



Committee of the Whole Report

Report Number:	PLAN2023-009
Meeting Date:	March 7, 2023
Title:	Environmental Advisory Committee Work Plan
Description:	Environmental Advisory Committee (CKLEAC) 2023 Proposed Work Plan
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Recommendations:

That Report PLAN2023-009, Environmental Advisory Committee (CKLEAC) 2023 Proposed Work Plan, be received;

That the 2023 Proposed Environmental Advisory Committee Work Plan as outlined in Appendix A to Report PLAN2023-009 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 proposes a work plan for 2023 as per Policy number 028 CAO 002 – Non-legislated Committees of Council.

Rationale:

2023 CKLEAC Work Plan

The 2023 CKLEAC Work Plan contained in Appendix A includes projects and activities that will advance public awareness of various environmental initiatives, which is the core business of the Committee. This work plan needs to be adopted by Council to set the direction and priorities for the Committee's work in 2023. The following provides some of the Work Plan highlights of CKLEAC and its sub-committee's:

1. The Pollinator Action Committee has been working on these initiatives throughout 2022 and will continue to focus its Work Plan to include:
 - a. the 4th Annual Bee a Hero Contest and 100 Pollinator Plant Giveaway in April;
 - b. the 3rd Annual Biking for Pollinators to grow native pollinator plants and enhance citizen engagement in late September;
 - c. the Broad Street Pollinator Demonstration Patch for Engagement in Lindsay;
 - d. ongoing public education and outreach, including 'Bee City' signage (dependent on budget).
2. A new initiative will be the Bird City Sub-Committee leading an application process for the City of Kawartha Lakes to be recognized as a 'Bird City' by Nature Canada. As part of this, an update to Council for endorsement is targeted for May 2023.
3. CKLEAC had provided a fulsome review of the Rural Zoning By-law Review in 2022 and will continue to review and provide input to the Planning Division on the three components of the 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.
4. The Transportation Group was very active in 2022 by participating in the Active Transportation Master Plan, cycling infrastructure development, and organizing the electric vehicle car show last summer in Lindsay. Projects identified for 2023 include the following items:

- Recommend emission reduction targets, monitoring strategies and reporting requirements, including recommended updates to the City's Healthy Environment Plan;
- Continue participation 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 installation and progress monitoring;
- Develop bike-share proposal for Lindsay; and
- Community education to increase uptake of electric vehicles.

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 passionate about the environment, Council is able to support a healthier environment and enhanced lifestyle through the delivery of various supportive programs and policy decisions.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

With the adoption of work plans and annual reports, Council has developed a way for Committees of Council to receive clear direction and be held accountable for their

important work. 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 Warren

Deputy Mayor Tracy Richardson

Attachments:

Appendix A – 2023 Proposed Environmental Advisory Committee Work Plan



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