

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – October 8, 2024

MS Teams Meeting

Roll Call:

Trustees: J. Morning (Co-Chair) R. Hutcheon Members: S. Luxford-Oddie, Cataraqui Conservation (Co-Chair) P. Bearse, KFL&A Public Health G. Hall, Queen's University G. Hendry, Sustainable Kingston J. Hook, St. Lawrence College H. McGregor, Queen's University	Staff: A. McDonnell, Superintendent of Education D. Hendry, Sustainable Initiatives Co- Ordinator D. Fowler, Manager of Facility Services Regrets: J. Salter-Keane, City of Kingston J. Campbell, Loyalist Township L. MacDonald, Loyalist Township C. Bevens-Leblanc, PIC Representative R. Healey, Kingston Coalition for Active Transportation
Invitees:	Recorder and Producer: Jennifer Dooley, Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Stana Luxford-Oddie, Community Co-chair called the meeting to order.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Adoption of agenda moved by Joy Morning that the agenda presented, be approved.
Carried.

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3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflict of interest declared.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Adoption of minutes moved by Heather McGregor that the minutes as presented, be approved. Carried.

5. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Stana Luxford-Oddie and Dan Hendry facilitated a round of introductions where each participant shared their name, organization, and something they noticed about the day.

6. ELECTION OF CO-CHAIR

Alison McDonnell facilitated the election of a new Co-Chair for the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee, with Heather McGregor being nominated and accepting the role.

7. COMMUNITY PRESENTATION - Stana Luxford Oddie - Forest Therapy

Stana Luxford-Oddie presented on forest therapy, explaining its benefits and guiding the participants through a mindfulness exercise with rocks.

8. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION UPDATES

- *Limestone District School Board – D. Fowler*

David Fowler provided an update on various facility projects within the Limestone District School Board, including maintenance, building envelope improvements, and the creation of naturalized play spaces.

- *Limestone District School Board – D. Hendry*

Dan Hendry shared updates on sustainable initiatives within the Limestone District School Board, including transit programming, a cost-benefit study, and upcoming climate symposiums.

- *Limestone District School Board – A. McDonnell*

Nothing to report but wanted to thank Dan Hendry and Dave Fowler for the incredible work going on within Limestone District School Board.

- *Limestone District School Board – Trustee J. Morning*

Nothing to report but congratulated students who won the Sustainable Kingston Awards.

- *Limestone District School Board – Trustee R. Hutcheon*

Nothing to report.

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- KFL&A Public Health – P. Bearse

Peter Bearse discussed public health initiatives to support active school travel, including the implementation of parking and stride maps and the CAA Foot Patrol program.

- Sustainable Kingston – G. Hendry

Geoff Hendry provided updates on Sustainable Kingston's initiatives, including the fall pitch-in event, the Sustainable Hospitality Summit, and the launch of the "Our Changing Planet" education program.

- Cataraqui Conservation – S. Luxford-Oddie

Stana Luxford-Oddie shared updates from Cataraqui Conservation, including the new conservation area strategy, water-based resource strategy, 60th anniversary celebrations, and partnerships with True North Aid.

- Queen's University – H. McGregor

Heather McGregor provided updates from Queen's Faculty of Education, including the ongoing building renovations, the Queen's Imagine the Future Festival, and new funding opportunities for community engagement projects.

- St. Lawrence College – J. Hook – P. Bearse reporting on his behalf

Jadon Hook announced the 4th annual sustainability month, featuring events on food security, sustainable transportation, circular economy, and reconnecting with nature. They are hosting a bioblitz and planting at month's end, plus collecting food donations for Halloween Harvest throughout October.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Sandy Pines Wildlife Center Membership: The committee discussed and agreed to invite Sandy Pines Wildlife Centre to join the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee, with Dan Hendry to facilitate the introduction.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE- TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025 (MS TEAMS)

11. ADJOURNMENT

Heather McGregor adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.