

**City of Port Colborne
Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda**

Date: Wednesday, May 14, 2025
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Engineering and Operations Centre, Committee Room
1 Killaly St West, Port Colborne

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An email was circulated by 50by30Niagara on April 12, 2025 requesting attention from the EAC and participation by local council in the Elbows Up For Climate letter to Federal Leaders.
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City of Port Colborne
Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, January 16, 2025
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Engineering and Operations Centre, Committee Room
1 Killaly St West, Port Colborne

Members Present: R. Waines
J. Hellinga
N. Gieger
T. Lamb
K. Klauck
A. Smits
O. Iwanicki

Staff Present: M. Bagu, Councillor
T. Hoyle, Councillor
Cassandra Banting
S. Morris
A. Riolino

Others Present: Curtis Dray, Manager of Roads and Parks Operations

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved By Tim Lamb

Seconded By Ryan Waines

That the agenda for the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting, dated January 16, 2025, be approved.

Carried

3. Disclosures of Interest

Nil.

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved By Tim Lamb

Seconded By Katherine Klauck

That the following minutes be approved:

- Environmental Advisory Committee - September 11, 2024
- Environmental Advisory Committee - November 13, 2024

Carried

4.1 Environmental Advisory Committee - September 11, 2024

4.2 Environmental Advisory Committee - November 13, 2024

5. Staff Updates

Tree Update (C. Dray)

Expanding the Urban Tree Canopy

- Last year council approved a budget of \$200,000 to plant trees in the urban boundary area. The City is developing a plan for this funding based on the Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP), including location and species selection. Aiming for as many native species as possible.
- In 2024, 400 trees were planted on public property (boulevards and parks). Many residents called saying they want more than one tree on their property.
- A consultant was hired to advise where the City should plant 400 trees/year for approximately 5 years to get to the 40% urban canopy.
- Staff is working with Communications to put maps on the website. Residents will get a door hanger 4-6 weeks in advance so they can contact the City if they don't want a tree or want more than one.

NPCA: Trees for All Initiative

- The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority has partnered with local community groups, environmental agencies, and government organizations that share a common interest in helping Canada reach its goal of planting 2 Billion Trees for a better tomorrow. They have

developed the Trees for All initiative with a goal of planting 1 million trees by 2031.

- Public Works will be taking a report to Council to request funding to participate in the NPCA's Trees for All program. They plant and monitor the trees for 1.5 years. In addition to our current planting plan, this would add 6,300 more trees that can be put on private property in Port Colborne. If approved, the NPCA would work with homeowners to pick tree location and type.

The Committee noted that urban tree equity should be kept in mind to ensure that the east and west sides are receiving trees equitably.

In new subdivisions there's a requirement for native trees to be planted. These programs are separate.

EV Charging Stations (C. Banting)

Public Level 2 Charging Stations

- We are ready to start the electrical make ready works for the 3 level 2 public charging station locations (2 at H.H. Knoll Park, 2 at Market Square, 2 at 105 Main Street West Parking Lot) we are just waiting for the temperature to warm up as there is concrete pouring required for the charger bases and that is better done in warmer temperatures.
- FLO has made an arrangement with the City's electrical contractor to also install the charging units.

Public Fast Charger

- FLO is working on finalizing details with CNP (the electrical utility) once schedule information is available we can update the EAC.

Charging Stations for Port Colborne Public Works and Fire Station

- Engineering has been completed for the necessary electrical infrastructure upgrades needed to accommodate the proposed electric vehicle charging stations.
- We will be putting out an RFQ to complete the electrical site work and EV charger installation.
- A new transformer is required to provide adequate power. We have preliminarily been told this has a 52 week lead time. Once we have an electrical contractor and have placed the order for the transformer we will provide schedule updates as they become available.

- As a stop gap measure two of the EV charging stations are planned to be installed at the Engineering and Operations Centre to accommodate electric vehicles that are planned to be purchased in 2025.

