

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

**CKLEAC2024-003**  
**Thursday, April 18, 2024**  
**2:30 P.M.**  
**Electronic Participation Meeting**

**Members:**  
**Councillor Pat Warren**  
**Grant Barker**  
**Virginia Colling**  
**Jamie Morris**  
**Santosh Patel**  
**Doug Paterson**  
**Deborah Pearson**  
**David Ryrie**  
**Barry Snider**  
**Christine Szabados**

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## 1. Call to Order

In attendance: Councillor Pat Warren, Virginia Colling, Jamie Morris, Doug Paterson, Deborah Pearson, Barry Snider, Christine Szabados, Ola Pasternak, David Ryrie

Absent: Grant Barker, Santosh Patel, Josh Feltham

Observer: Shirley McCormick

Staff: Mark Jull, Policy Supervisor, Nancy Ord, Administrative Assistant

Chair Pearson called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. and invited the observer in attendance to introduce herself and indicate her interest in CKLEAC.

## 2. Administrative Business

### 2.1 Adoption of Agenda

#### **EAC2024.021**

**Moved By** V. Colling

**Seconded By** C. Szabados

**That** the Agenda be approved as amended by the addition of subsection 6.3 Terms of Reference and subsection 6.4 Clerk's Update.

**Carried**

### 2.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest disclosed.

### 2.3 Adoption of Minutes of March 21, 2024

#### **EAC2024.022**

**Moved By** B. Snider

**Seconded By** J. Morris

**That** the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of March 21, 2024 be received and adopted with the following revisions:

- change the letters “EAB” in the first bullet point of subsection 6.3 to “OEB”
- change the amount of \$80.55 for Canadian Organic Seeds purchase to \$91.03 to include taxes.

**Carried**

### 3. **Deputations/Presentations**

There were no deputations or presentations.

### 4. **Correspondence**

No correspondence was presented.

### 5. **Action Item Updates**

#### 5.1 CKLEAC Work Plan Updates by Project Team Leaders

#### **Pollinator Action Committee**

C. Szabados requested approval for two expenditures:

- \$434.99 with taxes for maintenance and mulching needed for the Broad Street Pollinator Garden from Kawartha Landscape. A second quote submitted from Rockway Forest Nurseries was not accepted as the owner is a member of CKLEAC.
- \$448.00 + taxes for seed library labels noting that three quotes had been received.

#### **EAC2024.023**

**Moved by:** D. Paterson

**Seconded by;** B. Snider

**That** CKLEAC approves the expenditures as presented.

**Carried.**

CKLEAC requested that a budget for 2024 be prepared to be raised at the next meeting.

#### **Bird Friendly Committee**

J. Morris reported on the following:

- On March 22, 2024 Nature Canada certified the City of Kawartha Lakes as a Bird Friendly City Entry level. News releases have been issued by the City's Communications Division and Nature Canada will issue a national release on May 22 2024. Councillor Warren offered to provide a quote for the release as the Council representative on CKLEAC.
- The City is currently running a Bird-of-the-Year contest on the City's Jump In website with a list of eleven birds and, after May 11, 2024, a final list of five birds will be named for a second round of voting. The social media

promotions, posters with QR codes in the Library and Recreation Centres has resulted in over 350 responses in the first two weeks.

**CKLEAC2024.024**

**Moved by:** P. Warren

**Seconded by:** O. Pasternak

**That** CKLEAC approves the payment of \$27.69 for media postings.

**Carried.**

- World Migratory Bird Day on May 11, 2024 will be announced by Mayor Elmslie at the April meeting of Council and a number of events have occurred/are planned including:
  - Eco-Fest Bird Day on April 4, 2024 by Fleming College Bird Conservation Committee.
  - A number of birding events including:
    - Kawartha Field Naturalists bird walks on three consecutive Saturdays.
    - Ken Reid and Kawartha Land Trust birding activities.
    - Elementary schools in Kawartha Lakes involved in Bird Canada projects for school yard “bird blitzes”.
    - Bird Team member Zack Steele presentation to the Lindsay Canadian Club April 8, 2024 on bird conservation.
    - Gamiing Nature Centre’s March 23, 2024 bird friendly display for Earth Day.

Discussion following on CKLEAC’s role for Bird Day and the Mayor’s request for Councillor Warren to make an announcement.

D. Paterson reported on geese problems in Coboconk Park and discussion followed on strategies and responsibility for deterring geese in municipal parks. A number of strategies were noted and individuals concerned with geese in municipal parks were directed to the City Parks & Recreation Division.

D. Paterson indicated further report would be provided after discussion with the City’s Parks Division and KRCA, an agency with funding for projects and the ability to undertake shoreline planting and other treatments.

It was clarified that geese were a protected species and that Bird Friendly City certification would be involved only to ensure geese were not harmed.

### **Transportation Committee**

No report was presented.

### **Healthy Environment Committee**

Chair Pearson reported that initial steps and collecting of ideas had commenced with activity anticipated to increase with the hiring of the City's new Environmental Planning Officer.

M. Jull recommended patience to allow for the new Officer to get established, to clarify the City's next steps and responsibility in terms of the new Strategic Plan and thereafter to seek input from CKLEAC.

