

**Town of Cornwall
Sustainability and Environment Committee Meeting
Monday, June 22, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Approval of Agenda (Additions/Deletions)
4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest
5. Approval of Minutes
 - 5.1 May 11, 2026
6. Business Arising
 - 6.1 Dandelion Festival Debrief
 - 6.2 2026 Water Audit – Update
 - 6.3 Forest Management Plan – Update
 - 6.4 Property Maintenance and Dangerous or Unsightly Premises Bylaw - Update
 - 6.4 Rain Barrels - Discussion
7. New Business
 - 7.1 2026 Summer Hiatus - Discussion
 - 7.2 CAWG Concerns regarding Terry Fox Sports Centre Trail Paving Project - Discussion
8. Cornwall and Area Watershed Group Update
9. Correspondence
10. Adjournment

**Town of Cornwall
Environment and Sustainability Committee Meeting
Monday, May 11, 2026 at 5:00 PM**

Chair: Councillor Judy Herlihy

Committee Members Present: Councillor Cory Stevenson, Mayor Minerva McCourt

Staff Members Present: Geoff Baker – Manager of Engineering and Capital Projects,
Billy Longmore – Manager of Infrastructure

Also Present: Veronica Jendrick, Watershed Coordinator; Brennan McDuffee, Resident; Barb MacMillan, Resident

Regrets: Deputy Mayor Jull MacIsaac

1. Call to Order

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

2. 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.

3. Approval of Agenda/Additions to Agenda

Moved by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Mayor McCourt that the Environment and Sustainability Committee agenda be approved with the following modification: move item 7.3 to 7.1, with the remaining items to be re-numbered accordingly.

4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest - Nil

5. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Mayor McCourt that the Environment and Sustainability Committee minutes of April 13, 2026, be approved as circulated.

6. Delegation

Cornwall Resident, Barb MacMillan spoke to the Committee regarding a number of ideas related to water conservation. Ms. MacMillan discussed potential measures to reduce excessive lawn watering and encourage residents to be more mindful of their water consumption. She encouraged the Committee to review Bylaws from other jurisdictions to better understand how other municipalities regulate water usage. Chair Herlihy, committee members and staff discussed a number of initiatives currently undertaken by the Town to promote and educate residents on responsible water use.

7. Business Arising from Minutes

7.1 2026 Dandelion Festival Planning

The Committee discussed ongoing planning for the upcoming Dandelion Festival scheduled for May 23, 2026. Committee members discussed participation from various groups and organizations, including Cornwall Connects and the Watershed Institute.

Discussion took place regarding event materials, including the potential use of logo stamps or small logo stickers for the seed packages that will be given away. Committee members also discussed options for the artwork board panels. It was noted that CAWG may be able to assist with preparation of the artwork board and materials.

The Committee reviewed event supply requirements, including food service items, condiments, napkins, juice boxes, and serving materials. Members emphasized that single use plastics should be avoided and paper-based products should be used.

Discussion took place regarding printing requirements, colouring pages for children, and coordination of event tables and equipment.

The Committee also discussed establishing and clearly marking a temporary “No Mow Zone” around Town Hall in advance of the festival. It was noted that staff would coordinate with the Town’s grass cutting contractor regarding the matter.

Committee members discussed promoting the event through a press release to be issued in advance of the festival.

7.2 Residential Water Efficiency Rebate and Exchange Program

The Committee was presented with the final draft version of the Residential Water Efficiency Rebate and Exchange Program. Committee members reviewed the low flow showerhead specifications and pricing. It was noted that Billy has ordered 25 low flow showerheads for the program.

7.3 Forest Management Plan

The Committee was advised that we are still waiting to hear from the Province on the funding application to facilitate the project.

7.4 Property Maintenance Bylaw

The Committee reviewed the second draft of Property Maintenance and Dangerous or Unsightly Premises Bylaw. It was noted that CAO Coady had proposed a number of revisions to the draft, which will be incorporated and circulated to the Committee by email.

