

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

CKLEAC2024-006
Thursday, September 12, 2024
2:30 P.M.
Electronic Participation Meeting

Members:
Councillor Pat Warren
Virginia Colling
Josh Feltham
Jamie Morris
Santosh Patel
Ola Pasternak
Doug Paterson
Deborah Pearson
David Ryrie
Barry Snider
Christine Szabados

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1. Call to Order

In attendance: Jamie Morris, Logan MacInnis, Youth Advisor, Deborah Pearson, Ola Pasternak, Kawartha Region Conservation Authority, David Ryrie, Christine Szabados, Councillor Pat Warren.

Absent: Virginia Colling, Josh Feltham, Fleming College, Santosh Patel, Doug Paterson, Barry Snider

Observers: One person.

Staff: Mark Jull, Policy Supervisor, Max Faulhammer, Planner II, Nancy Ord, Administrative Assistant

Chair Pearson called the meeting to order at 2:39 p.m.

2. Administrative Business

2.1 Adoption of Agenda

EAC2024.040

Moved By C. Szabados

Seconded By J. Morris

That the Agenda for the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of September 12, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Carried

2.2 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest disclosed.

2.3 Adoption of Minutes of City of Kawartha Lakes Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting of June 13, 2024.

EAC2024.041

Moved By J. Morris

Seconded By C. Szabados

That the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of June 13, 2024 be received and adopted as presented.

Carried

3. Deputations/Presentations

No deputations or presentations were made.

4. Correspondence

No correspondence was presented.

5. Action Item Updates

5.1 CKLEAC Work Plan Updates by Project Team Leaders (Pollinator Action, Bird Friendly, Transportation, Healthy Environment Subcommittees)

Pollinator Action Subcommittee

C. Szabados reported on Bee City Kawartha Lakes August 2024 meeting actions:

- Discussion with Kawartha Conservation on welcome packages for new shoreline property owners with the provision of native seed packages has been deferred to 2025 due to capacity limitations.
- Anticipated meetings, participation in events and discussions:
 - Tour of pollinator gardens with Fleming College representatives.
 - Discussions on potential partnerships for naturalization of a retired Lindsay Landfill cell.
 - September 21 Monarch Festival with youth speaker Rebecca Wood presentation on monarch butterfly conservation.
 - Participation in the Kawartha Lakes International Plowing Festival.

Other details reported included:

- Mulch installation is tentatively scheduled for October 5 for the Broad Street Pollinator Garden to ensure plant insulation during extreme winter weather.
- Rebecca Wood will participate in the Ontario Nature Youth Summit September 13-15 and will also represent Canada in the International Meeting of Young Beekeepers in Dubai in December, 2024.
- CKLEAC approval was requested to purchase two cedar posts from Woodview Forest Products for use at the Kawartha Conservation and Gamiing Nature Centre to support seed library installations at cost of \$42.55 including taxes.

Bird Friendly Subcommittee

J. Morris reported the following:

- The City Bird of the Year contest finished June 30th with the Osprey the decisive winner after 596 votes were cast. The winner was announced by media release and CBC radio interview and resolution is proposed for CKLEAC approval that Council adopt the Osprey as the official city bird.
- “Clear Your Gear” fishing line recycling stations were installed in Rivera Park, Centennial Park and Beach and Valentia Sand Bar Park with permission of the Parks Division with another to be installed at the Happy Days Marina.
- The Humane Society on behalf of the Bird Friendly coalition has applied for \$3000 Nature Canada grant to fund a partnered campaign to encourage cat owners to keep their cats indoors.
- Bird Friendly Kawartha Lakes will participate in a showcase at the International Plowing Match. Approval from CKLEAC for the purchase of a banner and brochure representing bird hotspots and to encourage birdlife appreciation was proposed for this and other events for a total of \$1,545.25 as follows:

Pop-up Banner (Supplier: Auto Trim Design): \$536.75 including tax

1000 copies of brochure (Supplier: Kawartha Vinyl Inc.): \$508.50

Design/creation of City-approved logo, banner and brochure logo
(which has been approved by the City's Communication
Division)(Supplier: Brittany Zeus Designs): \$500.00

Transportation Subcommittee

D. Ryrie report:

- The subcommittee is currently dormant.
- October 6, 2024 is International Walk to School Day and discussion referred to past events with local elementary schools and Kawartha Cycling Club involvement in educating on bicycle safety and related topics.

M. Jull indicated the Transportation Master Plan group will be holding a public information centre soon and members with Active Transportation Master Plan

interest will be notified to ensure recommendations for active transportation are incorporated in the TMP. CKLEAC members were encouraged to subscribe for updates on the City's Jump In website page.

Healthy Environment Subcommittee

D. Pearson reported the subcommittee is currently in hiatus and awaiting the filling of the Environmental Planner position. M. Jull provided a brief overview of ongoing efforts to fill the position with future report to be provided to CKLEAC.

EAC2024.042

Moved By J. Morris

Seconded By D. Ryrie

That \$42.55 including tax be approved for the purchase of peeled cedar posts for use at the Kawartha Conservation and Gamiing Nature Centre to support seed library installations.

Carried

EAC2024.043

Moved By C. Szabados

Seconded By O. Pasternak

That CKLEAC approve \$1,545.25 including tax for a pop-banner, 1000 copies of brochures and the design/creation of city-approved logo, banner and brochure.

Carried

EAC2024.044

Moved By J. Morris

Seconded By Councillor Warren

Be it resolved that:

Whereas the Osprey has been a key element in City of Kawartha Lakes Communications Dept. branding;

And whereas in a recent online poll to determine a Bird of the Year, conducted on the City's Jump In site, the Osprey was, by a large margin, the favourite;

And whereas a number of Ontario cities have chosen an official city bird (the Peregrine Falcon for Hamilton, Belted Kingfisher for Barrie, and Tufted Titmouse for Windsor, for examples).

That CKLEAC recommends the Council of the City of Kawartha Lakes name the Osprey as the City's Official Bird.

Carried

6. New or Other Business

Councillor Warren raised the following:

- CKLEAC members were requested to indicate to her before September 30th their interest in attending the Kawartha Land Trust's October 10th event at the Canadian Canoe Museum to launch a new regional conservation and climate partnership.
- A memorandum and resolution recently presented to Council to be a "willing host to green energy" has failed but can be returned with language and wording revisions. CKLEAC members were encouraged to attend and support the revised resolution when presented and Councillor Warren volunteered to provide provincial correspondence on what it wants to do with green energy as background.
- Councillor Warren will follow up with the CAO and report back on the ability or advantages of outside groups that use volunteers, such as the Pollinator Action Subcommittee and Bee City, applying to be committees of Council.

C. Szabados raised the following:

- Mosquito spraying be added to CKLEAC's next agenda.
- Consideration that CKLEAC's 2025 projects include erection of turtle crossing signs in light of the lack of signage in turtle crossing zones, the cost and procedures for safely posting and placement of signs. The topic raised discussion of other options such as "eco passages"

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2024.

8. Adjournment

EAC2024.045

Moved By O. Pasternak

Seconded By D. Ryrie

That the meeting be adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Carried