The committee is made up of CKLEAC members D. Pearson, P. Warren, J. Morris, D. Paterson, G. Colling and a student advisor and would meet to become familiar with the current HEP and past initiatives.

## **5.2 Bobcaygeon Enviro Fair**

The Chair reported on progress partnering with Bobcaygeon's "Welcome to Summer" event, participation of the EV Society of Canada and status of grant funding from the Chest Grant of \$2,550. All publicity will be undertaken by Bobcaygeon with supplemented signage for the EV project area along Canal Street.

An event application will be submitted to the City to stop up Canal Street between Bolton and Needs Streets in Bobcaygeon and organizers are coordinating with Trent Severn to enable a Pollinator Action Committee and Bird Friendly City display on its lands along Canal Street.

Councillor Warren suggested contacting the Active Transportation Master Plan Task Force members and Environment Action Bobcaygeon to encourage participation.

The event will occur on June 8, 2024 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. enabling set up time at 9:00 a.m.

## **5.3 Environmental Hero Awards**

Chair Pearson indicated the deadline for nominations was May 14, 2024 and members were requested to encourage residents to submit and also to

recommend nominations. It was agreed that any group, elementary, high or college school or individual can be nominated including repeat winners.

Staff were requested to provide a list of previous winners and that the award presentations would occur in June 2024.

#### 5.4 Bee a Hero Awards

Councillor Warren reported on the success of 2023 Bee a Hero Awards presentations at Council with member C. Szabados.

Chair Pearson recommended encouraging applications for the 2024 awards and C. Szabados reported on current efforts to get information out and dove tail with Pollinator Garden efforts.

#### 5.5 Tree Preservation and Clean and Clear By-laws

Chair Pearson reported that the City Solicitor would be available for the May 16, 2024 CKLEAC meeting to discuss the by-laws and that suggested wording changes by CKLEAC's were provided to the Solicitor, including a change to the by-law title to include the word "pollinator".

Questions and comments were welcomed from members for referral to the Solicitor.

#### 5.6 Tour of City Facilities

As follow-up, M. Jull offered to investigate with Public Works staff a tour of City facilities for the education of CKLEAC members.

### 6. New or Other Business

#### 6.1 Rural Zoning By-law

B. Snider reported on his presentation as a resident of Kawartha Lakes at the April 10, 2024 public meeting on zoning which permits farming in wetlands and that agriculture should be removed as a permitted use.

Reference was made to the number of sites and areas of wetland that have been destroyed, the policies and regulations of KRCA to protect wetland and that prohibition of agricultural uses in Environmental Protection zones was included in previous zoning by-laws for Fenelon, Emily and Eldon. Request was made for a motion by CKLEAC to be presented to the planners involved in preparation of the Rural Zoning By-law.

**EAC2024.025**

**Moved by:** B. Snider

**Seconded by:** O. Pasternak

**That** recognizing previous zoning by-laws for Eldon, Fenelon and Emily Townships did not allow for agricultural uses in Environmental Protection zones, therefore, CKLEAC recommends that agricultural uses should not be allowed within wetlands in an Environmental Protection zone.

**Carried.**

## 6.2 Local Agricultural Practices and the Environment

C. Szabados reported on concern expressed by some members of the farming community on unsustainable and damaging farming practices (such as removal of hedge rows, clear cutting and use of pesticides) by some farmers and the challenges in reaching out to farmers that are not mainstream to encourage more sustainable farming practices.

The KRCA representative reported on its ongoing promotion, education and presentations which it undertakes referring to the Environment Farm Plan, Country Living, the Talbot River Project and partnering with OMAFRA for demonstrations sites on farm properties, farm tours and water sampling. KRCA are aware of the challenges to farms that are not mainstream and indicated contacts have been made through agricultural shows, mail outs to identified farms and by word of mouth.

Farmers and CKLEAC members concerned about unsustainable farming practices were directed to the KRCA as an existing organized agency involved in the issue.

## 6.3 Terms of Reference

M. Jull referred to CKLEAC March 21, 2024 meeting and the motion passed for a Task Force to review CKLEAC's Terms of Reference to include a student member.

Review is underway with Senior Administration to appoint a Youth Advisor as a Pilot Project to the end of 2024. The Pilot Project would enable:

- Participation by a Youth Advisor but no ability to make motions or to vote.
- Seek input for a higher level review of City Policy on creating permanent Youth Advisor positions for CKLEAC and other types of Council committees.

- Developing eligibility criteria (e.g. must be a Kawartha Lakes resident and be under 18 years of age).

#### 6.4 Clerk's Update

M. Jull reported on direction of the Chief Administrative Officer and Deputy Clerk that subcommittees of an appointed Council Committee should only be made up of members of the parent committee with a view to risk management, liability and transparency. Subcommittees are welcome to do “homework” with members of the public but are advised they should not make quorum, advance business of the Committee nor make decisions.

Chair Pearson requested the Deputy City Clerk be invited to the next CKLEAC meeting to respond to questions and noted some committee are longstanding and CKLEAC could not keep up with projects/activities without non-member volunteers.

Staff were also requested to provide a list of all CKLEAC meetings scheduled to the end of the year.

#### 7. Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 16, 2024.

#### 8. Adjournment

**EAC2024.026**

**Moved by:** J. Morris

**Seconded by:** O. Pasternak

**That** the meeting be adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

**Carried.**