



# Environmental Task Force Minutes

9:00 AM - Tuesday, November 26, 2024  
Council Chambers

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## Present:

Councillor Roy Huetl (Chair); Councillor Fred Fowler; Paul Asselin; Ange Defosse; Bruce Moore; Marlene Spruyt; and Mike Ward

## Absent with Regrets:

Deputy Mayor John Inglis; Katie Surra; Tara Mieske, Clerk/Planning Manager; and Darwyn Sproule, Public Works Manager, P.Eng.

## Also Present:

Corey Klatt, CAO; and Laura Manion, Public Works Administrative Assistant

## 1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

## 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

None declared.

## 4. Environmental Task Force Notes

- a) ***Notes of the Environmental Task Force Meeting dated October 29, 2024, as approved via email and received for information at the November 22, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council.***

## 5. Business Arising

- a) ***Work Plan - Update***

### **1. Battery Storage Opportunities**

It was mentioned there may be a place in North Frontenac that could possibly support 126 Mega Watts; however it is likely the municipality may need to acquire land or look

into whether or not Hydro One would donate land. This could be a very expensive project but there could be an option for a private company to fund a program. IESO is looking for 26 sites for battery storage within the province; currently about half a dozen exist. It is likely that a project of this magnitude could take 6-8 years to come to fruition. This type of project would require much consultation with residents. The appointed sub-committee will continue to work on details for further discussion with the Task Force prior to the Task Force making recommendations to Council.

## **2. Net Metering**

Net metering is not popular with Hydro One as they lose money with this program. The sub-committee will continue discussions regarding net metering for future Task Force consideration.

## **3. Invasive Species**

Mazinaw Property Owners Association (MPOA) is working with North Frontenac Township and Addington Highlands Township to try and set up a meeting with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Oceans and Fisheries, the MPPs and MPs for formal discussions re: Eurasian Water Milfoil. MPOA is also looking into potential funding opportunities to assist with dealing with Eurasian Water Milfoil.

## **4. Septic Inspection Programs**

The sub-committee under the NFLAA has had a preliminary meeting and will continue its work in January hoping to bring forward recommendations for discussion by the ETF at or about that time. It was discussed that participation within the Township's voluntary Septic Re-inspection Program has dropped throughout the past few years. The North Frontenac Lake Association Alliance (NFLAA) has coordinated a group to look at this and have had discussions with Eric Kohlsmith (Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority). Education is needed and there is lots more work to do on this topic. A self-financing system may be realistic but not likely to cover all overhead costs.

## **5. Carrying Capacity of Lakes**

Mike Ward advised he would like to be part of these discussions.

NFLAA is formulating a group to look into this topic and will include Mike Ward in their discussions. It is important that MVCA and Lake Associations are involved in these discussions.

## **6. Short-term Rentals**

There is a new research paper that relates septic with short-term rentals. There is likely to be an intersection between the two topics. Bruce Moore will have more information to bring for discussion in the near future.

- b) ***Energy Plan***  
***Discussions deferred until the next meeting.***

## **6. New Business**

None.

## **7. Adjournment**

- a) *Meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.*

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Councillor Roy Huetl, Chair,  
Environmental Task Force