

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes
Minutes
Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting

CKLEAC2002-004
Thursday, May 26, 2022
2:30 P.M.
Electronic Participation Meeting

Members:
Deputy Mayor Tracy Richardson
Virginia Colling
Josh Feltham
Douglas Lowles
Ryan Megraw
Jamie Morris
Deborah Pearson
Karen Quinn
D. Ryrie
Barry Snider
Pat Warren

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1. **Call to Order**

Pat Warren called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m. Members in attendance were V. Colling, D. Lowles, R. Megraw, J. Morris, D. Pearson, D. Ryrie, B. Snider and P. Warren.

Absent: K. Quinn, J. Feltham, Deputy Mayor T. Richardson

Staff present were R. Holy, Director of Development Services, Nancy Ord, Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary, Juan Rojas, Director of Engineering and Corporate Assets.

KRCA representative present was Danielle Marcoux-Hunter, Land Owner and Community Support.

Deputations/Presenters: Malcom Cook, Loomex Group, Lindsay Airport Consultants, Craig Logan, Airport Manager and Lisa Piemann, Executive Assistant.

2. **Administrative Business**

2.1 Adoption of Agenda

J. Morris requested the addition of Item 6.2 Tree By-law and Tree Risk Assessment.

Moved By J. Morris

Seconded By V. Colling

That the agenda be adopted as amended.

Carried

2.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest disclosed.

2.3 Adoption of Minutes

April 28, 2022

V. Colling requested the minutes of April 28, 2022 be amended as follows:

That the last point in section 2.1 Adoption of Agenda be amended to acknowledge that Item 6.6 Reform Gravel Mining Coalition May 12, 2022 Event was raised by V. Colling and commented on by D. Lowles.

That Item 5.1 Transportation Sub-Committee report be amended by changing the first sentence **from**:

An electric vehicle “meet and greet” event is proposed in downtown Lindsay involving the Kawartha Electric Vehicle Society as the lead with their members and electric vehicles to be displayed as an educational event with vehicles, short rides, tent and information booth.”

To:

An Electric Vehicle (EV) “meet and greet” event is proposed in downtown Lindsay involving the Kawartha EV Society as the lead with their members displaying their electric vehicles. This educational event will also see the Plug ‘N Drive discovery centre offering short rides and a tent and information booth.

Moved By V. Colling

Seconded By D. Lowles

That the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting held on April 28, 2022 be adopted as amended.

Carried

3. Deputations/Presentations

Lindsay Airport: Malcom Cook, Loomex Group, Lindsay Airport Consultants, Juan Rojas, Director of Engineering and Corporate Assets and Craig Logan, Airport Manager

After the Chair’s welcome, J. Rojas introduced Lindsay Airport representatives, provided background on the jurisdictional changes to the Airport over time and commented on the Airport’s importance as a centre of innovation and significant asset to the City that operates profitably.

Malcom Cook, Loomex Group made a slide presentation which highlighted:

- Airport Basics including ownership by the City, management and operation contracted to Loomex Group, specifications of the Airport as an “uncontrolled aerodrome” with primary asphalt runway and the secondary turf runway,
- Airport Tenants with four associated businesses on site, a base of operations for about 45 aircraft and annual 7,000 estimated takeoffs and landings.

- Airport Users including flight schools, Ornge Medevac, Royal Canadian Air Force, Ministry of Natural Resources, RCMP and OPP among others.
- Medevacs conducted mainly by Ornge with estimated 7 to 8 medical transfers per week as the Hospital is without a helipad.
- RCMP and Law Enforcement prisoner transfers, fueling and staging area for OPP rotary traffic.
- Canadian Armed Forces fueling and training.
- Flight Training and operations of Horizon Aircraft.
- Airportview Restaurant and group tours, events and orientations.