The Committee discussed that the Bylaw falls under the terms of reference of the Planning Committee. As such the Bylaw will be forwarded to the next Planning Committee meeting for

further review prior to being submitted for legal review. Once the legal review has been completed, the Bylaw will proceed through the Council approval process.

8. New Business

8.1 Rain Barrels

The Committee discussed whether rain barrels could be incorporated into the current Green Lawn Rebate Program, or whether an amendment to the existing program would be required. Geoff was asked to investigate the matter further and report back to the Committee and the resident who had inquired about a potential rain barrel program.

8.2 Water School Artwork Judging

The Committee will proceed to judge the water school artwork immediately following the adjournment of the meeting.

9. Cornwall and Area Watershed Group Update

Veronica provided the Committee with an update on CAWG activities over the previous month and as they gear up for a busy season.

Discussion took place regarding the recent presentation to Committee of Council by Cornwall resident, Ray Gaudet concerning downed trees along Main Street, specifically in the area of the creek below John Street. Veronica advised that CAWG staff can investigate the area to determine if any work may be required; however, CAWG would not have the necessary resources to undertake any significant cleanup work. It was also noted that leaving the downed trees within the stream would be beneficial to the overall stream. Geoff was directed to contact Mr. Gaudet to advise that the Town will continue its investigation into the issue.

10.. Correspondence – Nil

11. Adjournment

11.1 The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM

The next meeting time is Monday, June 8, 2026 at the Town Hall.

Judy Herlihy
Chair

Geoff Baker
Manager of Engineering and Capital Projects

26/27 Climate Challenge Fund

From ClimateChallenge <ClimateChallenge@gov.pe.ca>

Date Tue 26-May-26 12:56 PM

To ClimateChallenge <ClimateChallenge@gov.pe.ca>

Good afternoon,

Thank you for taking the time to apply to the Climate Challenge Fund.

We would like to inform you that the 2026/27 intake will not be proceeding, as the Climate Challenge Fund is currently paused. This pause will allow us to evaluate the performance, relevance, and impact of the fund over the past five years.

We sincerely appreciate your interest in the program and the time and effort you dedicated to your application. Your engagement is important to us, and we greatly value any feedback you may have as we undertake this evaluation process.

Best regards,
Climate Challenge Fund Working Group

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Sustainability and Environment Committee Staff Report

TO: Sustainability and Environment Committee
FROM: Geoff Baker, Manager of Engineering and Capital Projects
DATE: June 22, 2026
SUBJECT: Rain Barrels

Purpose

To report back to the Committee regarding rain barrel programs in response to a resident inquiry to Mayor McCourt and further, whether to consider a rain barrel program for the Town of Cornwall.

Background

At the previous Environment and Sustainability Committee meeting, a discussion was held regarding potential rain barrel programs following receipt of email correspondence from a Cornwall resident to Mayor McCourt. The Committee directed staff to investigate the matter further and report back.

Discussion

Staff reviewed rain barrel initiatives currently being offered across Prince Edward Island.

The City of Charlottetown offers rain barrels for sale at a cost of \$65. Staff also found that RainBarrel.ca offers a PEI Home Delivery program serving residents in the Charlottetown and Summerside areas, with rain barrels ranging in price from approximately \$85 to \$190 depending on the model selected. The City of Summerside has offered rain barrel programs in the past in partnership with local watershed groups but there is no indication of a program being offered in 2026.

In addition, the Stratford Area Watershed Improvement Group has partnered with RainBarrel.ca to offer an annual fundraising sale. Residents order online and pick up their purchases at a designated location. The initiative is promoted through the Town of Stratford's social media channels.

Other watershed groups throughout the province have in the past partnered with rainbarrel.ca in fundraising sales.

Options

Staff have identified the following potential options for the Committee's consideration:

Option 1 – Status Quo

- Take no action.

