



ATTENDING

- Chair Councillor Mike Butler,
- William Zimmerman,
- Howard Williams,
- Simon Greenough
- Jodie Noiles, Acadia University Sustainability Coordinator
- Mayor Wendy Donovan

ALSO ATTENDING

- Director of Planning and Development, Devin Lake,
- Climate Change Mitigation Coordinator Lindsay Slade

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

- Alex Surrect, ASU Sustainability Officer

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Councillor Mike Butler, called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

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1. Approval of Agenda	IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED CARRIED
2. Approval of Minutes	IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 5, 2020 MEETING BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED CARRIED
3. Public Input	No Public Input
4. Project Updates: a. New Climate Action Coordinator Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Director Lake provided overview of staffing: discussed Omar’s new role, and the new Climate Action Coordinator, Lindsay Slade.• Director Lake indicated that Omar will be continuing work on the Climate Action Plan for the next 4-6 weeks and will present the table of contents at the next ESC meeting for feedback and discussion.• Introduced new Climate Action Coordinator, Lindsay Slade.

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- Director Lake discussed items the committee has reviewed – Thinkwell Jurisdictional Scan – informed committee the survey results will be returned soon and produce an engagement guide.
 - CLEAN Leadership students will be joining to support this work this summer. We will likely need to pivot door-to-door engagement due to covid cases increasing – this will need to be discussed for the implications with Thinkwell.
 - Transition 2050- sustainable solutions group work wrapping up which will inform the climate plan. Next meeting, we will get TOC to committee for feedback.
 - Councillor Butler asks for clarification on student job timelines – Director Lake clarified they will be 9 - 15 week roles.
- b. Mobility Project**
- Director Lake provided an update on the Mobility Project: ICIP mobility project is going forward –Director Lake expressed that Council liked the plan shown at last PAC meeting though short timelines for approval affected willingness to approve it as is.
 - Councillor Butler advised there is a lot of support for the plan, expresses that timing and budget issues prevented it from approval.
 - Mayor Donovan advised that Council received a few unpleasant emails regarding the plan, approving the network would require Council to make major cuts to budget in other areas where Council had already committed to. Mayor Donovan further stated that Council does want to go forward with the project but stresses that we need more room in the budget before going ahead.
 - Director Lake advised that PAC did not raise any concerns regarding the network design, and he would like endorsement from this committee on the BNS report.
 - Jodie requested details on the top section of Highland Ave. where sidewalk ends – pedestrian concerns. Asks for infrastructure plans for highland and what specific plans for a blue route would look like there.
 - Director Lake advised it would be AAA design, attempt to maintain status quo on eastern side of sidewalk as it is elevated, now we need to know if western side is AAA.
 - Bill suggested that we may be able to expand sidewalk into street as road is very wide at the top section of Highland.
 - Howard expressed issues with Kent Ave plan – asked for clarification on network map.
 - Director Lake clarified that green squares are connections to HMT, Pink are areas where traffic calming is needed.
 - Howard suggested adding traffic calming at Stirling.

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- Councillor Butler asked for information regarding bike racks, pump facilities along the routes.
 - Director Lake advised that bike racks and pumps do need to be brought into plan. We need to look at how to make cycling as easy and desirable as possible.
 - There was a general discussion regarding the need for bicycle bells.
 - Director Lake advised he is hearing there is support for the network in general. PAC will look at this plan next Thursday as well to discuss network.
 - Guidance document from NATCO on AAA design – this is the document that guides the design of the facilities in the plan – Director Lake asked if the committee agrees with using this plan?
- c. Climate Action Plan**
- TOC will be brought to this committee next meeting to talk through and get feedback.
 - It was advised by September (early fall) Council will be familiar with it.
- d. Regional Climate Work**
- Director Lake advised work is being completed between the Town of Wolfville, the Municipality of Kings, Berwick and Kentville. The consultant will be doing a GHG inventory for each area except Wolfville. Province provided funding of \$70k through the Town of Wolfville. This project is consultant driven; we are about to chose consultant with other municipalities. There will be a report with the outcomes on what the emissions mean, areas for action will be identified.
 - Director Lake further stated this type of issue must be tackled at a regional scale – by completing this project we are trying to move the needle by getting out the information we need. We will provide an update at next ESC meeting.
- e. PACE Program**
- Director Lake advised they are currently waiting on agreements from FCM, the 2 PEI municipalities and the Town of Wolfville.
 - Simon asked what PACE stands for? Director Lake advised it is “property accessed clean energy” – you use your home and take out a loan to finance energy improvements such as solar panels, insulation etc. We are focusing on heating oil around our well heads.

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f. Engineering Tech Student Work

- Director Lake advised an NSCC student is focused on building energy efficiency systems – much of the work has already been done but needs to be presented. There will be a kickoff meeting tomorrow, they will work from home then a final presentation will be given to this committee.
- Mayor Donovan suggested adding any interested members of Council to join presentation.

5. Round Table:

- Bill Zimmerman discussed provincial election and changes to electricity Act which will allow co-ops to build solar farms and share outputs of the solar farm. Trees in Wolfville make solar a challenging option for homes. It was asked how much land Wolfville owns? (reservoir, Dykelands – possible solar farmlands) would allow us to move into clean energy in wellhead zones. Suggests Town leases land for \$1/year for solar farm development.
- Mayor Donovan states that Acadia is interested in being part of a renewable energy project, suggests Bill connects with Dr. Peter Ricketts to discuss this option. Acadia also owns land on dyke lands.
- Bill states that MOK has encountered issues with wind power site. Wolfville is sunnier than most areas in Nova Scotia and is a good option for solar rather than wind.
- Councillor Butler requests Bill sends the committee literature to review regarding solar.
- Jodie advised that Acadia's new strategic plan intends to be a carbon neutral campus, which means reducing on campus and off campus CO2 and the opportunity to work together.
- Jodie further provided an update on waste and is working on a waste project on campus with signage and labels, engagement. Project wraps up August. This spring they worked on waste management for off campus students, work with valley waste to come up with new brochure which is available on the website and Valley Waste will share the brochure to show they are attempting to tackle the issue. A presentation of the pamphlet to support off campus students was provided and further advised she has also begun Waste Tips on Wednesdays on Facebook.

6. Next Meeting

July 26, 2021- 2:30-4:30 – Suggestion to schedule one sooner, date TBD.



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7. Adjourned

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 3:44 p.m.

CARRIED

As recorded by Lindsay Slade, Climate Change Mitigation Coordinator and approved by the Environmental Committee on June 3, 2021.