



Committee of the Whole Report

Report Number: PLAN2024-018
Meeting Date: March 5, 2024
Title: Environmental Advisory Committee 2024 Work Plan
Description: Environmental Advisory Committee 2023 Achievements and 2024 Work Plan
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Recommendation(s):

That Report PLAN2024-018, **Environmental Advisory Committee 2024 Work Plan**, be received;

That the 2024 Environmental Advisory Committee Work Plan outlined in **Appendix B** to Report PLAN2024-018 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 provides a review of the City of Kawartha Lakes Environmental Advisory Committee's (EAC) achievements in 2023 and proposes a work plan for 2024 as per the Terms of Reference – City of Kawartha Lakes Environmental Advisory Committee.

Rationale:

2023 EAC Achievements

The 2023 EAC Achievements include public education initiatives and activities that implement the environmental goals and policies of the City of Kawartha Lakes, which are the core purposes of the Committee. Their achievements in 2023 are attached as **Appendix A**. Highlights of their achievements include:

- Creating the Broad Street Pollinator Garden;
- Organizing and hosting the 100 Pollinator Plant Giveaway, the 4th Annual Bee a Hero Garden Challenge, the 3rd Annual Biking for Pollinators Event, and a Lawn Garden Walking Tour;
- Contributing to the on-going Active Transportation Master Plan;
- Assisting with the Downtown Lindsay Environmental Fair to educate the public on electric vehicles;
- Creating a Council-endorsed Bird Friendly City Team;
- Funding and hosting seven bird conservation workshops across the City of Kawartha Lakes; and
- Distributing bird conservation materials at various events and delivering a presentation of the Bird Friendly City initiative to the public at the Kawartha Art Gallery

2024 EAC Work Plan

The 2024 EAC Work Plan activities include new and on-going public education initiatives and activities that will continue to implement the environmental goals and policies of the City of Kawartha Lakes, which remain the core purposes of the Committee. The 2024 EAC Work Plan is attached as **Appendix B** and requires Council approval. Highlights of the proposed work plan include:

- Providing the City of Kawartha Lakes the Pollinator Pathway GIS data;
- Hosting a public Native Seed Planting webinar and the grand opening of the Native Seed Library at Ballyduff Trail;
- Proposing the creation of a native species pollinator garden at the Lindsay airport;
- Maintaining and monitoring the success of the Broad Street Pollinator Garden and Fenelon Landfill Cell;
- Organizing and hosting the 5th Annual Bee a Hero Contest, 4th Annual Biking for Pollinators, and Kids' Colouring Contest;
- Attending the Monarch Festival and Settler's Day to provide pollinator information to the public;
- Continuing to provide input on the Active Transportation Master Plan;
- Organizing and promoting walk and bike to school events;
- Participating in the Bobcaygeon Environmental Fair to educate the public on electric vehicles;
- Review a refresh to the Healthy Environment Plan;
- Submitting an application for Bird Friendly Certification to Nature Canada;
- Conducting an audit of windows for bird safety and recommending and implementing appropriate window treatments; and
- Organizing a 'Bird of the Year' contest and requesting a Mayoral proclamation for World Migratory Bird Day to raise public awareness.

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 duties to more in-depth work by the volunteers (value added). There are no financial considerations associated with this recommendation.

Consultations:

Environmental Advisory Committee

Attachments:

Appendix A – Environmental Advisory Committee 2023 Achievements



Appendix A –
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Appendix B – Environmental Advisory Committee 2024 Work Plan



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