



ATTENDING

- Chair Councillor Mercedes Brian,
- Mayor Jeff Cantwell,
- William Zimmerman,
- Janet Eaton,
- Howard Williams,
- Jodie Noiles, Acadia University Sustainability Coordinator and
- Recording Secretary Amanda Brown

ALSO ATTENDING

- Director of Planning & Development Devin Lake
- Climate Change Mitigation & Energy Reduction Coordinator Omar Bhimji

LATE ARRIVAL

- Max Abu-Laban, ASU Sustainability Officer

ABSENT WITH REGRETS

- Director of Public Works Kevin Kerr

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Councillor Brian, called the meeting to order at 1:30 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 JUNE 24, 2019 MEETING BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED CARRIED
3. MPS Draft III Presentation	Director Lake presented an overview of the new planning documents that are on the Town’s website emphasizing the process that has taken place and the extensive community consultation that has already happened since the review started in 2015. Director Lake confirmed that draft 3 of the planning documents will be going to Committee of the Whole in November. He confirmed there was a workshop for PAC and Council on September 10, 2019 at which the planning documents were reviewed in detail and follow up would continue. The purpose of the presentation today is to update the

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Committee on the process and draft MPS documents and to obtain further feedback from the ESC members.

Director Lake requested any edits or suggestions be emailed to him. He then reviewed the documents on the website in detail with the Committee explaining each section and obtaining further comments regarding same.

MPS Discussion

The Committee discussed concerns around direct sunlight being blocked on newly created residential properties making it difficult should solar panels be installed and suggested more East to West streets needed to be encouraged.

There was general discussion on Airbnb's, cycling infrastructures, flood planning and risk management.

4. Community Climate Outreach

Climate Change Mitigation & Energy Reduction Coordinator, Omar Bhimji presented information gathered on climate change from recent:

- a) Public Events – Farmers Market in July;
- b) Hosted Community Meetings; and
- c) A door to door survey that was conducted in several neighbourhoods in Wolfville.

Feedback showed people in Wolfville are genuinely concerned about the effects of climate change. The suggestion was made to target younger residents and get them more involved. The Acadia representatives advised this is something they will be taking on and will be working closely with the Coordinator.

5. Sustainable Prosperity Act

There was discussion regarding the Town becoming involved in the consultation process for the Province's Sustainable Prosperity Act which ends September 27th. Committee members felt strongly that Council should ask the Province to extend the deadline for consultation.

MOTION IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE FORWARD THE FOLLOWING MOTION TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE; THAT THE TOWN OF WOLFVILLE CONTACT THE PROVINCE BEFORE THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2019 CONSULTATION PROCESS ON SETTING

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, GHG EMISSION AND ENERGY GOALS AS WELL AS GOALS ON INCREASED SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INCLUSION FOR THIS CENTRAL PIECE OF PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION BE EXTENDED IN ORDER TO WORK CLOSELY WITH MUNICIPALITIES, FIRST NATIONS AND TO BROADEN PUBLIC CONSULTATION TO INCLUDE PUBLIC MEETINGS.

CARRIED

6. Updates

- a) **Public Works Building solar PV system** – Staff are investigating a shared services agreement with the Town of Berwick.
- b) **Wastewater treatment plant upgrades** – The Town is working on upgrading and making the plant more energy efficient. Staff are working with consultants.
- c) **UPass/Kings Transit** – ASU Referendum will take place October 5-10, 2019.
- d) **Ebike library program** – This is being set up so the electric bikes would be accessible to anyone who has a library card. An application has been put in for a one year, pilot program. The Town of Wolfville has completed a letter of support for the library.
- e) **Single use plastics** –HRM is currently working on a policy. It has been indicated other Municipalities including the Town of Wolfville are likely to adopt the same policy as HRM once completed.
- f) **Idling “enforcement”** – Commissionaires have been contacted and they have confirmed they are not mandated to enforce idling. They may be willing to provide “educational” notices to violators. Staff are following up on this possibility.
- g) **PACE program** – Currently working with consultants. The program is still many months away. Currently 4 other Municipalities have also signed on to a regional program Wolfville is looking to join.
- h) **GHG Inventory**- In progress. Modelling is going to take a few months.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">i) PCP Program – Still in milestone 1. A maturity scale has been sent to FCM determine how far the Town currently is. This is still in the early stages.j) Climate Action Working Group – A request has been made that an informal group of people be organized as a sub-committee of the Environmental Sustainability Committee in order to obtain more data. The role and responsibilities of the sub-committee would need to be clarified prior to any approval.
7. Public Participation/ Question Period	No Questions from the public.
8. Round Table Discussion	<p>Pesticides - The question of whether the Town has a pesticide bylaw was brought up for discussion. It was determined that the Town discussed passing a bylaw but did not in favour of following the Provincial lead on the matter.</p> <p>There was discussion around changing the ESC meeting time from 1:30-3:30 to 2:30-4:30 to accommodate the ASU Sustainability Officer.</p>
9. Next Meeting	November 18, 2019
10. Adjourned	IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 3:59 p.m.

CARRIED

As recorded by Amanda Brown, Administrative Services, Office of the CAO.