Electric Fleet Vehicles

- City Staff are starting to put together documentation for procurement of electric vehicles scheduled to be purchased in 2025 as part of the capital budget.

Water and Wastewater Open House (C. Banting)

The City is hosting this event in March to share water and wastewater information with the public. More information will be shared through the City's communications channels shortly.

Staffing Update (S. Morris)

The new Environmental Analyst started with our team last week.

6. Order of Business

7. 2025 Committee Workplan

Amanda Smits presented a draft of the 2025 work plan based on the discussion of the last meeting.

Goal #1: Continue to increase public awareness of municipal environmental initiatives.

Goal #2: Raise awareness of storm water/wastewater management best practices.

Goal #3: Increase awareness and advocating for electrification.

The Committee discussed initiatives related to each of the goals.

8. New Business

The City is collaborating with the Region and other municipalities on a procurement plan for developing climate action plans. Updates will be provided when available.

The Committee requested that Cassandra bring an update on the City's GHG emissions performance. More information will be shared with the Committee when available.

Councillor Bagu shared that City staff are going to FCM's Sustainable Communities Conference in February.

9. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Moved By Tim Lamb

Seconded By Ryan Waines

Carried

Chair

Staff Liaison



FOODCYCLER

Municipal Pilot Program

RESIDENT GUIDE



THE FOODCYCLER™ MUNICIPAL PILOT Welcomes You



Dear Resident,

Thank you for joining your municipality in fighting food waste by participating in the FoodCycler™ Food Waste Diversion Pilot Program.

The purpose of the FoodCycler™ Pilot Program is to measure the viability of on-site food waste processing technology as a method of waste diversion. By reducing food waste at home, you can support your municipality in their environmental goals, reduce your household's carbon footprint and extend the life of your community's local landfill.

Food Cycle Science has created this guide as a resource to you during your participation in the Pilot Program. In the following pages, you will find an FAQ section, and itemized list of items you can process with your FoodCycler™ and a table you can use to track the number of cycles done with the FoodCycler™ over the pilot period.

If you would like to purchase accessories for your FoodCycler during or after the pilot period, you can access exclusive municipal resident pricing at: <https://bit.ly/FoodCyclerMunicipalStore>

Both your municipality and Food Cycle Science are excited to have you on board for this exciting and revolutionary program. The FoodCycler™ Team and your municipal lead are always available to answer any questions you might have.

Warm regards,

THE FOOD CYCLE SCIENCE MUNICIPAL TEAM



Contact Information

To learn more about the Pilot Program, please contact your municipal program lead:

INSERT CONTACT INFORMATION

For general inquiries or technical support, please reach out to the FoodCycler™ Support Team via email:

info@foodcycler.com

(Please title your support ticket: NAME OF MUNICIPALITY – Pilot Program)

Note: We may require a proof of purchase to validate your warranty period. Please keep your receipt.

Please do NOT disassemble the FoodCycler. Disassembling the FoodCycler will void the standard manufacturer's warranty.

Connect with us!

Join our community Facebook Group!

Connect with other residents starting their food waste diversion journey!



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/313827200395439>

Want to be showcased on our social media?

Tag us on social OR send us pictures of your garden, soil amendment and the FoodCycler in action to municipal@foodcycler.com!



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How to Use Your FoodCycler™ Foodilizer™

FERTILIZE YOUR GARDEN

Mix your FoodCycler™ Foodilizer™ (the by-product at the end of the cycle) into your soil in your garden or potted plants like a fertilizer! The minimum recommended ratio of by-product to soil is 1:10. If your by-product contains a lot of meat and/or dairy products, we recommend that you increase the ratio to 1:20. For absolute best results, we recommend mixing in your Foodilizer™ with the soil approximately 6 weeks prior to planting seeds or transplanting plants. This will allow the by-product to break down and properly nourish the soil.

