
Date: 26 August 2024
Time: 10:00a.m. – 11:30a.m.
Location: Council Chambers – Meeting Room

Attendance: Wayne Olson, Ward One Councillor
Mike Jones, Committee Member
Ryan Taylor, Committee Member
Sydney Van Leeuwen, Administrative Assistant
Gimuel Ledesma, Engineering Technologist
Jason Marr, Director of Public Works
Lindsay Richardson, Policy Planner
Samantha Witkowski, Environmental Coordinator
Mike Hoch, Committee Member
Natalie Seniuk, Committee Member

Regrets: Jackie Oblak, Committee Chair
Jordan Wilton, Committee Member

1. Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum

Noting that quorum was present, Vice Chair Mike Jones called the meeting to order at approximately 10:03 a.m.

2. Land Recognition Statement

Vice Chair Mike Jones recited the land recognition statement.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Mike Hoch
Seconded by: Ryan Taylor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the August 26, 2024, regular meeting of the Environmental and Climate Adaption Advisory Committee be adopted.

Carried

4. Approval of the July 22, 2024, Minutes

Moved by: Natalie Seniuk

Seconded by: Ryan Taylor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Minutes for the July 22, 2024, regular meeting of the Environmental and Climate Adaption Advisory Committee be approved.

Carried

5. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

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

6. Welcome and Committee Member Introductions to New Member Jordan Wilton

Agenda item to be moved to the September 30, 2024, meeting.

7. ECAAC Budget

The ECAAC does not have a budget for 2024. Jason mentioned that he will bring this into the 2025 budget, with funds becoming available in January 2025.

Motion: To have Jason Marr bring forward a \$2500 budget ask during the 2025 Budget Discussions.

Mover: Natalie Seniuk

Secunder: Ryan Taylor

Carried

8. National Forestry Week Updates – Mike Jones

Mike Jones spoke to the significant tree project. PATH has a project that they host on their Facebook page where participants can submit an image of a significant tree on their property.

Mike Jones communicated with the committee that he would like to see the definition previously stated last meeting posted on the Town of Pelham website, and potentially host a similar project in future.

The committee asked staff if they have the ability to locate the significant trees residents identify and then are able to generate a map of all Pelham's significant trees. If so, the committee's end goal would be for this project to create a map and enhance community engagement and awareness of the Town's significant trees.

Jason Marr mentioned to the committee that there would have to be an investigation and research process to establishing a project like this prior to launching.

Committee members would like to see this as an approach to potentially creating a tree by-law.

Samantha mentioned that the Town of Lincoln has a project similar, and they have an active challenge going on for new trees.

Action: Samantha to speak at a future meeting regarding the process and methods the Town of Lincoln is using to run their tree project and how something similar might be able to be done in Pelham.

Committee members would like the Town to announce something during National Tree Week (September 23-26, 2024) and mention that there is a tree initiative on its way.

PATH plans to host a challenge on their Facebook page as a trial during National Forest Week, Mike Jones will report back about how well it went.

Motion: For Town staff to speak with the Communications, Legal, and IT departments on creating something similar to the Town of Lincoln challenge/project for establishing significant trees.

Mover: Ryan Taylor

Seconder: Natalie Seniuk

Carried

Motion: Advance of the Town, Mike Jones will submit a statement to the Town by email that he will submit to PATH followers on National Forest Week regarding a partnership for Significant Trees with the Town.

Mover: Ryan Taylor

Seconder: Natalie Seniuk

Carried

National Tree Day (September 25, 2024) – PATH will be leaving on the Woodstream Park at 4:00pm and they will be leaving on a walk that will be about 30 minutes. The walk will include discussing various trees along the way.

9. Action Items Updates from Committee & Staff

Committee members discussed some previously mentioned action items. There was limited discussion as there were two committee members unable to attending. This item will move to the September 30th, 2024, meeting for further discussion.

Action: Staff to discuss with the Clerks Department about a dropbox option for the committee.

10. Upcoming Items

Niagara Regional Transit Update from Councillor Olson - \$3.50 fee for all transit rides regardless of the type of transit that is being requested. Councillor Olson also mentioned that there are several new electric

vehicles in the upcoming budget. More information to follow from the upcoming meeting.

11. Adjournment

Moved by: Ryan Taylor

Seconded by: Natalie Seniuk

THAT this Regular Meeting of the Environmental and Climate Adaption Advisory Committee be adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 30, 2024.

Carried



Chair, Jackie Oblak



Administrative Assistant, Sydney Van Leeuwen