At the invitation of the Chair, CKLEAC members raised the following comments/questions:

- Concern regarding the noise and volume of low flying aircraft passing over and circling over neighbourhoods causing loud, bone jarring noise.
- Encouragement that consideration of people on the ground form part of Airport decision-making.
- What are the thresholds for noise levels in decibels?
- Is there an option for redirecting some flight paths to remove low altitude flights over settlement areas?
- The use of leaded fuel.
- Timing for the asphaltting of the runways.

In response Airport representatives noted:

- The Airport is an “aerodrome” and not a certified airport under Transport Canada.
- The Airport’s two runways have specific height limits and flight path restrictions which must be adhered to and in line with the runways when taking off, landing or circling the airport.
- The Airport are currently reviewing noise levels and effects on new residential development areas in proximity to the Airport. It was acknowledged that individuals may have differing sensitivity to noise but that the Airport is well below the Federal approved noise levels.

- Standards and formulae for noise are set by Transport Canada based on the Airport and distance from the Airport and reference was made to a 30 decibel noise exposure forecast, which is further mitigated by Highway 35 and a commercial buffer in proximity to the Airport.
- Future improvements to the Airport include realigning the grassed runway further west and shortening it to protect existing trees and provide additional land for Airport related uses such as hangars. The existing asphalt runway will be maintained and despite the increased potential capacity of the Airport to accommodate growth, significant expansion is not anticipated.
- Transport Canada regulates and controls which fuels are acceptable. Controlling the type of fuel is beyond the Airport's jurisdiction and the Airport's role is to provide fuel as an essential service. There is a general consensus in the industry that leaded fuel will be phased out in the future.
- Resurfacing of the main runway will be paid by monies set aside over time and is anticipated to occur between three to six years dependent upon annual City Council budget considerations.

Airport representatives exited the meeting after this presentation but Juan Rojas and Malcom Book remained as observers.

Moved By J. Morris

Seconded By V. Colling

That CKLEAC accepts the presentation of the Lindsay Airport representatives.

Carried

4. Correspondence

The Chair indicated email correspondence regarding the "No Mow May" movement was received and will be addressed in Item 5.1 Pollinator Action Sub-Committee update.

5. Action Item Updates

5.1 CKLEAC Work Plan Updates by Project Team Leaders

- Pollinator Action Subcommittee
- Environmental Hero
- Active Transportation

- Transportation Subcommittee

Pollinator Action Sub-Committee

“No Mow May”

D. Pearson reported on research undertaken in response to a resident request that CKLEAC participate in the “No Mow May” movement designed to discourage mowing of lawns until the end of May to allow essential pollinators greater choice of flowers/seeds. D. Pearson indicated further consideration by CKLEAC is required in light of the following related issues:

- Recent research questions the service that dandelions provide as an allopathic species which inhibits growth of other plants and is linked to malnourishment in insects.
- Emergence of insects from leaves/debris tends to be triggered by heat rather than supply of flowers/seeds.
- Anticipated resistance by property owners to restricting lawn cutting in May.

The Chair requested D. Pearson circulate an article on the subject as additional background for future consideration by CKLEAC.

Pollinator Garden Tour

The Chair reported the Garden Tour has been deferred to preferred date of September 2022.

Mission Monarch

The Chair introduced Mission Monarch, a community science program which encourages groups and people to register, accumulate and send data on the presence of milkweed and monarchs in private gardens. CKLEAC were encouraged to google “Mission Monarch” and register.

Bobcaygeon Garden Tour and Bee City Presentation

The Chair reported that Bee City will be partnering with the 100th Anniversary Garden Tour event in Bobcaygeon on July 9, 2022 to present information about Pollinator Gardens.

Walking Garden Tour

D. Pearson reported on efforts to create a walking tour of Lindsay as in inspiration and education and to showcase front yard and pollinator gardens. The

anticipated annual event to occur over the summer months would promote native plantings and pollinator pathways as an alternative to front lawns. The walking tour is anticipated to be launched in the near future, has about a dozen Lindsay gardens listed and has assured property owners that privacy will be protected.

