

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes

DRAFT MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**DATE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2017
OPEN SESSION COMMENCING AT 6:30 P.M.**

**VICTORIA ROOM
CITY HALL
26 FRANCIS STREET, LINDSAY, ONTARIO, K9V 5R8**

MEMBERS

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| Chair | Pat Warren |
| Vice Chair | Julia Taylor |
| Members | Councillor Gord Miller |
| | Susan Blayney |
| | Denis Grignon |
| | Doug Lowles |
| | Julie Petit Kerr |
| | Karl Repka |
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| | Josh Feltham, SSFC |
| | Holly Shipclark, KRCA |
| Staff Liaison | Chris Marshall Director of Development Services |
| Staff Liaison and CKLEAC Secretary | Richard Holy Manager of Planning |
| Recording Secretary | Wendy Ellis Planning Department |

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The September 28, 2017 Environmental Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm.

Members in Attendance: Chair P. Warren, Vice Chair J. Taylor, Susan Blayney, Denis Grignon, Doug Lowles, Julie Petit Kerr, Josh Feltham and Holly Shipclark.

Regrets: Councillor Gord Miller and Karl Repka.

Staff in Attendance: Richard Holy and Wendy Ellis.

Visitors in Attendance: Sue MacLeod Frank, Harry Frank, Suzie Hock, James Connor, Steve Clarke, Catherine Rennie, Becky Big Canoe and Barry Snider.

2.0 ADOPTION OF THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2017 AGENDA

Chair P. Warren requested to add an additional item to the Agenda under Item 8.1 – The Regional Centre of Expertise.

Motion moved by Susan Blayney, seconded by Vice Chair J. Taylor,

RESOLVED THAT the September 28, 2017 Environmental Advisory Committee Agenda be adopted as amended.

Carried

3.0 DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared.

ADOPTION OF THE JUNE 29, 2017 MINUTES

Motion moved by Doug Lowles, seconded by Julie Petit Kerr,

RESOLVED THAT the June 29, 2017 Minutes be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5.0 GUEST PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Susan MacLeod Frank Pesticide Use

Susan MacLeod Frank spoke to the Committee outlining her concerns of the pesticide use by the City along roadsides in this area. Susan stated that pesticides are poisoning our environment and she has witnessed many people getting ill from these products. Susan commented several pesticides are sprayed close to ponds and lakes where cattle drink the water and pesticides exist in the ground water that will eventually end up in our

wells. Susan asked to please leave the toxins out of our environment and provided documentation for the Committee to review.

5.2 James Connor Pesticide Use

James Connor spoke to the Committee expressing his concern of the use of various pesticides. James advised that Monsanto is the manufacture of Roundup. James commented the toxins are in our air, water and in our food. James stated the money would be better spent to hire students to eliminate the weeds instead of spraying pesticides into our environment. James noted there was a project initiated in Curve Lake to eliminate pesticides in all first nations in Canada.

5.3 Jerry Gerrard Pesticide Use

Jerry Gerrard spoke to Committee outlining his concerns of pesticide use in this area. Jerry explained that the World Health Organization has done research on rats to confirm this pesticide is harmful to your health. Jerry stated pesticides should not be sprayed where bees are located in the area. Jerry commented hiring students to kill the weeds could lead to valuable employment for them. Jerry noted there are pesticides signs located everywhere in the Province.

The Committee asked Jerry some questions regarding the pesticide use.

5.4 Becky Big Canoe, Chippewas of Georgina Island Pesticide Use

Becky Big Canoe spoke to Committee on behalf of the Chippewas of Georgina Island and asked that we take the lead to protect our waters from toxins by developers, deal with agriculture and urbanization to minimize problems for Species at Risk, and deal with climate change and invasive species. Becky read the Homeland Declaration of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation. A copy of the declaration was provided to the Committee for their information.

The Committee members asked Becky a few questions.

Motion moved by Julie Petit Kerr, seconded by Vice Chair J. Taylor,
RESOLVED THAT staff from the Public Works Department be invited to attend our next meeting to speak about spraying pesticides.

5.3 Barry Snider – Migratory Songbirds

Barry Snider provided a power point presentation to the Committee explaining his concerns over roadside brushing that affects the breeding habitat for migratory songbirds. Barry stated he previously provided this presentation to Rodney Porter from Public

Works. Barry commented roadside brushing destroys songbird nests and requested no roadside brushing be done from early April to the end of August. The City has postponed their roadside brushing till the end of June. Barry noted one third of the North American birds are in danger of extinction and the climate change and solar farms has an effect on birds. Barry advised there has been political interest from several groups in the area and asked that we take action to protect our birds.