Option 2 – Partner with RainBarrel.ca

- Partner with RainBarrel.ca to promote the program to Cornwall residents.

- The Town would promote the sale and provide a central pickup location once a sufficient number of orders have been received.
- RainBarrel.ca would administer the sales, payment processing and distribution (resources required to facilitate a local pick-up location or delivery).

Option 3 – Expand the Green Lawn Rebate Program

- Amend the Town's existing Green Lawn Rebate Program to include rain barrels as an eligible rebate item.
- Provide a rebate of \$50 toward the purchase of a qualifying rain barrel, administered through the Town's existing rebate program.

Staff Recommendation

Should the Committee wish to encourage the use of rain barrels, staff recommends expanding the existing Green Lawn Rebate Program to include rain barrels as an eligible rebate item. This option utilizes an existing program, requires minimal additional administration, and supports the Town's environmental sustainability and water conservation objectives.

FW: Trail work at Terry Fox Complex

From Kevin Coady <kcoady@cornwallpe.ca>
Date Thu 21-May-26 3:52 PM
To Geoff Baker <gbaker@cornwallpe.ca>
Cc Kim Meunier <kmeunier@cornwallpe.ca>

Hi Geoff

See the email below from Judy and my interim response to it, can you give a look up there when you can.

Thanks

Kevin

From: Kevin Coady
Sent: May 21, 2026 3:44 PM
To: 'Herlihy, Judy' <judy.herlihy@holman.com>
Subject: RE: Trail work at Terry Fox Complex

Hi Judy

That would be the trail paving project there which has been long planned. The work is only to the existing trail so the disruption should be minimal. The idea is to make the trail accessible to all. That said, the planning for this project began under Spencer a couple of years ago. If you recall it was delayed for a year. I'm not sure if Hannah was included in the planning previously or not. I will follow up and ensure any disruption is minimal, but there may be some.

Leave it with me Judy, I'll have Kim and Geff have a look at the project and ensure we minimize any impacts.

Thanks

Kevin

From: Herlihy, Judy <judy.herlihy@holman.com>
Sent: May 21, 2026 3:22 PM
To: Kevin Coady <kcoady@cornwallpe.ca>
Subject: FW: Trail work at Terry Fox Complex

Hi Kevin,

Do you have an insight into these disruptions and our plan as a Town on working with CAWG?

Kind regards,

Judy Herlihy CMA,CPA, PMP (she, her)

Manager – Financial Planning and Analysis

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From: Veronica Jendrick <info@cawgpei.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2026 12:07 PM

To: Herlihy, Judy <judy.herlihy@holman.com>

Cc: Herlihy, Judy <jherlihy@cornwallpe.ca>

Subject: Trail work at Terry Fox Complex

Hi Judy!

I'm reaching out regarding a construction project going on at the Terry Fox Complex that I feel impacts CAWGs recent and ongoing work with the Naturalization Gallery, so I'm hoping that as CAWG's liaison for TOC and as the Chair of the Environmental Committee, you might have some information, as well as the ability to bring these concerns to the appropriate party.

There is work being done to re-build the trail around the Terry Fox complex, and I believe there may be paving involved. A patch of shrubs has been dug up beside the trail along with one of the new signposts that we just installed last summer. I'm concerned that there may be more such cases over the course of the project. The signposts were newly installed by CAWG last summer, with funding from the Wildlife Conservation Fund and further support from the Town of Cornwall. I now wonder who will be responsible to re-install and signposts, and it seems both a surprise and a shame that any portion of that work may now be undone. I also have concerns about the environmental impact the current project could have on the naturalized areas around the trail. I would very much like to confirm what exactly is being done, and how it may impact the Naturalization Gallery and naturalized areas that CAWG manages.

Is this something you could look into, and bring these concerns to the council? I would have welcomed the opportunity to plan ahead for this and work with the town to minimize any potential impact.

Thanks, Judy!

Veronica Jendrick
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