

Environmental Task Force Agenda

Time - Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

2. Traditional Land Acknowledgement

We begin this gathering by acknowledging and celebrating these traditional lands as a gathering place of the first peoples and their ancestors who are entrusted to care for Mother Earth since time immemorial. We do so respecting both the land and the Indigenous People who continue to walk with us through this world. Today, the Township of North Frontenac is committed to working with Indigenous Peoples and all residents to pursue a united path of reconciliation.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

4. Environmental Task Force Notes

- a) Notes of the Environmental Task Force Meeting dated September 30, 2025, as approved via email and being considered by Council at the October 31, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council. 3 - 5
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5. Business Arising

- a) Quarterly Newsletter 6 - 7
[Fall 2025 - Newsletter - ETF](#)
[Winter 2025 - Newsletter - ETF](#)
- b) Work Plan Update
 - 1. Battery Storage Opportunities - John Inglis, Paul Asselin and Marlene Spruyt
 - 2. Net Metering - John Inglis, Paul Asselin and Marlene Spruyt
 - 3. Invasive Species - Roy Huetl, Fred Fowler and Mike Ward
 - 4. Septic Inspection Programs - Bruce Moore, Kate Surra, Roy Huetl and Fred Fowler
 - 5. Short-term Rentals - Bruce Moore, Kate Surra, Ange Defosse and John Inglis

6. New Business

- a) 2026 Work Plan 8
[Work Plan Approved Council November 22, 2024](#)
- b) Resignation of Ange Defosse, Task Force Member 9
[Defosse Resignation](#)
- c) Meeting Dates for 2026
- d) Sub-Committee Protocol

7. Adjournment

a) Meeting adjourned at _____ a.m.



Environmental Task Force Minutes

9:00 AM - Tuesday, September 30, 2025
Council Chambers

Present: Deputy Mayor John Inglis (Acting Chair); Councillor Fred Fowler; Paul Asselin; and Marlene Spruyt

Absent with Regret: Councillor Roy Huetl; Ange Defosse; Bruce Moore; Katie Surra; and Mike Ward

Also Present: Tara Mieske, Clerk/Planning Manager, Dipl.M.A. Dipl.M.M., and Darwyn Sproule, Public Works Manager, P. Eng.

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Traditional Land Acknowledgement

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3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None noted.

4. Environmental Task Force Notes

- a) ***Notes of the Environmental Task Force Meeting dated August 26, 2025 as approved via email and being provided to Council for information at the September 18, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council.***

No comments.

5. Business Arising

- a) ***Quarterly Newsletter - Fall Edition and Draft Winter Edition***

The Task Force discussed the quarterly newsletter. It was the consensus of the Task Force the topic of the fall newsletter would be recycling and suggested the following topics:

- What is recyclable and how it is done?
- Items that can't be recycled (i.e. styrofoam, soft plastic) and options to limit/replace these items.
- Blue Box transition in January – Province to set consistent recycling policies across the Province – information will be added to the Township's website.
- Concerns with microplastics.

b) *Work Plan Update*

1. Battery Storage Opportunities - John Inglis, Paul Asselin and Marlene Spruyt

The Task Force discussed the public comments being received regarding the BESS project. The Task Force felt more consultation and education is required to assist the public with being informed about the benefits and risks around the project. Asselin is going to prepare additional FAQs to address some of the comments. It was noted the decision of Council at this stage is in principal only. The Task Force discussed the additional testing and consultation that will be required if the project is supported by the Township and approved by the IESO. This will include a full formal approval process including an environmental impact assessment, archeological assessment, noise assessment, etc.

2. Net Metering - John Inglis, Paul Asselin and Marlene Spruyt

The PWM advised based on direction from Council the assessment of the roof at the Township municipal complex and fire hall are being completed. Once completed a report will be provided to Council on the finding and any retrofit requirements. Asselin noted if the Treasurer requires any additional information while reviewing the financial details he is available to assist.

3. Invasive Species - Roy Huetl, Fred Fowler and Mike Ward

No update.

4. Septic Inspection Programs - Bruce Moore, Katie Surra, Roy Huetl and Fred Fowler

Staff is completing research in preparation for a report to Council on mandatory inspections at the time of sale.

5. Short-term Rentals - Bruce Moore, Katie Surra, Ange Defosse and John Inglis

Moore provided a document to the Sub-Committee from Marilyn Boston and John Campbell on ideas for By-law wording. The draft will be reviewed and modified by the Sub-Committee and presented to the Task Force for consideration at the November meeting. It was suggested the draft be reviewed by the Economic Development Task Force (EDTF) to discuss the impacts of a potential By-law on tourism and economic development. It was the consensus of the Task Force that once reviewed by the Task Force it could be provided to the EDTF for discussion.

c) *Updated Terms of Reference - Milestones and Council Procedural Policy for Task Force Amendments*

The updated Terms of Reference were discussed. It was the consensus of the Task Force no further updates were required.

6. New Business

None.

7. Adjournment

- a) ***Meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m. until October 28, 2025.***

Councillor Roy Huetl, Chair

Call to Action

FOR THE ENVIRONMENT - FALL 2025



KNOW YOUR RECYCLING LISTS

Did you know that adding non-recyclable items to your recycling (known as 'wish cycling') can send the whole load of recycling to landfill? Make sure to review what's accepted by checking the township's waste and recycling pages.

