

City of Port Colborne
Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2026
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

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved By Katherine Klauck
Seconded By Jack Hellinga

Carried

3. Disclosures of Interest

None.

4. Approval of Minutes

Moved By Tim Lamb
Seconded By Norbert Gieger

Carried

5. Staff Updates

S. Morris and C. Banting provided the Committee with the following staff updates.

There are a few upcoming reports to Council that will be of particular interest to the Committee. One being the Corporate Climate Action Plan. The Committee will provide comments on a draft version of the plan to Chair Smits by January 28 to provide to S. Morris by February 4. The Committee will vote to endorse this plan at the next committee meeting.

The CAO and C. Banting submitted a letter to the Provincial Government through the Environmental Registry of Ontario expressing concerns about the amalgamation of conservation authorities. C. Banting will circulate a copy of the letter to the Committee members.

The City will be completing a major website update this year. Feedback that was previously provided by the EAC will be considered during the updates.

6. Order of Business

6.1 2026 EAC Workplan

The Committee discussed the 2026 workplan. Chair Smits will draft a plan for the Committee to discuss and vote on at the next meeting.

6.2 Funding Opportunity

The Committee discussed a funding opportunity shared by Jungbunzlauer.

7. New Business

S. Morris shared the following 2026 EAC meeting dates and proposed that the Fall tree giveaway take place on September 19.

- January 14
- February 11
- April 8
- June 10
- September 9

- November 18 (dependent on the fall election)

8. Adjournment

Moved By Norbert Gieger
Seconded By Ryan Waines

Adjournment

Carried

Chair

Staff Liaison