



Environmental Task Force Notes

9:30 AM - Tuesday, October 29, 2024
Council Chambers

Present: Councillor Roy Huetl (Chair); Deputy Mayor John Inglis; Paul Asselin (electronic participation); Bruce Moore (electronic participation); Marlene Spruyt; and Katie Surra (electronic participation).
Absent with Regret: Councillor Fred Fowler; Mike Ward and Ange Defosse.
Also Present: Tara Mieske, Clerk/Planning Manager.

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:32 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

Notes of the September 24, 2024 Meeting were approved by the Task Force via email and were received for information at the October 4, 2024 Council Meeting.

5. Business Arising

a) *Terms of Reference - Approved by Council October 4, 2024*

Received for information.

b) *Council Resolution #338-24 - To Approve Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan (ECDMP) 2024-2028:*

It was recommended this be included on the next Agenda for discussion.

6. New Business

a) *Task Force Work Plan*

The Task Force discussed the draft work plan as provided in the Agenda and considered some other items. In order to maintain focus on some key initiatives, six tasks were included in the Work Plan for 2025. The other important items included on the draft work plan will be discussed in the future. It was also noted, other items may be brought forward throughout the year that may need to be discussed. The Draft Work Plan will be provided to Council for consideration (Attachment #1).

[Work Plan](#)

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m. The next meeting will be held on November 26, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

8. Recommendation

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information the Environmental Task Force Notes dated October 29, 2024;

And That Council approves the 2025 Work Plan for the Task Force.

Councillor Roy Huetl, Chair,
Environmental Task Force

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.