

**Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Limestone District School Board**

**May 15, 2018**

A meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee was held in the Barry C. O'Connor Board Room at the Limestone Education Centre, 220 Portsmouth Avenue, Kingston, Ontario on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

**Present**

**Members:** Brooke Gilmour, St. Lawrence College  
Roger Healey, KCAT  
Robin Hutcheon, Parent Involvement Committee  
Sarah Keyes, Loving Spoonful  
Sam Laing, LDSB Student Council Representative  
Linda Malcolm, KFL&A Public Health

**Officials:** Michele Babcock, Superintendent  
Dave Fowler, Manager of Facility Services  
Joe Hendry, Capital Projects Coordinator  
Tom Mahoney, Trustee  
Paula Murray, Trustee  
Cedric Pepelea, Energy/Environmental Technologist

**Regrets:** Tracey McKenzie, County of Lennox & Addington  
Stana Luxford Oddie, Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority  
Zabe MacEachren, Faculty of Education, Queen's University  
Logan Anderson, LDSB Student Council Representative  
Tom Carpenter, SWITCH  
Pavel Graymason, Sustainable Kingston  
Kelly Pender, County of Frontenac  
Dan Hendry, Sustainable Initiatives Coordinator

**Guests:**

**Recorder:** Liz Strange, Records Management Coordinator

**1. Welcome**

Sarah Keyes welcomed those in attendance to the meeting.

Superintendent Babcock read the Indigenous Greeting:

"The Limestone District School Board is situated on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee. We acknowledge their enduring presence on this land, as well as the presence of Métis, Inuit and other First Nations from across Turtle Island.

We honour their cultures and celebrate their commitment to this land."

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Superintendent Babcock shared that long-time Trustee Jackson had passed away on April 12, 2018. The committee held a moment of silence in his honour.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

*MOVED BY: S. Laing, that the agenda of May 15, 2018 be approved. Carried.*

**3. Business Arising From the Minutes**

None at this time.

**4. Community Organization Update**

Student Representatives

S. Laing reported on the following items:

- Interschool Council had a battery battle between secondary schools. The recycled batteries will be donated so that the zinc can be extracted and donated to countries with a zinc deficiency
- The Eco-Club participated in Pitch In Kingston by cleaning La Fleur Park
- LCVI plans to run another clean-up event
- LCVI carnival will include vegan treats and garden plants for students to take home
- LCVI is in process of acquiring compost bins for the school
- Eco-Club is trying to eliminate straws at the school

KCAT

R. Healy reported that the City of Kingston Active Transportation Master plan is now live. It includes structural plans for connections for the major east-west and north-south thoroughfares. The plan also identifies neighbourhood landmarks (high schools, shopping, etc) with a focus on determining how people get to them. The City is aiming for 20% of all trips to be by active travel and aiming to raise the transit use from 9% to 15%.

Queens University, Faculty of Education

Representative not present at the meeting.

County of Frontenac

Representative not present at the meeting.

KFL&A Public Health

L. Malcolm met with both School Boards regarding applying for the Green Communities Active Travel fund. She will be meeting with a City of Kingston representative and two Queen's students to develop plans to advance active school travel.

Public health will be hosting a breakfast and 'bike in' event at LaSalle S.S. on June 5.

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SWITCH

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The County of Lennox & Addington

Representative not present at the meeting.

Sustainable Kingston

Representative not present at the meeting.

Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority

Representative not present at the meeting.

Loving Spoonful

S. Keyes reported on the following events/initiatives at Loving Spoonful:

- Food Rescue – a program to donate or accept surplus food from local organizations
- Accept surplus food from local farmer and markets to go to shelters
- Get Fresh, Get Going – a program with YMCA (Rideau Heights)
- In process of planting School GROW Gardens
- Food Insecurity in Canada presentation at Queen's University

Parent Involvement Committee

R. Hutcheon stated that PIC met on May 10 and formed a working group to address use of technology in classrooms.

It was reported that parents from different schools have expressed dissatisfaction with the Evergreen partnership. From a sustainability standpoint some parents don't think the Board should have contracted a third-party organization.

Manager Fowler stated that the intent of Evergreen is to be a consultant, not the leader of a schoolyard naturalization project. He stated that he would be happy to speak with any parents or school administration about the issue.

St. Lawrence College

B. Gilmour reported on the following program/initiatives at St. Lawrence College:

- Green Circle Salon – salons can subscribe and recycle cut hair and product containers. The program makes booms out of the hair for oil spills, etc.
- June 4th Breakfast for the Commuter Challenge
- The college will be an official 'drop bike site' through the City of Kingston.

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- Currently working on the college's Sustainability Plan
- E-waste drop-off event collected 2.9 metric tonnes of e-waste.
- Participating in Pitch-In Kingston

LDSB

Manager Fowler introduced Cedric Pepelea, who is taking over from Joe Hendry as the Energy/Environmental Technologist.

C. Pepelea provided an update for LDSB:

- Loving Spoonful gardens and reach project
- Evergreen guidelines and school yard naturalization consultation
- Transit Orientation set up for 2018/19 school year
- Water Festival – June 7, 2018

C. Pepelea shared a new video about the LDSB-City of Kingston Transit project.

**5. Other Business**

No new business.

**6. Next Meeting Date**

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

**7. Adjournment**

*MOTION: S. Laing, that the meeting adjourn. Carried*

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.