



## **Minutes**

### **Municipality of Thames Centre Environmental Advisory Committee**

**December 4, 2023, 11:00 A.M.  
Municipal Office - Council Chambers  
4305 Hamilton Road, Dorchester, ON**

Members Present: D. Lockie, Council Representative  
T. Heeman, Council Representative  
K. Empey, Community Representative  
B. McClure, Community Representative  
J. Rule, Community Representative  
P. Kemp, Community Representative  
R. John, Community Representative

Staff Present: D. Barrick, CAO  
J. Nethercott, Recording Secretary

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#### **1. Call To Order**

The meeting was called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. by the Recording Secretary.

#### **2. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair**

##### **2.1 Nomination and Election of Chair**

Recording Secretary called for Nominations for Chair of the Committee.

**Moved by: K. Empey**  
**Seconded by: J. Rule**  
Resolution # EAC-001-2023

THAT Danielle Lockie be Chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee

**Carried.**

## **2.2 Nomination and Election of Vice Chair**

D. Lockie took the Chairs seat and called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

**Moved by: R. John**  
**Seconded by: J. Rule**  
Resolution # EAC-002-2023

THAT Patti Kemp be Vice Chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee.

**Carried.**

## **3. Disclosure Of Pecuniary Interest**

No pecuniary interests were disclosed

## **4. Introduction of Members**

Members provided a brief introduction of themselves to the Committee.

## **5. Presentations/Delegations**

## **6. Reports of Staff**

### **6.1 Terms of Reference Review**

Discussion was had and the following alterations to the Terms of Reference were recommended to Council:

Page 2: addition of emission reduction to the 3rd bullet point under Mission

Page 2: removal of bracketed words from the final bullet point under Mission.

**Moved by: P. Kemp**  
**Seconded by: J. Rule**  
Resolution # EAC-003-2023

**THAT** the Terms of Reference for the Environmental Advisory Committee be received for review and comments by the Environmental Advisory Committee members;

**AND THAT** the amended Terms of Reference be recommended to the Thames Centre Council for approval.

**Carried.**

## **6.2 Proposed Meeting Dates for 2024**

**Moved by: B. McClure**

**Seconded by: P. Kemp**

Resolution # EAC-004-2023

**THAT** Report No. C-EAC-001-2023 be received for information;

**AND THAT** the following schedule of meeting dates for 2024 be approved:

- February 5, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.
- May 27, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.
- September 9, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.
- December 2, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.

**Carried.**

## **6.3 DRAFT Tree Planting Plan**

Discussion was had around the Draft Tree Planting Plan with it being discussed that on page 4 "Recognition of Indigenous respect for the natural world and rights of Treaties" should be its own section and heading.

**Moved by: T. Heeman**

**Seconded by: P. Kemp**

Resolution # EAC-005-2023

**THAT** Report No. C-EAC-003-23 be received for information;

**AND THAT** the Environmental Advisory Committee recommend approval of the Draft Tree Planting Plan as amended to Thames Centre Council.

**Carried.**

Further discussion was had around how to implement this plan.

**Moved by: T. Heeman**

**Seconded by: J. Rule**

Resolution # EAC-006-2023

**THAT** the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends to Thames Centre Council that staff be directed to provide to the Committee an inventory of available publicly owned lands, for tree planting;

**AND THAT** Thames Centre Council direct staff to investigate and report back to the Committee on a Heritage Tree policies.

**Carried.**

**Moved by: T. Heeman**

**Seconded by: K. Empey**

Resolution # EAC-007-2023

**THAT** the Environmental Advisory Committee requests that the Thames Centre Council allocate a budget of \$2,000 to the Environmental Advisory Committee, for 2024.

**Carried.**

## **7. Committee Business**

### **7.1 Climate Crisis: Building Municipal Resilience & Taking Action Presentation**

P. Kemp provided an overview of her presentation to Council that was made on July 17, 2023 and there was some discussion.

**Moved by: T. Heeman**

**Seconded by: K. Empey**

Resolution # EAC-008-2023

**THAT** the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that Thames Centre Council consider joining the Partners for Climate Protection Program and Building Adaptive and Resilient Communities Program.

**Carried.**

**8. Correspondence**

None.

**9. Unfinished Business**

None.

**10. New Business**

K. Empey, Community Representative, stated that there are many great stewards of the land within the Municipality and some of these should be highlighted.

There was some discussion and a request to discuss further the possibility of a recognition of land stewardship at the next meeting.

**11. Scheduling of Meetings**

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on February 5, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.

**12. Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss it was:

**Moved by: P. Kemp**

**Seconded by: B. McClure**

Resolution # EAC-009-2023

**RESOLVED THAT** the meeting adjourn at 12:25 p.m.

**Carried.**