

TOWN OF CORNWALL
SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, September 11th, 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 – June 12th, 2023
6. Business Arising from Minutes
7. Resident Engagement
 - 2 Billion Trees Program
 - Autumn Wildflower Campaign
 - National Tree Day - September 20th
 - Milky Spore - resident inquiry
8. CAWG Updates
9. PACE program (SWITCH)
10. Correspondence
11. October Meeting Date & Mind Your Plastic Presentation Schedule
12. In Camera
13. Adjournment

**TOWN OF CORNWALL
ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, June 12th, 2023, at 5:00 PM**

Chair: Councillor Judy Herlihy
Present: Councillor Cory Stevenson

Also: Kevin Coady - CAO
Billy Ramsey – Infrastructure Supervisor
Stephen O’Shea – Utility Operator

Three Community Members

Regrets: Mayor Minerva McCourt
Deputy Mayor Jill MacIsaac

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 seconded by Chair Herlihy.

Motion Carried

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Herlihy would like the correction of Kara Lee to Karalee.

It was moved by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Chair Herlihy that the Environment and Sustainability Committee minutes of March 13th, 2023, be approved as circulated with the noted correction.

Motion Carried

BUSINESS ARISING

The Switch program was discussed as there will be a representative available from the Town of Stratford to come to Committee of Council meeting on June 21st to share their experiences with the program. Maddy Crowell will give a short presentation and answer any questions the Council may have. Also, Councillor Herlihy is going to contact Jean Pierre and confirm that the funding is 2 % interest and not prime plus 2 % which would be around 7%.

RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT

MARITIME ELECTRIC TREES FOR LIFE PROGRAM

The Town has applied to this program for trees at MacPhail Park. The program application closed on May 26th the town should find out in the next couple of weeks if they were successful in their application. Only one application is chosen a year and this year there are increased number of applications.

2 BILLION TREES PROGRAM: MUNICIPAL STREAM PLANTING APPLICATION

The Town will be applying for this program as well and it is on a first come first serve basis. The application deadline is June 25th and staff will submit an application before the closing date. The committee would like to tie this in with the trail restoration project. If successful, The Town will receive \$50,000 to be spent by November 2023.

TREE GIVEAWAY EVENT DEBRIEF

The tree giveaway event was very successful. Councillor Herlihy and Billy Ramsay were there helping all day and approximately 75 residents showed up to get some free trees. There was also a tree planting demonstration from the woodlot ownership association. The Committee would like the tree giveaway to be an annual event going forward.

AUTUMN WILDFLOWER CAMPAIGN

Councillor Herlihy talked to Vesey's Seeds about ordering seed packets for The Town. They will be doing custom packaging for The Town with the Town of Cornwall on the package label. The committee agreed to ordering 500 packets at a cost of 95 cents each. There will be a variety of wildflowers to be handed out at the Town Hall or at different Town events. Billy also suggested that the packets could have a slogan like "Go Wild Cornwall".

WATER CONSERVATION REBATE INITIATIVES

Currently, The Town of Cornwall uses approximately the same amount of water per day as Town of Stratford. The population of the Town of Cornwall as of 2021 is 6,574 compared to Town of Stratford's as of 2021 10,927. The Committee is considering rebate program for high flow shower heads, large flush toilets and spread awareness about water usage in Cornwall. For the shower head exchange program, the Town would buy low flow shower heads in bulk and have them available at Town Hall for residents to stop by and swap their old high flow shower heads with new low flow ones. There would also be a rebate on qualifying low flow toilets. Low flow toilets must be a maximum of 4.8 L single flush and be rated at 1000 MaP. MaP is the Maximum Performance of the toilet; the score represents the number of grams of solid waste that a toilet model can flush and remove completely in a single flush. The water saving tips brochure will be included with the July utility bills.

CAWG UPDATES

HYDE POND RESTORATION PROJECT

For the restoration project there needs to be a gate installed by the Cornwall UV building for trucks and other machinery to get through to do the work taking place at the fish ladder. Before The Town puts a gate in, CAWG needs approval from Dr Shetty whose land is on the other side

of the pond that they will be allowed to use his property for the project; without his approval the project might not happen. Hannah will find out more information and get back to the Committee. The Town also wants to make sure there is no damage to the berm in between the lagoon and the pond with heavy machinery driving on it.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST

Due to raising costs and inflation, CAWG is requesting an annual increase of \$1,000 to the funding it receives from the Town. Currently the Town contribution of \$4,000 annually to CAWG and provides other in-kind donations. The committee approved the request and it will be forwarded to Council for approval.

IN CAMERA

NIL

CORRESPONDENCE

NIL

MEETING TIME

The next meeting time is Monday, September 11th, 2023, at 5:00p.m. at the Town Hall.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:26 p.m.

JUDY HERLIHY
CHAIR

BILLY RAMSAY
INFRASTRUCTURE SUPERVISOR

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Latin Name	Common Name	Grams Required	Seed count	Seed Price
<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>	Red Milkweed	8.00	2681	\$40.00
<i>Iris versicolor</i>	Blue Flag Iris	11.00	437	\$110.00
<i>Rudbeckia laciniata</i>	Green Headed Coneflower	9.00	3673	\$27.00
<i>Verbena hastata</i>	Blue Vervain	3.00	9444	\$6.00
Total Wildflower Seeds		31 grams	16235	\$183.00
	Seed Packs			\$82.50
	Label Artwork			\$100.00
	Labels			\$27.50
	Seed Pack Stuffing			\$82.50
	Sub Total			\$475.50
	Shipping & Handling			\$25.00
	Net Total			\$500.50
	GST			\$25.03
	Total Cost			\$525.53