

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

**March 21, 2017**

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 Wednesday, March 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

**Present**

**Members:** Roger Healy, KCAT  
Robin Hutcheon, Parent Involvement Committee  
Sarah Keyes, Loving Spoonful  
Zabe MacEachren, Faculty of Education, Queen's University  
Tracey McKenzie, County of Lennox & Addington

**Officials:** Michele Babcock, Supervising Principal  
Dave Fowler, Manager of Facility Services - regrets  
Dan Hendry, Sustainable Initiatives Coordinator  
Joe Hendry, Energy/Environmental Technologist  
David Jackson, Trustee  
Tom Mahoney, Trustee  
William Sanderson, Student Trustee - regrets

**Regrets:** Stana Luxford Oddie, Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority  
Kathy Moulton, Hydro One  
Tom Carpenter, SWITCH  
Linda Malcolm, KFL&A Public Health  
Iain Munroe, Sustainable Kingston  
Kelly Pender, County of Frontenac  
Beth Sills, St. Lawrence College

**Guests:** Andrea Loken, OSSTF  
Liam Conway, Green Economy Kingston  
Pavel Graymason, Green Economy Kingston

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

**1. Welcome**

Trustee Jackson welcomed those in attendance to the meeting.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Due to lack of quorum the meeting proceeded as a discussion/information exchange only.

**3. Business Arising From the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**4. Community Organizations Updates**

Queens University, Faculty of Education

Z. MacEachren reported that the ECO Blast will not run this year based on student evaluations. Instead the program is looking at taking teacher candidates to Little Cataraqui Conversation Area.

The Faculty of Education is also continuing to look at a forum for sharing information.

Z. MacEachren has been approached by two local small schools afraid of closing, with a proposal regarding turning them into an environmental hub.

Hydro One

Representative not present at the meeting.

County of Frontenac

Representative not present at the meeting.

KFL&A Public Health

Representative not present at the meeting.

KCAT

KCAT is launching a master plan for Active Transportation for Kingston, based on work that began in Fall 2016. The master plan makes recommendations based on projected population growth. During peak travel time in Kingston approximately 74% are single occupancy vehicles; 2-3% cycling; more walking than typical city because of university/ hospital/ downtown core business. The goal was to reduce car trips from 74 to 69%.

Feedback indicated the need for more segregated bike lanes.

KCAT would like to share information to influence staff & students to be aware of transportation costs and environmental effects.

The K&P Trail now extends from downtown as far as Parham. KCAT is advocating for the pathway to be created for back door entry to Little Cataraqui Conversation Area, and has asked for the sidewalk to be extended. A Safety Audit is also being looked at.

SWITCH

Representative not present at the meeting.

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Several examples were shared regarding reducing emissions in infrastructure. Suggestions included: the use of recyclable materials in asphalt cement, use re-claimed asphalt pavement in new builds, and source materials locally to reduce cost and transportation.

Sustainable Kingston

Representative not present at the meeting.

Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority

Representative not present at the meeting.

Loving Spoonful

Information was shared regarding the GROW project, which is presently in 7 schools. Loving Spoonful has applied to Trillium for grant and if successful will be able to expand to 15 schools over 3 years.

Loving Spoonful has partnered with YMCA for cooking and food preparation, and physical activity.

St. Lawrence College

Representative not present at the meeting.

LDSB

The City of Kingston has extended free bus passes to Grade 8 students.

Youth Mentoring program is happening at Queen's AMS.

The Great Lake Water Festival will be taking place June 1, 2017.

LDSB is continuing with its recycling system expansion.

LDSB is also continuing its work with Evergreen.

**5. Presentation on Green Economy Kingston**

Liam Conway and Pavel Graymason attended the meeting to provide a presentation of Green Economy Kingston.

Trustee Mahoney inquired what the motivator was for St. Lawrence College's involvement. The intention was to advance their sustainability, to make a greater impact, and to transfer knowledge to students & staff.

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Trustee Mahoney inquired if there is an arm of government that handles this area, and if LDSB can lobby them as a school board. Staff were unsure, but suggested that if the board could show success then there would be something to share.

A. Loken inquired if Green Economy Kingston can show the board how practices can turn into money savings. It was explained that it can be shown over the long term (i.e lighting changes).

Trustee Mahoney stated that he would like the LDSB to go to 'cap & trade'. There was disagreement about this, as it passes cost onto consumers.

Trustee Mahoney inquired if the LDSB has ever measured its carbon footprint. J. Henry responded, noting the 397 Report, and ongoing staff training and updates.

R. Hutcheon asked if the report includes emissions from transportation. J. Hendry responded that it did not.

Trustee Mahoney stated that the LDSB buses probably produce 5 times the emissions as its buildings. He stated he'd like to see initiatives that would see LDSB as front runner.

A. Loken stated it would be valuable to calculate the cost of closing schools and their emissions versus keeping it open, including transportation data.

Trustee Jackson stated that the more rural schools that are closed, the more students who are bused. He asked that Green Economy Kingston take the discussion away to write a response and bring back to the committee in May.

R. Hutcheon asked if there was a part of the program that could be incorporated into the curriculum. The Green Economy Kingston representatives stated that they would like to work on this.

Z. MacEachren inquired if there is a network with other school boards regarding sharing information. J. Hendry replied that LDSB belongs to Energy Managers in Ontario, and that each board has someone with the responsibility for this area.

Trustee Mahoney asked where information goes once its gathered. J. Henry replied that it is used internally.

Trustee Mahoney asked what the most important thing LDSB could do. J. Hendry replied that he couldn't speak to busing, but that the LDSB works on the principal "what gets measured, gets managed".

Membership Cost is based on employee size. The LDSB is in the largest bracket, and pays an approximate \$5000 annual fee.

The Chair thanked the presenters and asked for them to follow up on questions raised.

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

Deferred.

**7. Other Business**

Several possible agenda items for future meetings were discussed.

J. Hendry shared that LDSB does publish its electricity use annually.

**8. Next Meeting Date**

May 16, 2017.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.