THE THIRD R - REFUSE!

Refusing plastics and non-recyclable items is a free option that reduces waste. Try saying no thanks to plastic straws, plastic toys that come with a meal, plastic cutlery, or things like extra napkins and condiments if you don't need these items. Another option is to change up the way you buy items to avoid packaging waste. Rather than purchasing items in styrofoam, prioritize those that are boxed or offered in butcher paper or simpler packaging. Trying a refill program or choosing compostable packaging is another great way to vote with your dollar for change!

KEEP IT OUT OF LANDFILL



Did you know you can recycle these items? Learn more at the township's waste + recycling page by clicking on different programs:

- lightbulbs
- many types of batteries
- aerosols (hairspray, spray paint, etc.)
- electronics
- tires

THE REUSE CENTRE IS NOW CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

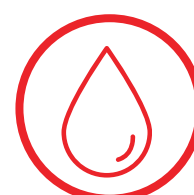
The Re-Use Centre, located at the 506 waste site, is now closed for the winter season. This centre rehomes items that would otherwise be part of the landfill and is completely free to use. Mark your calendar for the May reopening to bring any items you're decluttering during your spring clean!



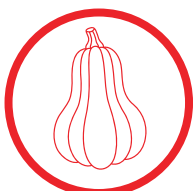
Choose reusable + decrease single use packaging



Save money on food storage containers by reusing sauce jars or other packages destined for the dump.



Rinse recycling out/free from food waste to avoid contaminating recycling processes



Buy produce package free and reuse a bread bag at home to keep it fresh for longer.



Let companies know when you would like to see different packaging - it's free!



Choose local + in person to decrease the impact of shipping + packaging



Call to Action

FOR THE ENVIRONMENT - WINTER 2025

WHAT'S A MICROPLASTIC?

Microplastics are small pieces of plastic waste that are the result of larger plastics breaking down. Unfortunately, only about 9% of plastics are truly recycled, leaving many to breakdown in landfills and the environment. Microplastic waste is an increasing concern as they are now in our water system, air, food, soil and bodies.

SOURCES OF MICROPLASTICS

- Synthetic clothing fibres like nylon and polyester - when buying new, choose natural fibre materials like cotton, hemp, wool, linen, etc.
- Washing machine water from plastic fibres of clothing, blankets and plastic dryer sheets. Choose dryer balls, natural fibres, and dispose of lint in the garbage.
- Plastic food wraps - choosing simpler foods with limited packaging, avoiding microwaving food in plastic, and choosing items like beeswax wraps or storing leftovers in glassware or an upcycled jar keeps plastics away from foods.
- Plastic landscape fabrics - try using cardboard or newspaper instead.
- Most toilet paper has plastic content - choose bamboo or recycled paper instead.

MORE WAYS TO AVOID THEM

- Plastic tea bags + single use cups - when hot water touches that plastic, it is released into your drink. Try loose leaf tea and reusing a metal to go cup or water bottle.
- When buying something, consider how long it may be used for and if the long term plastic waste is worth it - maybe DIY celebration decor, a wood option, a compostable craft, or borrowing something instead of buying new may be lower impact.
- When eliminating single use plastics, consider a refill program or DIY option. Many household cleaners and personal care products can be bought package free or made simply.
- Let your favourite companies know you're looking for a plastic free option

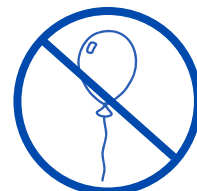
It can be overwhelming to remove plastics all at once. Trying to make changes one at a time, imperfectly, is a better route than trying to do too much at once and failing. Go slow and work with a friend to make it fun as you learn together.



Try making your own hot drink in a reusable cup



Glitters are ready-made microplastics. This holiday, choose glitter-free decor



Try a reusable bunting or banner instead of plastic ribbons + balloons



This holiday, choose reusable wrapping or wrap that don't contain plastics (foils, plastic ribbon + glitters)



If you're out for a nature walk, consider picking up plastics, especially those near waterways



Try the real thing - compostable seasonal decor rather than plastic versions of nature

Work Plan 2025

1. Local resiliency to climate change through mitigation and adaptation

- Battery storage opportunities - IESO is working with companies to locate battery storage facilities on the existing grid
- Net metering - Install more solar panels on Township facilities to decrease carbon dioxide production, support, renewable energy. There is an upfront capital investment but long term savings anticipated

2. Environmental stewardship, protection and regeneration

- Invasive species – Township to advocate/liaison with Federal and Provincial governments and other agencies. This is specifically on Eurasian Milfoil for the Mazinaw Property Owners Association. However, this impacts other lakes, other residents and there are several different invasive species
- Septic inspection programs – potential policy and education
- Carrying capacity of lakes
- Short-term rentals - potential policy, lake protection, environmental impact

3. Community engagement

- To be determined.

Hello Ange,

On behalf of the Environmental Task Force, I have received and accepted your letter of resignation.

I would personally like to thank you for your efforts and contributions to the task force. Your quarterly newsletters have become a valuable tool to communicate with our community.

I appreciate that you have offered to continue helping when available, which shows your dedication to the environment and the task force.

Wishing you all the best,

Roy
Chair Environmental Task Force