



**The Corporation of the Town of Saugeen Shores
Environmental Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, September 26, 2024, 5:30 p.m.
Rotary Hall, The Plex
600 Tomlinson Drive, Box 820
Port Elgin, Ontario**

Present: Cheryl Grace, Chair
Dan Dychuck
Odette Bartnicki
Victoria Sandre (Arrived at 5:53 p.m.)

Members Absent: Bud Halpin
Brent Proud
Cathe McIntosh

Staff Members: Mark Paoli, Director, Development
Services
Sarah Bonderud, Deputy Clerk
Jay Pausner, Manager, Planning and
Development

1. Call To Order

Chair C. Grace called the meeting to order at 5:53 p.m. after a quorum was formed.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Chair C. Grace read the Land Acknowledgement.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and Nature

No pecuniary interests were declared.

4. Additions, Deletions, or Amendments

Moved by: D. Dychuck
Seconded by: O. Bartnicki

That Item 6.4 Committee's Final Report Timeline Update be added to the agenda.

CARRIED

5. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by: V. Sandre
Seconded by: D. Dychuck

That the Environmental Ad Hoc Committee approve the minutes of August 29, 2024, as presented.

CARRIED

6. Report of Municipal Officers/Committees

6.1 Urban Tree Canopy Plan Presentation

Members of the Committee received an informational overview on this item from Jay Pausner, Manager of Planning and Development as there was not a quorum until 5:53 pm.

This presentation was provided to the Committee for information, and Staff will return at the next Committee meeting for comments. The draft Plan will go to the Committee of the Whole meeting on October 15 for comments from Council, and return to Council at a future Council meeting for final approval.

It was recommended to create a sub-committee to provide feedback on the draft Urban Tree Canopy Plan.

Moved by: O. Bartnicki
Seconded by: D. Dychuck

That the Environmental Ad Hoc Committee form a sub-committee to provide feedback on the draft Urban Tree Canopy Plan; and
That the Committee nominate Dan Dychuck, Odette Bartnicki, and Victoria Sandre or Cheryl Grace as members of this sub-committee.

CARRIED

6.2 Partners for Climate Protection Sub-Committee - September 17, 2024 Draft Report

The Committee received a report from the Partners for Climate Protection Sub-Committee regarding recommended actions and heard an overview of the report from Member D. Dychuck.

Feedback was provided to the draft report for revisions. It was suggested to bring the report back to the next Committee for final approval.

Moved by: D. Dychuck
Seconded by: V. Sandre

That the September 17, 2024 Partners for Climate Protection Sub-Committee report be received for information; and

That the Sub-Committee integrate the Committee's feedback and bring a final report to the October 17, 2024, Committee meeting for approval.

CARRIED

6.3 Recognition Award/Community Events/Awareness Raising Sub-Committee - May 7, 2024 Report

The Committee received an overview and update from Member O. Bartnicki regarding the Recognition Award/Community Events/Awareness Raising Sub-Committee report from the May 29, 2024 Committee meeting.

It was recommended to bring the finalized draft Environmental Sustainability Champion Award Policy, a summary of the Environmental Sustainability Champion Award Policy, and report recommendations to the October Committee meeting for the Committee's final review.

Moved by: D. Dychuck
Seconded by: O. Bartnicki

That the Recognition Award/Community Events/Awareness Raising Sub-Committee return with the final Environmental Sustainability Champion Award Policy, summary of the Award Policy, and recommendation for Committee feedback and endorsement.

CARRIED

6.4 Committee's Final Report Timeline Update

Chair C. Grace provided an update to the Committee regarding the timeline for the Committee's final report to Council. The Committee intends to bring summaries of the Sub-Committee Reports and recommendations, comments on the draft Urban Tree Canopy Plan to a Regular Council meeting in November 2024 for Council's approval.

It was suggested to have summaries of each sub-committee report included in the Final Report as appendices.

7. Communications for the Committee

7.1 CBC News - Waterloo Expects to Plant 10,000 Trees Over the Next 3 Years Article

7.2 Sustainable Technologies Evaluation Program Newsletter - Fall 2024

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on October 17, 2024, at 5:30 pm in the Community Complex Rotary Hall.

11. Adjournment

Moved by: D. Dychuck
Seconded by: V. Sandre

That this Environmental Ad Hoc Committee meeting of September 26, 2024, hereby adjourns at 7:40 pm.

CARRIED