

**The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes
Agenda
Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting**

CKLEAC2024-001

Thursday, February 1, 2024

2:30 P.M.

Electronic Participation Meeting

Members:

Councillor Pat Warren

Grant Barker

Virginia Colling

Jamie Morris

Deborah Pearson

David Ryrle

Barry Snider

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

CKLEAC2023-008
Thursday, December 7, 2023
2:30 P.M.
Electronic Participation Meeting

Members:
Councillor Pat Warren
Grant Barker
Virginia Colling
Jamie Morris
Deborah Pearson
David Ryrie
Barry Snider

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1. **Call to Order**

In attendance: Councillor Pat Warren, Virginia Colling, Jamie Morris, Deborah Pearson, David Ryrie, Barry Snider, Josh Feltham

Absent: Grant Barker

Staff in attendance: Richard Holy, Director of Development Services, Max Faulhammer, Planner II, Nancy Ord, Administrative Assistant,

Robyn Carlson, City Solicitor

Absent: Ola Pasternak, Landowner & Community Support, Kawartha Region Conservation Authority

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

2. **Administrative Business**

2.1 Adoption of Agenda

EAC2023.036

Moved By V. Colling

Seconded By J. Morris

That the Agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried

2.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest disclosed.

2.3 Adoption of Minutes of October 12, 2023 CKLEAC Meeting

EAC2023.037

Moved By Councillor Warren

Seconded By B. Snider

That the minutes of October 12, 2023 CKLEAC meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. Deputations/Presentations

There were no deputations or presentations.

4. Correspondence

The Chair reported on November 24, 2023 email from Linda Neal-Carter with questions on CKLEAC's annual budget and the Tree Cutting By-law and R. Holy's response and explanation.

5. Action Item Updates

5.1 Tree Preservation By-law

P. Warren referred to Council's request that CKLEAC comment on the Tree Preservation By-law and recommended a small task force be struck to review the by-law, report back to CKLEAC members and then to the City Solicitor. Jamie Morris volunteered and other members were encouraged also to volunteer.

CKLEAC members raised the following on the Tree Preservation By-law to the City Solicitor and R. Holy:

- Timing for CKLEAC to provide comments and anticipated passing of the By-law in late summer/early Fall 2024 with implementation in 2025.
- Staffing/vehicle requirements to ensure administration of the By-law, enforcement and community acceptance.
- Additional contact with the Agricultural Board-law to address farmer concerns.
- Future strategies for protection of the urban tree cover.
- By-law regulation of tree removal through fining, cost for replanting mature saplings in EP zoned and Shoreline areas.
- Protection/efficient replanting of hedge rows to reduce blowing snow on highways.
- Addressing farm conversion of wetlands into farm fields, protection of EP zoned areas and tree plantations that have been publicly funded.
- Farming in EP zoned areas in light to the Farm Practices Act, existing farming uses in EP zoned areas, the challenges of controlling animal grazing in EP zoned areas and ongoing Kawartha Region Conservation Authority efforts for healthier environmental practices near waterways and rivers.

- Follow-up with the Ontario Woodlot Association to address tree preservation in Urban Areas and “soft landscaping”.
- In the future, the by-law be extended to apply to trees on all private property.

EAC2023.038

Moved By Councillor Warren

Seconded By J. Morris

That a task force be struck to develop CKLEAC review/remarks on the Tree Preservation By-law.

Carried

5.2 Clean and Clear By-law

The Solicitor reported on an anticipated January 2024 presentation of the by-law to City Council following input from CKLEAC, KRCA and the City’s Economic Development Division. An overview was provided on review of other municipal by-laws and variations in defining long grass and native plants.

Comment on the success of existing front lawn rain gardens, the Weed Control Act and renaming the term “weeds” to “native plants” followed.

The Solicitor left the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

5.3 Bobcaygeon Enviro Fair

P. Warren reported on:

- the anticipated approval of a \$3000 Chest Fund grant to the Kawartha EV Group for the 2024 Bobcaygeon EV event,
- plans to follow-up with the Bobcaygeon Chamber of Commerce and Impact 32 to coordinate the 2024 event , and
- subsequent reporting back to CKLEAC.

Chair Pearson indicated the Plug and Drive Discovery Centre will participate and will retain its 2023 fee of \$2000. A need to improve advertising of the event would be raised.

6. New or Other Business

In response to request by B. Snider to tour City facilities such as the water treatment plant or the landfill site to educate CKLEAC members, R. Holy volunteered to email the Manager, Water & Wastewater Operations to make arrangements.

6.1 Update on Sub-Committees (Transportation, Pollinator Action, Bird Friendly City)

Transportation Sub-committee update included:

- November 28, 2023 public information meetings on the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) study.

Councillor Warren referred to the Ontario Government Grant program for businesses and not-for-profit groups for the installation of EV charging stations.

Bird Friendly Subcommittee update included:

- Addition of Bird Friendly web pages to the City's "Jump In" website.
- Presentation to the Kawartha Gallery's "Radical Feathers" Art Show reception.
- Successful Winter Bird feeder workshop held at the Lindsay Library.
- Assembling of about 30 birdhouse kits by Weldon Secondary's "Green Advocates" group.
- Application by Fleming College to the TD Friends of the Environment "Prepared Heroes" program, an initiative for businesses in Lindsay, Bobcaygeon and Fenelon Falls to apply for funding to assist in certification as bird safe businesses.
- Application for Nature Grant of \$2812.00 by Bird Friendly Peterborough/Kawartha Lakes for website maintenance and redesign, a communications honorarium, two "Heroes" projects to assist in making two municipal buildings bird friendly and support for the Fleming College World Migratory Bird Day event.
- Current priorities include meeting the March 1st deadline for applications for Bird Friendly City certification and plans for the May 11, 2024 World Migratory "Bird Day" (perhaps in conjunction with the Pollinator Action Group since this year's theme is "insects".)

Pollinator Garden Sub-committee update included:

D. Pearson indicated quotes had been received for Pollinator Garden signs and presented a motion for approval.

On vacancies on the CKLEAC committee, R. Holy indicated the Clerk's Division would be emailed to posting procedures for new members.

EAC2023.039

Moved By J. Morris

Seconded By V. Colling

That CKLEAC designate \$1,343.29 from the 2023 budget for Pollinator Action Committee signs for the "Bee a Hero" programme.

Carried

6.2 Retirement of Director of Development Services

Congratulations were extended to R. Holy on his anticipated retirement, positive and long standing support to CKLEAC and an invitation extended to attend a December 14, 2023 retirement event.

R. Holy thanked CKLEAC members for their dedicated efforts for the City of Kawartha Lakes and continued good work.

6.3 CKLEAC Budget Discussion

R Holy recommended the following background preparation should CKLEAC wish to increase its future budget allocation:

- preparation of a list of projects with justification,
- provision of project cost estimates, and
- CKLEAC motion for budget increase before Council's June 2024 budget process commences.

6.4 Environmental commenting on housing developments

Discussion on CKLEAC's role in commenting on recent developments pointed to a possible change/clarification of the Terms of Reference.

R. Holy will consult with the Clerk's Division on procedures to circulate for CKLEAC input on applications which meet certain criteria (e.g. large scale applications) and would administratively clarify CKLEAC's role.

7. Next Meeting**7.1 2024 CKLEAC meeting schedule**

CKLEAC indicated it would continue to meet in 2024 on the fourth Thursday of each month, except July and August, and members would be canvassed for attendance at the next meeting of January 25, 2024.

8. Adjournment

EAC2023.040

Moved By B. Snider

Seconded By V. Colling

That the meeting be adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Carried