

Date: 25 March 2024
Time: 10:00a.m. – 11:30a.m.
Location: Council Chambers – Meeting Room

Attendance: Jackie Oblak, Committee Chair
Mike Jones, Committee Member
Michael Hoch, Committee Member
Wayne Olson, Ward One Councillor
Natalie Seniuk, Committee Member
Sydney Van Leeuwen, Administrative Assistant
Gimuel Ledesma, Engineering Technologist
Jason Marr, Director of Public Works

1. Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum

Noting that quorum was present, Chair Jackie Oblak called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m.

2. Land Recognition Statement

Jackie Oblak recited the land recognition statement.

3. Approval of Agenda

THAT the agenda be amended to:

Amendment: Add a standing item of Other Items the committee would like to discuss.

Moved by: Mike Hoch

Seconded by: Mike Jones

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the March 25, 2024, regular meeting of the Environmental and Climate Adaption Advisory Committee be adopted, as amended.

Carried

4. Approval of the February 26, 2024, Minutes

Moved by: Natalie Seniuk

Seconded by: Mike Hoch

Carried

5. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no pecuniary interests disclosed by any of the members present.

6. Two-Eyes Seeing Training – Natalie Seniuk to Discuss

6.1. Two-Eyed Seeing – Importance

Natalie attended the Two-Eyed Seeing training the week of March 12, 2024.

Natalie gained knowledge regarding Western and Indigenous learning and the importance of understanding each other's knowledge without prejudice.

The training touched significantly on climate change and how we can adjust our reactionary ways to better suit our needs.

The training also touched on how we can adjust our thinking to be broader and how that will benefit more than one specific ideal. Designing and thinking of things pertaining to 7 generations (forward and back) and how it will affect those after us and looking at what those before us did in their practice.

Ethical Space: Where different knowledges can come together and work together and respect each others' perspectives without judgement.

6.2. Resilience Lenses

Natalie also spoke to Resilience Lenses and how we move forward and create something different. Broadening awareness when making decisions.

The 7 Resilience Lenses are:

- Built From Resilience
- Economic Resilience
- Environmental Resilience
- Emergency Resilience
- Social Resilience
- Resilient Transportation
- Resilient Utilities

Broader Perspective from the Committee – cultural impacts and green space within the natural environment.

7. Developing a Work Plan for the ECAAC

7.1. Review of draft workplan – Jackie Oblak

Briefly reviewed the draft workplan that Jackie provided to the committee from the conversation last meeting. Committee discussed specific items on in the plan.

The Committee offered to assist the Town with decision making with NCC (Nature Conservancy of Canada) and NPCA (Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority) property that was recently acquired.

Mike Jones spoke about how Pelham PATH is planting \$8000 worth of trees in the Lathrop property. There is an agreement that these trees are to be planted in the fall over three weekends.

Motion: To add an item to 2. Infrastructure (b) to the draft workplan to explore opportunities to develop a joint management plan for the Marlene Stewart Street, Lathrop and NPCA property.

Mover: Natalie Seniuk

Seconder: Mike Hoch

Carried

Jason Marr mentioned to the committee that this may fall under Council Strategic Plan.

In the future potentially looking at opportunities to retain more green space within Pelham.

Motion: Bring the ECAAC workplan to Council in April or May (Council Agenda availability depending)

Mover: Mike Jones

Seconder: Natalie Seniuk

Carried

8. Earth Day Celebrations Discussion

The Town of Pelham has an Earth Day Celebration on April 20th at the MCC at 8:00a.m. – 1:00pm, the Rotary Club will be handing out free trees.

Motion: To have ECAAC Chair (Jackie Oblak) to promote the committee at the Pelham Path Earth Day Celebration

Mover: Mike Jones

Seconder: Mike Hoch

Carried

April 15th annual clean up of the Steve Bauer Trail – Starting at 10:00a.m. at the Quaker Rd. entrance. There will be a news release sent to local broadcasts around the area.

Request to share this with the PATC.

Action: For Staff to check with Katie at the MCC regarding the ECAAC to set up at Earth Day.

9. Other Items

Mike Hoch did research into residential Heat Pumps. Mike noted that heat pumps are significantly more expensive than replacing a furnace. Heat pumps do not eliminate a gas or electric furnace in cooler climates as they are not capable of producing heat below -10 degrees c. Making installing heat pumps solely in new Canadian homes ineffective.

The potential for a member of the committee to be on the NCCAN committee.

Town of Pelham Tree Protection: How to protect the trees, specifically Significant (heritage) Trees within the Town. Research if there are local by-laws that require permitting for removal of trees on private property. What will the permeameters be for this by-law? Fort Erie recently released a by-law for Trees. The communication with the public would have to be significant to avoid push back if the Town were to consider this.

10. Adjournment


Moved by: Natalie Seniuk

Seconded by: Mike Hoch

THAT this Regular Meeting of the Environmental and Climate Adaption Advisory Committee be adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

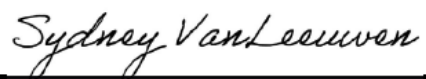
Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 22, 2024.

Carried



Jackie Oblak (Apr 4, 2024 17:41 EDT)

Chair, Jackie Oblak



Administrative Assistant, Sydney Van Leeuwen