approved as circulated with the change of Hyde Pond restoration and Fiona Cleanup be moved to the end so that Karalee (CAWG) would have time to get there as she was going to be late, and these topics were hers to speak on.

Motion Carried

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Mayor McCourt that the Environment and Sustainability Committee minutes of March 13th, 2023, be approved as circulated.

Motion Carried

BUSINESS ARISING

Councillor Stevenson added that NO MOW MAY passed its first reading at council and should be fully passed at the next month's council meeting.

Mayor McCourt wanted to express and huge thanks and appreciation to all who was involved in in Cornwall's first ever Water School for the Grade 5 classes at Elliot River. The Committee also would like to thank everyone involved and would like to put a press release out for the Town with all who are involved with making Water School happen.

The Committee would also still like to invite at the earliest and most convenient time Kim O'Connell and Mayor Steve Ogden over to talk about the Switch program and how it is working on the administration end of the project.

Also, the Terry Fox trail walk though will be later next month when it is dryer and warmer and Parks and Recreation will be in contact to let the Committee know when it is scheduled.

RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT

EARTH DAY

The Committee is sponsoring an Earth Day Clean for Saturday April 22nd and a table will be set up at the Town Hall from 9:30 am to 12 p.m. for participates to pick up garbage bags and gloves for the community clean-up. The Town will promote the community cleanup on social media and on the electronic sign in at Town Hall. There will be a limited number of Town swag bags available to the first 20 people who pickup garbage bags and gloves. The Committee had reached out to community groups and sports teams and invite them to participate.

SUMMER TREE PLANTING

The Committee is looking at partnering up with the Cornwall Area Watershed Group (CAWG) in a couple of tree giveaway days for residents. The Committee will need to investigate the availability of trees as they may be in short supply after hurricane Fiona. Chair Herlihy will contact the provincial tree nursery and see what the availability will be like.

There is also a program though Maritime Electric for applicates to have an opportunity to have trees planted free of charge. The tree planting happens in the fall and the Town will need to identify a location for trees to be planted and apply for the program as soon as it opens.

LAWN CARE PAMPHLET

The Lawn Care pamphlet has been updated advertising the Green Lawn Rebate and was sent out to all residents with their water bills this month. The updated Green Lawn Applications will be available and posted online by May 1st.

CAWG REPRESENTATIVE

The Committee has learned that Karalee will be leaving CAWG and will be working for the province soon. CAWG will have a new representative in the next coming months.

HYDE POND RESTORATION

Discussion on the Hyde Pond Restoration will be deferred until the May Committee Meeting as there was no one available from CAWG to discuss the project. The Committee did briefly discuss this project and the committee would like more information on the project and suggested to moving the project 2024.

FIONA CLEAN-UP

The Committee feels that the immediate concern is the safety of trail users and residents using the trails around Westwood Trail. The Town is going to reach out to different contractors to get quotes to drop the leaning trees and limbing as required, to lay them on the ground so they can naturally decompose. Over the next year, select areas to clean so new trees can be planted using local species.

IN CAMERA

NIL

CORRESPONDENCE

NIL

MEETING TIME

The next meeting time is Monday, May 8th, 2023, at 5:00p.m. at the Town Hall.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:38 p.m.

JUDY HERLIHY
CHAIR

BILLY RAMSAY
INFRASTRUCTURE SUPERVISOR