



TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

Thursday, October 3, 2024

5:00 P.M.

Council Chambers

271 Sandwich Street South, Amherstburg, ON, N9V 2A5

PRESENT	John McDonald - Chair Carolyn Davies - Vice Chair Barbara Goldman Bille Gardner
STAFF PRESENT	Kevin Fox - Clerk Antonietta Giofu - Staff Liaison, Director Infrastructure Services Selena Scebba - Recording Secretary
ABSENT	Councillor Molly Allaire (<i>Regrets</i>) Councillor Peter Courtney (<i>Absent</i>) Anthony Olivito (<i>Regrets</i>)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest noted.

4. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The Chair read the following land acknowledgment: We will begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations (comprising the Ojibway, the Odawa, and the Potawatomie Peoples), and of the Huron-Wendat and Wyandot Peoples. We recognize the land as an expression of gratitude to those whose traditional territory we reside on, and a way of honouring the Indigenous people who have been living and thriving on the land since time immemorial. We value the significant historical and contemporary contributions of local and regional First Nations and all of the Original Peoples of Turtle Island.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 Amherstburg Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - June 12, 2024

Moved by C. Davies

Seconded by B. Goldman

That the minutes of the Amherstburg Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting of June 12, 2024 **BE ADOPTED.**

The Chair put the motion.

Motion Carried

6. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

7. ORDER OF BUSINESS

7.1 Environmental Education Campaign 2024 & 2025

Moved by C. Davies

Seconded by B. Goldman

The Amherstburg Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that:

1. 2025 **BE DECLARED** the Year of the Tree, as an Environmental Education Campaign which will highlight the importance of:
 - i. Local Carolinian tree species;
 - ii. The development and enhancement of the tree canopy; and,
 - iii. The benefits of trees for environmental sustainability and in combating climate change.

The Chair put the motion.

Motion Carried

7.2 2025 Educational and Community Outreach Initiatives

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

Moved by B. Goldman

Seconded by B. Gardner

That a representative of the Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA) **BE INVITED** to attend a future meeting of the Amherstburg Environmental Advisory Committee to discuss flood mitigation activities and regional watershed strategies.

The Chair put the motion.

Motion Carried

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by B. Goldman

Seconded by B. Gardner

That the Committee **ADJOURN** at 6:53 p.m.

The Chair put the motion.

Motion Carried

John McDonald - Chair

Selena Scebba - Recording Secretary