GIVE IT AWAY

Give your Foodilizer™ to those of your family and/or friends who garden or compost. You could also donate it to a local farmer, community garden or garden center to use as fertilizer.

ADD IT TO YOUR COMPOSTER

Mix your Foodilizer™ into your existing backyard composter - or give it to a friend who composts! Adding FoodCycler™ by-product will accelerate the composting process. We recommend that you only add the by-product to non-tumbling composters. We also recommend using the by-product as a "green" (or nitrogen) compost element, incorporating the "brown" (or carbon) materials at the same ratio you normally would with regular food scraps. Your carbon elements can be paper products or dead leaves.

THROW IT AWAY

You can dispose of the by-product in your green bin or in the garbage. Foodilizer™ is still exponentially reduced in volume and liquid mass, and will contribute considerably less waste to landfills and associated emissions.

FAQ

WHAT ABOUT MOLD?

Mold in your garden soil indicates that your by-product has begun to break down in the soil - it's a good sign! If you're concerned about mold at any point you can simply sprinkle some cinnamon (a natural antibacterial) around the area of concern.

FOODILIZER™ COLOR & TEXTURE

Your Foodilizer™ will vary in color and texture depending on the composition of the materials you added to the cycle.

STORING MY FOODILIZER™

You can store your Foodilizer™ indefinitely in a sealed container/bucket. The material will not degrade as long as it is kept dry!

ODORS & ANIMALS

If you notice that your garden plot smells or shows evidence of attracting critters after incorporating your Foodilizer™, this indicates that the by-product is not properly mixed into the soil. Add more soil to the area and mix well.

WHAT HAPPENS IF IT GETS WET?

Please note that Foodilizer™ will produce odours and methane emissions if exposed to liquid and left in anaerobic conditions (such as your garbage bin, or in an untended compost pile). Incorporate Foodilizer™ into an aerobic environment (garden soil or a regularly maintained/turned compost pile) to ensure your by-product remains odourless and eco-friendly!



Pilot Project Tracking Sheet

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please track the number of cycles you do every day for the Pilot period in the table below.

WEEK	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	WEEK TOTAL
1								
2								
3								
4								
5								
6								
7								
8								
9								
10								
11								
12								
Total number of cycles during Pilot period:								

Notes/Comments/Suggestions:

FAQ



FOR MORE FAQS VISIT:

<https://foodcycler.com/pages/faq>



FOR HOW-TO VIDEOS VISIT:

<https://foodcycler.com/pages/how-it-works-video>

How much energy does the unit consume?

Each cycle consumes approximately 0.8-1.5 kWh per cycle, which is roughly equivalent to having a desktop computer running for the same amount of time as the cycle. Depending on where you live, using the FoodCycler™ regularly should not cost you more than \$2-\$4 per month. The FoodCycler™ has built-in sensor technology that monitors the dryness and humidity of the food waste. Once complete, the unit will stop the cycle automatically.

How long does the cycle last?

In the FoodCycler™ Eco 5™, a typical cycle takes between 4-9 hours for the food waste to become completely dehydrated and processed into the by-product. For the FC-30 units it takes 4-8 for the food waste to become completely dehydrated and processed. The time needed depends on the amount of food waste being processed, the density of the food wastes and the moisture levels contained in each. Please note that these estimates exclude the unit's cooling time which lasts less than a half hour on average.

How long will my filters last?

The carbon filters last between 3-4 months with regular use, or 500 cycle hours. The life expectancy of the carbon filters is determined by the moisture content of the food waste, and the natural odours of the food waste. Denser, wetter and smellier food wastes will go through filters much faster than simple veggie scraps and egg shells. The filter light sensor is a guide only - the best indication of whether your filters require replacement is odour. Please see your device manual for instructions to reset the filter light. You can buy replacement filters at: <https://bit.ly/FoodCyclerMunicipalStore>

Where can I store my FoodCycler™?

