



**THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF THOROLD
PROCEEDINGS OF ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**ECCBAC 2-2023
Friday, March 3, 2023
Video Conference**

Committee Members Councillor O'Hare, A. Schmucker, E. Salter, J. Hamilton,
Present via Video Committee Chair Prytula, K. Royer, NPCA
Conference

Absent: Councillor Longo, L. Daniels, L. Borland

Staff Present via M. Trennum, City Clerk
Video Conference:

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Prytula called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

M. Trennum, City Clerk, read the land acknowledgement.

3. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Adoption of Agenda

M. Trennum, City Clerk, advised that M. Birbeck, Senior Planner, the staff liaison for this committee, was unable to attend. Therefore the two presentations (agenda items 7.1 and 7.2) would be brought forward to a future meeting.

Moved by: Councillor O'Hare
Seconded by: E. Salter

That Agenda ECCBAC 2-2023, **BE ADOPTED**, as amended.

CARRIED

5. Adoption of Minutes

5.1 ECCBAC Minutes

Moved by: Councillor O'Hare
Seconded by: K. Royer

That Minutes ECCBAC 1-2023, being the minutes of the Environment Climate Change & Biodiversity Advisory Committee meeting held on February 3, 2023, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

CARRIED

6. Correspondence

6.1 PWCS 1-2023

Adopt-A-Road Program Policy Review

Committee members agreed with the recommendations of the report and discussed potential options for when these cleanup dates should be scheduled.

Moved by: E. Salter
Seconded by: A. Schmucker

That Report PWCS 1-2023, dated February 8, 2023, respecting Adopt-A-Road Program Policy Review, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

CARRIED

Committee Information Request

Committee members requested staff consider holding the first clean-up day on May 9, 2023, to coincide with the Provincial Day of Action on Litter, celebrated on the second Tuesday of May each year in Ontario.

7. Presentations

7.1 PCP Program

This item was withdrawn and will be brought forward to a future committee meeting.

7.2 FCM Green Municipal Fund

This item was withdrawn and will be brought forward to a future committee meeting.

8. Committee Business

8.1 Work Plan

Committee members discussed further the possible actions and subcategories, desired outcomes and persons/groups responsible for each item. It was requested that members consider the discussion of this meeting, and the previous one, in order to complete more of the workplan document at the April meeting. Discussion concerned the following topics:

- Continued work on a private tree protection by-law and review of boulevard planting policy
- 10,000 tree initiative in coordination with other tree planting programs already in effect, such as the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority's Trees for all project (getinvolved.npca.ca/trees-for-all)
- Overarching program or initiative as a City umbrella for these programs, which could be included in the new term of Council's strategic plan (e.g. Clean, Green, Thorold)
- Inclusion of community gardens

Committee Information Request

Members requested that City staff circulate the Streetscape Master Plan to the committee to review any sections which include tree planting requirements and initiatives.

9. **Roundtable Discussion**

There were no items for the roundtable.

10. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at the call of the Chair.

11. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Joe Prytula
Committee Chair

Matthew Trennum
City Clerk