

Peterborough Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes Doris Room

June 19, 2024

Present Councillor Lachica

Gerry Matwey Victoria Papuga Barb Rimmer

Merilyn Twiss, Vice Chair

Regrets Mija Kavcic-Crowhurst

Dylan Radcliffe, Chair

Staff James Byrne, Climate Change Specialist

Stacy Dedlow, Committee Support Specialist

Michael Papadacos, Director, Asset Management and Capital Planning

Kendra Sedgwick, Committee Support Specialist

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Gerry Matwey

That the meeting minutes from the Peterborough Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of April 17, 2024 be approved.

Carried

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of Pecuniary Interest.

Consent Agenda

No items were passed on consent.

Climate Change Action Plan 2.0 – Community Pathway to Net Zero 2050, Report PEAC24-009

Moved by Barb Rimmer

That Peterborough Environmental Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report PEAC24-009, dated June 19, 2024, of the Director of Asset Management and Capital Planning as follows:

That the presentation from Sustainability Solutions Group be received for information.

Carried

Climate Initiatives Update, Report PEAC24-008

Moved by Victoria Papuga

That the Peterborough Environmental Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report PEAC24-008, dated June 19, 2024, of the Director of Asset Management and Capital Planning as follows:

That the report be received for information.

Carried

Other Business

Bird Friendly City

Moved by Councillor Lachica

Whereas the goal of Bird Friendly City certification is to provide local partners with a clear standard to measure the impact and progress needed to make the City of Peterborough safe for birds; and

Whereas the certification standard is a tool that allows for an independent assessment of key issues by establishing benchmarks and allowing for measurement of progress over time and comparison with other cities; and

Whereas birds throughout Canada and North America have experienced dramatic declines due to habitat loss, window strikes, climate change, and the spread of diseases and invasive species, with serious implications for the future health of our ecosystems; and

Whereas through certification, the City of Peterborough and its residents have the opportunity to reduce human-related threats to birds; and

Whereas supporting bird-friendly initiatives fosters environmental awareness and sustainability and increases interactions and engagement for habitat protection, restoration, and climate resiliency; and

Whereas by becoming a Bird Friendly City, the City of Peterborough can highlight initiatives already in place and further engage local communities in education and awareness of successful coexistence strategies with birds; and

Whereas community bird friendly initiatives are to be undertaken and led by the Bird Friendly Peterborough team; and

Whereas the Bird Friendly Peterborough team will propose any corporate bird friendly initiatives within municipal jurisdiction through a City staff liaison for consideration through the annual Budget process;

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

That the Bird Friendly Peterborough team be authorized to submit the certification application to Nature Canada to designate the City of Peterborough as a Bird Friendly City; and

That the City of Peterborough accepts the designation and commits to the entrylevel standards of the Bird Friendly City program.

Carried

Adjournment
Moved by Barb Rimmer
That this meeting be adjourned at 6:57 p.m
Carried
Stacy Dedlow
Committee Support Specialist
Merilyn Twiss
Vice Chair