R. Holy offered to clarify the status of the City's GIS Pollinator Map noting the GIS system is being reconstructed and will have added services.

Environmental Hero Awards:

The Chair noted nothing to report as the Environmental Hero Awards for 2021 had recently been presented by Deputy Mayor Tracy Richardson and approved by City Council.

Active Transportation Master Plan:

J. Morris reported that Task Force members, which included CKLEAC Chair P. Warren, had been approved by City Council and the first meeting of the Master Plan Task Force was anticipated in June 2022.

Transportation Sub-Committee:

J. Morris referred CKLEAC to the previously circulated Sub-Committee's minutes of May 10, 2022 and raised the following updated items:

Electric Vehicle Event scheduled for August 20, 2022 in downtown Lindsay.

D. Pearson reported that applications have been submitted and City approval is anticipated for: holding of the event on August 20, 2022; closing of Kent Street between Victoria and Cambridge Streets; and, acceptance of a vehicular detour plan around the closed street.

D. Pearson also reported on:

- Efforts to encourage discount coupons with downtown businesses during the event.
- The Plug'n Drive organization will bring staff and exhibit three electric vehicle models.
- The Electric Vehicle (EV) Society – Kawartha Chapter volunteers will bring their own vehicles and be available to answer questions.
- An information booth and Discovery Centre.
- \$1,500 in event costs will be covered by an approved BIA grant applied for by the Kawartha EV Society.

R. Holy noted City approvals will be available before the event but specific timing may be dependent on requirements for City Council approvals.

D. Lowles questioned whether electric aircraft could be considered for the August 20th with response by Malcom Cook, Loomex Group that electric motors are the future of aviation once limitations to battery capacity are addressed and suggested that the aerospace engineering company Horizon Aircraft be contacted.

The Chair reported that Unwrapped, a Lindsay downtown business, will organize a Car Seat Recycling spot as part of the August 20th EV event..

Lindsay Bike Share

J. Morris reported the Chamber of Commerce application for “RTO8” Tourism Relief Funding was awaiting approvals for three bike share locations in Lindsay and emphasized the projects must be up and running within 2022 to meet grant conditions:

- Queen Square, Lindsay also slated for bike racks and a hydration station (requiring Parks Division approval).
- Old Mill Park, Lindsay adjacent to the waterway which has bike racks/bike repair station from past grants (requiring Parks Division approval).
- Fleming College.

The Chair reported on grant application by Bobcaygeon’s EAB for water refill and recharging stations for electric vehicles which are awaiting approval.

6. New or Other Business

6.1 Follow-up discussion on Waste Management Public Meeting.

No CKLEAC members indicated attendance at the City’s May 19, 2022 Zoom public meeting on the Future of Waste Disposal Options Study. The Chair and J. Rojas encouraged CKLEAC members to present questions/comments on the issue at the next scheduled June 14, 2022 in-person open house at the Lindsay Recreational Complex from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. or to add questions/comments to the City’s Jump In website.

P. Warren commented on strategies to reduce residual waste noting Kawartha Lakes’ efforts to partner with other municipalities and to encourage full-scale source-separated organics (SSO) and reuse centres at all landfills to reduce residual waste.

6.2 Tree By-law and Tree Risk Assessment

J. Morris requested status on the City's "Canopy Project" and the need for a Tree Risk Assessment and Tree By-law referring to recent damaging storms and to conservation by-laws enacted in other municipalities.

R. Holy acknowledged recent storm events have highlighted the need for tree preservation and tree health and referred to the following efforts:

- City Solicitor review of tree preservation underway on existing and new rights-of-way.
- While a general policy does not yet exist for private property, preparation of a Tree Preservation By-law will commence once additional planning policy staff have been recruited.

7. Next Meeting

The next CKLEAC meeting will be Thursday, June 23, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom.

8. Adjournment

Moved By V. Colling

Seconded By D. Pearson

That the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting be adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Carried