Nearly any covered area with access to an outlet. The FoodCycler™ must be in a closed, dry environment where there is no risk of it being rained on or otherwise subjected to the elements. Possible locations include heated garages, basements, pantries, or your kitchen.

What should I cycle?

The best cycle is one with a lot of variety. Please see the following 2 pages for a general list of what you can and cannot process in each of the FoodCyclers™.

The FoodCycler™ Do's & Don'ts

FOODCYCLER™ ECO 5



Yes	✓ VEGGIE & FRUIT SCRAPS ✓ MEAT, FISH, POULTRY ✓ POULTRY & FISH BONES ✓ COFFEE GRINDS & TEA LEAVES Including coffee filters & tea bags ✓ BEANS, SEEDS & LEGUMES ✓ EGGS & EGGSHELLS ✓ SHELLFISH Including shells
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Small Amounts	✋ SAUCES, DRESSINGS & GRAVIES ✋ DAIRY PRODUCTS ✋ JELLIES, JAMS & PUDDINGS ✋ STARCHES Including bread, rice, cake, etc. ✋ PORK & LAMB BONES ✋ HARD PITS Including peach, apricot, lychee & mango
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Cut Up Prior ✂ PAPER TOWEL/TISSUE ✂ CORN COBS & HUSKS ✂ WHOLE VEGETABLES ✂ PINEAPPLE LEAVES ✂ FIBROUS PLANTS Including celery, asparagus, parsley, etc.	No ✗ CARDBOARD ✗ OILS & FATS ✗ CANDY & GUM ✗ MOST "COMPOSTABLE" PLASTICS ✗ BEEF BONES
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To: 50by30Niagara <50by30niagara@gmail.com>

Subject: Letter from Mayors and Councillors to Federal Party Leaders

Good morning,
I'm reaching out to you because I believe you are involved on the
Environmental Advisory Committee in your municipality, or may know those who are.

Below is an email I sent out this morning on behalf of our climate group, 50by30Niagara, to every mayor and councillor in the Niagara Region. It has to do with a letter that was sent to the top five federal party leaders by over 120 mayors and councillors from across Canada. In essence these councillors and mayors want the federal parties to commit to taking action on climate change, both to reduce emissions as well as deal with adaptation.

So far no mayor or councillor from the Niagara Region has signed on to this letter, and we at 50by30Niagara believe this needs to change.

I also feel that this is something that an EAC could take up - would you encourage your local council to sign on to this letter? Feel free to let me know how we can help you out with this.

If you have not yet been added to the 50by30Niagara email list and would like to be, please reply to this email. Emails go out approximately every 2 weeks or so.

Here's the letter i sent out:

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Good day,

I'm writing to you on behalf of 50by30Niagara, a climate action group here in Niagara that would like to see every municipality reduce its climate emissions 50% by 2030, on the way to 0 emissions by 2050. We have been around for 3 years now, and have an email group of over 750 recipients, and an instagram following over 450.

I'm wondering if you saw [the recent article](#) regarding a letter that was sent to every party leader from over 120 mayors and councillors across Canada?

These mayors and councillors want "the next federal government to build a national electric grid that includes the North, move ahead with a high-speed rail network, build two million non-market "green homes," make homes and buildings more energy efficient and fund a "national resilience, response and recovery strategy." You can [read the article](#) here.

We would love it if you as an individual councillor or mayor would add your names to this letter. Even better would be if your municipal council would sign the letter in an official capacity. All you have to do is [go to this link](#) and fill in the form.

Personally, I don't feel we need to fully agree with the specific details of every aspect of these proposals; the ever increasing rate of heat-waves, droughts, floods, and wildfires that are devastating our communities and way of life need intervention, and our local municipalities need the support of the federal government to reduce emissions and address the effects of climate change.

Please add your name [by going to this link](#); if you sign the letter please let me know.

<https://elbowsupforclimate.ca/>

If there's anything else I can do for you please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thanks for all you do for our community.

All the best,
Herb Sawatzky
50by30Niagara

