



ATTENDING

Councillor Mercedes Brian, Mayor Jeff Cantwell, Chief Administrative Officer Erin Beaudin, Director Public Works & Parks Kevin Kerr, Bill Zimmerman, Janet Eaton, Hayden McKee-Godry and Recording Secretary Dan Stovel

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

Sustainability Coordinator Acadia University Jodie Noiles and Grace Hamilton-Burge

LATE ARRIVALS

Janet Eaton

EARLY DEPARTURES

Hayden McKee-Godry

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Councillor Brian, called the meeting to order at 10:33 am

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 6, 2017

MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 6, 2017 MEETING BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED

CARRIED

3. REPORT OF ISSUES FROM INFORMAL MEETING, APRIL 3, 2017

- [Solar Electricity for Community Buildings Pilot Program](#)
 - Chair highlighted that Kings Transit is interested in being involved in this Program
 - Kings Transit is coordinating their involvement through CAO Berwick
 - If there is interest in pursuing this Program, Chair has advised Town of Wolfville to talk to CAO Berwick
- **Single Use Plastic Bags**
 - Further discussion of this issue will be put forward at the next informal meeting of the Committee
 - Chair agreed to reach out to FCM to discuss best-practices
- **Traffic Congestion/Traffic Light**
 - Installation of a traffic light at Main St and Gaspereau Ave is in Year three of the Capital Investment Plan
 - Requirement for increased communication to the municipality during major events to advise of potential for increased traffic flow along Main St
- **Citaslow Designation to be brought forward to the Committee for further discussion**



4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING, MARCH 6, 2017

a. Committee Work Plan

- Two primary topics brought forward from the April 3rd Informal meeting to be included in the Committee's Work Plan:
 - Pursue [Solar Electricity for Community Buildings Pilot Program](#)
 - Look at Single Use Plastic Bags
 - Cloth bags need to be more readily available
- Responsive to the Needs of Council
 - The Work Plan for the Committee will be driven by the kind of input that the Town feels that they need on environmental sustainability aspects of things that are going on in the Town.
 - The Committee must not only be responsive to Council but must also be responsive to the needs of the community
- [Deep Energy Retrofits](#) for homes in town and solar installations on houses
 - Find a way to have deep energy retrofits done on three to four houses in town, not using town programs, but using other programs and have them as examples in the town, and the same for solar systems
 - [Nova Solar Capital](#) is a company that set up a [Community Economic-Development Investment Fund](#) (CEDIF) – a different way in which to invest in solar panels for property owners
 - Chair highlighted the possibility of establishing a 'Solar Energy Walk' in the Town so that the municipality is aware of homes that have solar installations
- Fluorescent light disposal.
 - Although there is no current disposal sight in the town for fluorescent lights, Director Public Works will take the issue for action to establish disposal sites in Wolfville
- Sea-Level Rise Workshop (see Agenda item 4b)

b. [Ecology Action Centre \(EAC\)](#) – [Sea-Level Rise Workshops](#), Janet Eaton

- The EAC has hosted two workshops to engage coastal communities about sea-level rise in Atlantic Canada and highlight the need for incorporating sea-level rise into future community planning
 - At the heart of the workshops is the Canadian Extreme Water Level Adaptation Tool ([CAN-EWLAT](#)), a new tool developed by Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) that provides municipalities and coastal residences with local sea-level rise projections and vertical allowances (how high above current sea level new coastal infrastructure needs to be built) for over 650 locations across Atlantic Canada
 - Recommended that the Committee should try to do something about a Sea-Level Rise Workshop in the Town of Wolfville
 - Janet Eaton will follow-up with the Workshop and report back at the next Committee meeting
 - Municipal awareness is important
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c. **The Natural Step (TNS)**

- TNS Primer provided to Committee members
- Is there an overlay of frameworks with [The Natural Step](#), the [Melbourne Principles](#), [Cittaslow](#) and [Fairtrade](#) designation
 - The Natural Step is more of an analytic/principle centred approach
- Considered worthwhile to examine what Cittaslow and Fairtrade designations mean for the Town – important to be aware of the different requirements within each designation
- The Natural Step is not being used in the Town of Wolfville as an analytical tool

5. ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

a. **Electric Vehicle Charging Stations**

- [NS Power](#) clearly sees electric vehicles in the very near future and the Town of Wolfville should be positioned to support an increase in electric vehicles in the future
- Analysis is required into the number of electric cars that travel through the Town of Wolfville that would make use of an electric car-charging station
- [Nova Scotia map of Electric Vehicle charging stations](#)

b. **The Natural Step**

- A workshop (video-teleconference) could be pursued with the Natural Step Board in Ottawa. The purpose of which would be to have the conversation with the TNS experts to see if it has been successful in other municipalities and to what extent it is being adopted in other municipalities

c. **Single Plastic Bag Usage**

- The municipality may not take heed of this issue until all Stores stop using plastic bags
- Mayor Cantwell will follow-up this issue through discussions with Carl's Independent Grocer

d. **Sea-Level Rising**

- Awareness should be the first and foremost issue – what plans should be in place
- Flooding due to sea-level rising is not a matter of "If", but more an issue of "When"

e. **Alternate Energy**

- Are wind turbines a viable option
- Can Town buildings be an example of solar energy usage for the municipality, not just private homes

11:41am Haydn McKee-Godry departed the Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting

6. QUESTION PERIOD

- No questions put forward to the Committee



7. NEXT MEETING

- The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Committee is Monday, July 10, 2017

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 11:42 AM

CARRIED

Approved at the July 10, 2017 Environmental Sustainability Committee Meeting

As recorded by Dan Stovel, AA Corporate Services