The Committee members asked Barry some questions.

The members agreed to have City staff from the Public Works Department speak to the roadside brushing matter along with the pesticide use at our next meeting.

6.0 ACTION FOLLOW-UP FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6.1 Low Impact Development Standards – Karl Repka

Denis Grignon provided an update on behalf of Karl Repka. Karl approached staff at the City's Engineering Department requesting Low Impact Development standards be installed on any road construction projects. Karl was disappointed that they would not be considering this program. Denis suggested they approach City Council by bringing forward a motion for staff to implement the Low Impact Development Standards. Denis stated he and Karl will put together a package to present to Council.

6.2 Re-use Centres – Pat Warren was talking to Dave Kerr, has a meeting set up with Habitat for Humanity

Chair P. Warren advised there has been \$800.00 generated for the Re Use Centre and that she will be meeting with David Kerr and we need to encourage the Land fill staff to be involved in this program. Chair P. Warren noted she wrote an article in the Promoter about the pilot project on diverting demolition waste into recycling.

6.3 Green Initiative Mapping – Josh Feltham

Josh advised he has not contacted the Manager of Communications from the City as yet.

6.4 Invasive Species Management Strategy – Holly Shipclark

Holly advised she is currently doing some sampling on the Invasive Species Management Strategy.

6.5 Earth Day Tree Planting – Julia Taylor

Vice Chair J. Taylor is looking at areas to hold next year's Earth Day tree planning, possibly in Omemee.

6.6 (a) Fenelon Landfill Pollinator Project – Susan Blayney

Susan advised the pollinator seed mix has been planted on the closed landfill cell 3 weeks ago.

6.6 (b) Bee Friendly City – Susan Blayney

Susan stated she was thrilled to see that Council endorsed the City of Kawartha Lakes a “Bee City” and noted receiving compliments from Bee City Canada following her interview on BOB FM. The Bee City initiative is going forward and 4 people are interested in a Bee City Action Committee. She made CKLEAC of the Bee City page on the CKL website. Susan advised she talked to the City of Peterborough regarding the pollination project and they cannot get a resolution passed and that Council and staff don’t understand the program. She will be making seed bombs and having a display on October 14th thanks to the City of Kawartha Lakes for the Canada 150th event.

6.7 Welcome Wagon for Rural Areas – Doug Lowles

Doug advised that he received a reply from the Kawartha Lakes Real Estate Association who want to distribute welcome packages to new residents moving to this area. Doug stated staff from KRCA assembled 150 packages together for Holly to distribute to new residents that will carry us to the end of the year. Doug noted we want to expand on these packages and incorporate with the CKL Waste Calendars.

Holly commented that this initiative will fall under KRCA and that they are currently working on next year’s budget but this makes sense for KRCA to handle. Holly noted that she would coordinate posting of information on the CKL Website to be available to the public.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 New Initiatives for 2018

Chair P. Warren suggested we hold a session outside of tonight’s meeting to brainstorm and come up with new initiatives for 2018.

Vice Chair J. Taylor suggested we meet a week or two weeks before our next meeting.

Chair P. Warren asked if the members could e-mail your ideas to all of the members.

7.2 Bee City Committee

Chair P. Warren noted we addressed this matter in Item 6.6 (b).

7.3 2018 Meeting Dates

Richard advised the Clerk’s Office brings forward a report to Council to schedule the corporate meeting dates; this report will be coming forward soon.

Chair P. Warren stated a preference for 6 meetings a year that would involve a meeting every other month with the summer months off. The meeting would occur the last Thursday (4th week) of every other month. Chair P. Warren noted we would meet in January, March, May, June, September and November.

Richard suggested we should bring forward a report to Council in November regarding our successes and then a second report in January on our 2018 initiatives.

Richard asked the members to e-mail me a note on our successes prior to our next meeting.

Chair P. Warren suggested the Committee meet at KRCA or the College to brainstorm 2018 initiatives two weeks before our next meeting, perhaps Wednesday, November 8th at 6:30 p.m.

8.0 OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 – Regional Centre of Expertise – UN

Chair P. Warren advised I attended the Regional Centre of Expertise that was an all around education session, Richard was part of this meeting as well. There were some initiatives shared with them and included was the education of sustainability. Chair P. Warren noted that CKLEAC could assist with some of these initiatives and there are very exciting projects happening in the area.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion moved by Vice Chair J. Taylor, seconded by Julie Petit Kerr,

RESOLVED THAT the September 28, 2017 Environmental Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Carried