



Environment Committee Minutes

Tuesday June 20, 2023

Lighthouse River Centre - 7:00 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Phil Taber (Chair)

Councilor Karin Boyé

John Blenis

Marshall Fowler

Pam McKenzie (Vice Chair)

Laura Myers

Jean Northrup

REGRETS

Blair Boudreau

Jordan Smith (non-voting)

TOWN STAFF

Arthur McCarthy – Director, Planning Engineering & Development

Bailey Brogan – Assistant Planner/Development Officer

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Phil Taber at 7:05 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

The Committee requested the agenda be amended as follows:

1. Addition Under Old Business - Cobblehill Plan update from Jean Northrup; and
2. Addition Under New Business - Robertson Road Dumpsite Discussion by Marshall Fowler.

Moved by Pam McKenzie and seconded by Councilor Karin Boyé to approve the agenda as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest – None declared

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved by John Blenis and seconded by Laura Myers that the minutes of May 16, 2023, be approved as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED

5. Old Business:

a) Battery Recycling – Staff provided a copy of the Hampton Newsletter with the battery recycling information post. The Committee thanked Staff for adding this to the Newsletter. Item resolved.



- b) **National Climate League** - Laura Myers provided an update on her presentation to Council on June 13, 2023, along with data collection timing (July/August) and thanked Council for motioning that Hampton participates in the National Climate League project. Item resolved.

- c) **Earth Day** - Staff provided an update and noted that activities were held on April 22, 2023 but it was unclear if these were related to Earth Day. No further action was determined by the Committee at this time. Item resolved.

- d) **PCP**
 - i. Staff provided an update on the revised report which includes the addition of Appendix H to further quantify the emission reduction measures.
 - ii. Staff provided a list of actions that were assigned to the Environment Committee. The Committee discussed various action items which included Anti-idling policy, tree planting plan, bylaw(s) within other municipal jurisdictions that issue permits for matured trees, potential partnership for tree plan activities, etc. The committee requested the list be forwarded to the members for review and staff recommended members consider prioritization of the actions for discussion at a future meeting. Item to be carried forward.

6. New Business

a) Electric Vehicle Action Plan:

Phil Taber presented information on electric vehicle (EV) action plans from other municipalities. The Committee discussed development of a 5-year action plan for EV stations and electrification of Hampton fleet vehicles, and various locations within Hampton that may be optimal options for stations. Following discussion, the committee made the following motion:

Moved by Jean Northrup and seconded by Marshall Fowler that the Environment Committee recommends Council consider accelerating the installation of EV charging infrastructure and fleet electrification in the Town by requesting the development of an Electric Vehicle Action Plan with aggressive timelines for implementation.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by Laura Myers and seconded by John Blenis that the Environment Committee recommends Council consider approaching NB Power to enthusiastically encourage the location of a DCFC charger in Hampton near services broadly appropriate for long-distance travelers, whereas Direct Current Fast Chargers (DCFCs) are essential for long-distance EV travel and encourage travelers to stop and spend money in a community.

MOTION CARRIED

b) Robertson Road Dumpsite

Marshall Fowler discussed a historical dumpsite located on the Robertson Road and highlighted potential concerns regarding the unknown remediation information during/after the closure of the site. Staff advised the Committee that the Province would be responsible for any remediation at the time of the closure, along with any monitoring measures (sampling, etc.) as part of the New Brunswick Department of the Environment & Local Government Dumpsite Closure Program and recommended members of the



committee consider contacting the Department of Environment and Local Government for any further information related to this topic. The committee was not in support of staff recommendation and the consensus was that a request for information by Council would be the preferred option. Following discussion, the committee made the following motion. Staff was not in support of the committee's motion.

Moved by Marshall Fowler and seconded by John Blenis that the Environment Committee recommends Council request information on the former dumpsite on the Robertson Road including the degree of testing that has occurred since decommissioning, along with the status of future monitoring, and to report back to the Environment Committee.

MOTION CARRIED

7. Other

8. Adjournment

Moved by Pam McKenzie that the meeting be adjourned at 8:58 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

Next meeting – tentatively scheduled for July 18, 2023

Phil Taber – Chair

Bailey Brogan – Staff Representative
