



TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

Thursday, March 19, 2026

5:00 P.M.

Council Chambers

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

PRESENT

John McDonald - Chair
Bille Gardner - Vice Chair (*Electronic Participant*)
Councillor Molly Allaire
Councillor Peter Courtney (*Electronic Participant*)
Barbara Goldman
Carolyn Davies
Jennifer Freckelton

STAFF PRESENT

Antonietta Giofu - Staff Liaison, Director Infrastructure Services
Selena Scebba - Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

3. CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

3.1 Nomination of Chair

Moved by Councillor Allaire

Seconded by B. Goldman

That John McDonald **BE APPOINTED** Chair of the Amherstburg Environmental Advisory Committee.

The Recording Secretary put the motion.

Motion Carried

3.2 Nomination of Vice Chair

Moved by B. Goldman

Seconded by C. Davies

That Bille Gardner **BE APPOINTED** Vice Chair of the Amherstburg Environmental Advisory Committee.

The Recording Secretary put the motion.

Motion Carried

The Chair assumed control of the meeting.

4. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

There were no disclosures noted.

5. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The following was read, “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.”

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

6.1 Amherstburg Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - November 19, 2025

Moved by Councillor Allaire

Seconded by B. Goldman

That the Amherstburg Environmental Advisory Committee meeting minutes of November 19, 2025 **BE ADOPTED**.

The Chair put the motion.

Motion Carried

7. ORDER OF BUSINESS

7.1 Earth Day 2026 Update

Moved by Councillor Allaire

Seconded by B. Goldman

That the Amherstburg Environmental Advisory Committee **RECOMMEND** that Administration explore planting trees in parks, in accordance with the Parks Master Plan, for the 2026 Earth Day planting.

The Chair put the motion.

Motion Carried

7.2 Amherstburg Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule 2026

Moved by Councillor Allaire

Seconded by C. Davies

That the next Amherstburg Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of 2026 **BE HELD** on April 30, 2026, with future meeting dates scheduled as needed.

The Chair put the meeting.

Motion Carried

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by J. Freckelton

Seconded by C. Davies

That the Committee **ADJOURN** at 5:49 p.m.

The Chair put the motion.

Motion Carried

John McDonald - Chair

Selena Scebba - Recording Secretary