



ATTENDING

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

ALSO ATTENDING

- Director of Planning and Development, Devin Lake,
- Climate Change Mitigation Coordinator Omar Bhimji
- Community Engagement and Tourism Coordinator, Alisha Christie

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Councillor Mike Butler, called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Agenda Item	Discussion and Decisions
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. Introduction of New Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Committee welcomed all new members as well as the new Council members.
4. Public Input	No Public Input – It was noted by the Committee that the Public participation component should be included in all future meetings and notification should be provided to the public on the Town Website.
5. Draft GHG Emissions Reduction Target RFD	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff presented an overview of the target setting RFD going to Council at the February Committee of the Whole. The presentation will be provided to members of the Committee.



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- The discussion from the Committee focused on the Climate Equity project that was referenced; the realities of meeting any target with unknowns around NS Power's plans to clean up the grid; questions around carbon pricing; and clarifying questions around the 2 targets presented to the Committee and the associated wedge diagrams showing potential emissions reduction areas of action.
- The Committee then tabled the following motion:

MOTION- THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL A COMMUNITY EMISSION REDUCTION TARGET OF 45% REDUCTION FROM 2016 EMISSIONS BY 2030 / NET ZERO BY 2050, WHILE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO ADDRESS THE IMPEDIMENTS THAT WOULD PREVENT THE TOWN FROM ACHIEVING 70% REDUCTION FROM 2016 EMISSIONS BY 2030 / NET ZERO BY 2036.

CARRIED

6. Flood Risk Update

- Staff went through a high-level review of version 3 of our flood risk study being finalized with CBCL consultants. A copy of the presentation will be provided to the Committee members for further review.
- It was noted that Committee members have until end of day February 12th to provide comment. The Planning Advisory Committee will also be given an opportunity to provide comment before the report is finalized and presented to Council.
- Discussion was limited given that most members were still working through the report.

7. Offshore Drilling

- Committee member Bill Zimmerman went through a presentation that was given to the previous Council (July 2020) outlining risks of potential offshore exploration/drilling. It was noted a copy of the presentation will be provided to the Committee.
- The Committee had limited discussion, clarifying questions and comments were presented to the presenter around the repercussions and potential action.
- The Committee then tabled the following motion:

MOTION: THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE URGES COUNCIL TO RECOMMEND THAT THE PROVINCE UNDERTAKE A PUBLIC



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INQUIRY INTO THE RISKS AND BENEFITS OF EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF OIL AND GAS RESOURCES IN THE WATERS SURROUNDING THE PROVINCE AND THAT A MORATORIUM ON EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF OIL AND GAS RESOURCES BE ESTABLISHED PENDING THE COMPLETION OF THE INQUIRY.

8. Roundtable

- Alisha Christie (Community Engagement and Tourism Coordinator for the Town) presented on background she has been doing on the Town's Fair-Trade certification. The Fair-Trade certification requires a steering committee – it is proposed the ESC – or a sub-Committee of this Committee – be used to meet this requirement.
- It was noted that this is complimentary to Acadia's Fair-Trade certification. Jodie Noiles is supportive of the committee serving this role and has met with Alisha on the issue.
- Some talk of other Town certifications/designations (e.g. CittaSlow) and if/how they are connected. Was noted they both have very different reporting requirements to be maintained.
- The Committee then tabled the following motion:

MOTION: THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THEY SERVE AS THE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE TOWN'S FAIR-TRADE PROGRAM.

NOTE: AN RFD WILL COME TO A FUTURE MEETING OF COUNCIL WITH MORE INFORMATION. *(THIS WILL NOT BE MOVING FORWARD – AS PER EMAIL FROM DEVIN ON JANUARY 27, 2021)**

- Other updates from members on ride sharing, Acadia's application to host a climate research centre, and Acadia's new strategic plan (relevant sustainability aspirations).

April 26, 2021- 2:30-4:30

9. Next Meeting

10. Adjourned

IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 8:40 p.m.

CARRIED



As recorded by Amanda Brown, Administrative Services, Office of the CAO and approved by the Environmental Committee on April 26, 2021.