



## Committee of the Whole Report

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<b>Report Number:</b>	<b>PLAN2022-012</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	March 8, 2022
<b>Title:</b>	Environmental Advisory Committee Work Plan
<b>Description:</b>	<b>Environmental Advisory Committee 2021 Review and 2022 Proposed Work Plan</b>
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### Recommendations:

**That** Report PLAN2022-012, Environmental Advisory Committee (CKLEAC) 2022 Work Plan, be received;

**That** the 2022 proposed Environmental Advisory Committee Work Plan as outlined in Appendix B to Report PLAN2022-012 be approved; and

**That** this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

**Department Head:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial/Legal/HR/Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chief Administrative Officer:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Background:**

This report summarizes the work undertaken in 2021 and proposes a work plan for 2022 as per Policy number 028 CAO 002 – Non-legislated Committees of Council.

## **Rationale:**

The pandemic had a lesser impact on CKLEAC's ability in 2021 to conduct meetings and fulfill their work plan objectives. A total of 7 meetings were held during the 2021 calendar year and the Environmental Advisory Committee were able to complete the following goals from their 2021 Work Plan.

## **2021 CKLEAC Achievements:**

CKLEAC was busy in 2021 and their achievements are summarized below. The detailed listing is continued in Appendix A.

- The Pollinator Action Committee continued work on promoting pollinator habitat and raising awareness on these issues within the City.
  - A total of 7 Bee A Hero Garden Challenge awards were presented at the February 8, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting recognizing their commitment to promoting pollinator habitat. Recipients received a certificate and a gift card for native plants.
  - The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Biking for Pollinators was a great success promoting public awareness and engagement through the press and social media. The event is being planned again for 2022 to see whether the seed bombs were successful in taking root. The Lindsay Cycling Club enjoyed the experience.
  - A Pollinator Garden is being planned on a small boulevard area on Broad Street in Lindsay. Community support has been garnered with the hope that the initiative will happen in 2022.
- The Active Transportation group continued their work on building support for active transportation policy and infrastructure in the following manner.
  - Commented on the Draft Terms of Reference for the Active Transportation Master Plan and have become a stakeholder now that the project has been launched.
  - Involved with the installation of cycling infrastructure (bike corral, repair and hydration stations) at Old Mill Park in Lindsay and for bike lock-up units for Logie and Memorial Parks in Lindsay (installed in summer 2021).

- Assisted with the successful C.H.E.S.T. grant applications for cycling infrastructure (bike corral, repair and hydration stations) for Queen's Square in Lindsay to be installed in 2022.
- The CKLEAC Plastics Reduction subcommittee had proposed plans for public education and signage in support of reduction practices such as Bring Your Own Bags. Due to the pandemic, the plans have been tabled in order for the Regulations to come into effect and concerns due to the pandemic to ease. They plan to reassess their need for action prior to the end of 2022.
- CKLEAC became involved with the Rural Zoning By-law Review, attending meetings and forming review committees. This work will continue throughout 2022 for the shoreline, agricultural, and design sections of the Rural Zoning By-law.

## **2021 CKLEAC Work Plan:**

The 2022 CKLEAC Work Plan contained Appendix B includes projects and activities that will advance public environmental awareness, which is the core business of the Committee. This work plan needs to be adopted by Council to set the direction of Committee work for 2022. It identifies to the Committee that Council feels it is important for the Committee to achieve during the year.

1. The Pollinator Action Committee will have the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bee a Hero Contest in early April, schedule the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Biking for Pollinators to grow native pollinator plants and enhance citizen engagement late September, have the Broad Street Pollinator Demonstration Patch for Engagement in Lindsay and investigate other areas that can be converted. The final Work Plan item is a feasibility investigation of hosting a summer garden tour in Lindsay where the front lawns would be converted to pollinator gardens.
2. CKLEAC will review and provide input to the Planning Division on the three components of the Rural Zoning By-law Review: shoreline areas, agricultural lands and design/development standards. Three smaller working groups have been formed to provide comment and report back to CKLEAC and Council.
3. The Transportation Group have identified the following work plan items:
  - Recommend emission reduction targets, monitoring strategies and reporting requirements;
  - Participate in the Active Transportation Master Plan;
  - Raise awareness and promote Active Transportation (eg. carless competition, school-based program to encourage arrival at school on foot or by bicycle);

- Queen's Square Active Transportation infrastructure: monitor progress;
  - Develop bike-share proposal for Lindsay; and,
  - Community education to increase uptake of electric vehicles.
4. The Plastics Reduction group will continue to monitor and reassess the need for action to the end of 2022 as mentioned in the 2021 Work Plan Achievement.

### **Other Alternatives Considered:**

The submissions within this report follow policy and direction of Council with respect to Committees of Council so no other alternatives were considered.

### **Alignment to Strategic Priorities**

For reference the four strategic priorities within the 2020-2023 Kawartha Lakes Strategic Plan are:

1. Healthy Environment
2. An Exceptional Quality of Life
3. A Vibrant and Growing Economy
4. Good Government

The work of this Committee of Council relates to the Council Adopted Strategic Plan in the areas of a Healthy Environment and An Exceptional Quality of Life. Through consultation and advice provided by local citizens involved in the environmental sector, Council is able to support a healthier environment and exceptional lifestyle through the delivery of programs and policy decisions that provide support to the sector.

### **Financial/Operation Impacts:**

With the adoption of work plans and annual reports, Council has developed a way for Committees of Council to be accountable for their important input into the future of this municipality. Efforts can now be refocused from administrative (non-value added) duties to more in-depth work by the volunteers (value added). There are no financial considerations associated with this recommendation.

## **Consultations:**

Environmental Advisory Committee  
Councillor Tracy Richardson

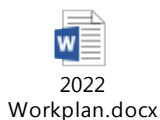
## **Attachments:**

Appendix A – 2021 Environmental Advisory Committee Work Plan Achievements



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Appendix B – 2022 Proposed Environmental Advisory Committee Work Plan



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