



## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – October 10, 2023

### Roll Call:

Members:	Staff:
R. Healey, Kingston Coalition for Active Transportation S. Luxford-Oddie, Cataraqui Conservation J. Salter-Keane, City of Kingston G. Hendry, Sustainable Kingston H. McGregor, Queen's University S. Morency, Student C. Fox, Student	A. McDonnell, Superintendent of Education D. Hendry, Sustainable Initiatives Co-Ordinator D. Fowler, Manager of Facility Services  Regrets: P. Bearse, KFL&A Public Health (Co-Chair) J. Hook, St. Lawrence College P. Szlachta, St. Lawrence College L. MacDonald, Loyalist Township C. Bevens-Leblanc, PIC Representative E. MacEachren, Queen's University Faculty of Education K. Maracle, Trustee
Trustees:	
J. Morning (Co-Chair)	
Guests:	Recorder:
J. Jerreat, Youth Imagine the Future Festival A. Miolée, Student	J. Dooley, Administrative Assistant

## **1. Call to Order**

Peter Bearse, Community Co-chair was not able to attend this meeting. Trustee Morning is acting chair and called the meeting to order.

## **2. Adoption of Agenda**

Adoption of minutes moved by Stana Luxford-Oddie that the minutes as presented, be approved. Carried.

## **3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

No conflict of interest declared.

## **4. Approval of Minutes**

Adoption of agenda moved by Stana Luxford-Oddie that the agenda as presented, be approved. Carried.

## **5. Welcome And Introductions**

Trustee Morning, Co-Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting with a special welcome to our new members.

Each member introduced themselves and stated which organization they belonged to.

## **6. Election of Co-Chair**

Trustee Morning put a call out for nominations for the Community Co-Chair position. Stana Luxford-Oddie volunteered for the position. No further nominations were provided. All were in favour of Stana assuming the role.

## **7. Community Presentation – Jerri Jerreat - Youth Imagine the Future Festival**

Jerri Jerreat is the director of a program called, “Youth Imagine the Future,” and is trying to include all schools. Youth in Canada are suffering from climate anxiety according to Simon Fraser U and Lakehead U and this was before this summer of extreme heat, wildfires and wildfire smoke, flooding and tornados. More than half of youth surveyed between the ages of 16 and 25 say climate change leaves them feeling sad, anxious, powerless and afraid, and nearly 40 per cent say it's affecting their daily functioning. Youth Imagine the Future is trying to turn students focus away from climate anxiety and toward solutions for the future. The group provides a free 1-hour workshop in which they explore exciting techie solutions to lower carbon emissions and restoring nature solutions. Their workshops bring them a more hopeful vision of the future if they choose to write a story or create a piece of art.

## **8. Reports For Information (Community Organizations’ Updates)**

- Student Guest – A. Miolée  
Abbie shared that in Earth Club, they have been talking about the idea of having compost set up at La Salle SS to raise awareness and reduce food waste.
- Student Representative – C. Fox  
Cassie belongs to both Student Council and the Outdoors Club and they have been discussing changing the plastic wrappings in the vending machine to paper or something more environmentally friendly than plastics. She also shared that they have Fix It Fridays. The people in the fashion course will take old clothing that no one wants and make it into something people will want to wear.
- Limestone District School Board – J. Dooley  
Nothing to report.
- Sustainable Kingston – G. Hendry  
On October 30<sup>th</sup> to November 4<sup>th</sup>, Sustainable Kingston will be doing a fall pitch in community clean up. They would love to have as much participation from the community and from schools as possible. The Kingston Climate Change Symposium will be in person this year on January 29<sup>th</sup> at the Kingston Grand. There will be an opportunity for community groups to have some representation in the lobby.
- Queen’s University -H. McGregor  
Heather is the Co-Chair of a new standing committee at Queen’s on Environmental Sustainability. One of the first initiatives is to make sure that all the courses are transparent to our teacher candidates and graduate students how the environment is being addressed in that course.

- Limestone District School Board – D. Hendry  
Dan just finished up the school transit programming. He went into all the high schools in the City of Kingston along with Loyalist Township and brought a bus and buss passes and got them into the hands of students. Next steps will be to provide our schools, including elementary schools, with field trip passes. Dan wants to communicate a clear message on how more people could potentially get involved in accessing Kingston Transit for field trips.
- Limestone District School Board – A. McDonnell  
Nothing to report but wanted to say how pleased she is to have three students joining ESAC this year.
- Limestone District School Board – Trustee J. Morning  
Trustee Morning let the Committee know that she has Portsmouth as a new ward and is trying to get familiar with the school and communities.
- Kingston Coalition for Active Transportation - R. Healey  
Kington Coalition for Active Transportation has been working with the School Streets program for the last two years. After two years, they handed it over to the schools and City to run. There have been some new plans for a new bridge that would connect Rideau Heights with Kingscourt. This pedestrian bridge would help access by walking or cycling into that neighbourhood. The City is also working on some active transportation infrastructure on Bayridge Drive.
- City of Kingston - J. Salter-Keane  
The City is pursuing various initiatives. One of these initiatives is the climate leadership working group. The four pillars of this group are energy, transportation, food and forestry, and adaptation resilience. The other initiative that was launched was looking for individuals or organizations to implement little actions within their communities to reduce greenhouse emissions. Some of the projects that they implemented were eligible for \$2000 in funding to participate.
- Limestone District School Board – D. Fowler  
Dave provided an update on the projects that were completed over the summer. There were \$21,308,744 in school condition and renewal funding for 290 projects. Capital work was completed at 55 schools and 5 new portable were added. Some of the projects completed were upkeep of gym floors, terrazzo flooring and LED upgrades. Other projects involve the building envelope which insures our buildings are weather tight. This includes roofing, windows and door replacements, masonry, and recladding. There were a multitude of mechanical projects and outdoor space upgrades. Ventilation and air conditioning continue to be a focus. Many schools had accessible washrooms added where they were missing.

## **9. Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business reported.

## **10. Next Meeting**

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 (MS Teams)

## **11. Adjournment**

Stana Luxford-Oddie adjourned the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.