



## Clean, Green & Beautiful Committee Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

McNaughton Room - 3rd Floor, City Hall

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1. **Clean, Green and Beautiful Committee Meeting 04-2025**  
Chair: Stephen Margarit
2. **Members**  
Councillor Rajni Agarwal, City Council  
Daniel Hansen, Public Art Committee  
Matthew Hills, Thunder Bay Art Gallery  
Kyle Jessiman, Medium Business Representative  
Stephen Margarit, Large Business Representative  
Peter Mersch, Landscape Design  
Andy Puiatti, Architectural  
Morgan Staal, Small Business Representative  
Kennedy Bucci, Eco Superior  
Jason Veltri, Citizen Representative  
Albert Viljoen, Citizen Representative
3. **Officials**  
Cynthia Olsen, Director - Strategy & Engagement  
Danielle Thom, Climate Action Specialist  
Lori Wiitala, Committee Clerk/Legislative Specialist
4. **Guests**  
Karen Kadolph, Special Events Developer  
Albert Brulé, Chief Executive Officer - United Way of Thunder Bay  
Martina Johns, Volunteer Coordinator & Community Engagement - United Way of Thunder Bay
5. **Welcome and Disclosures of Interest**
6. **Agenda Approval**  
WITH RESPECT to the April 23, 2025, meeting of the Clean, Green and Beautiful Committee, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

## **7. Presentations**

### **7.1 Kite Festival - Green Event Initiative**

Special Events Developer Karen Kadolph to provide a presentation on the Kite Festival - Green Event Initiative.

### **7.2 Day of Caring - United Way of Thunder Bay**

Albert Brulé, Chief Executive Officer - United Way of Thunder Bay and Martina John, Volunteer Coordinator & Community Engagement - United Way of Thunder Bay to provide a presentation on the annual Day of Caring event.

## **8. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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The Minutes of Meeting 02-2025 of the Clean, Green and Beautiful Committee, held on March 26, 2025, to be confirmed.

THAT the Minutes of Meeting 02-2025 of the Clean, Green and Beautiful Committee, held on March 26, 2025, be confirmed.

## **9. Thunder Bay Climate Transition Collaborative Presentation**

Danielle Thom, Climate Action Specialist to provide an update on the Thunder Bay Climate Transition Collaborative Presentation.

## **10. Emerging Projects and High School Projects**

Danielle Thom, Climate Action Specialist to provide an update on Emerging Projects and High School Projects.

## **11. Public Art Committee Update**

Daniel Hansen to provide an update relative to the Public Art Committee.

## **12. Heritage Advisory Committee Update**

This item will be deferred until a replacement is appointed.

## **13. New Business**

## **14. Round Table and Announcements**

## **15. Next Meeting**

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- Wednesday, October 22, 2025
- Wednesday, November 26, 2025
- Wednesday, December TBD

**16. Adjournment**



## **Clean, Green and Beautiful Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, March 26, 2025, 10:03 a.m.**  
**McNaughton Room - 3rd Floor, City Hall**

### **1. Clean, Green and Beautiful Committee Meeting 02-2025**

Chair: Stephen Margarit

### **2. Members**

Councillor Rajni Agarwal, City Council  
Matthew Hills, Thunder Bay Art Gallery  
Stephen Margarit, Large Business Representative  
Peter Mersch, Landscape Design  
Andy Puiatti, Architectural  
Morgan Staal, Small Business Representative  
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Jason Veltri, Citizen Representative

### **3. Officials**

Cynthia Olsen, Director - Strategy & Engagement  
Danielle Thom, Climate Action Specialist  
Lori Wiitala, Committee Clerk/Legislative Specialist

### **4. Welcome and Disclosures of Interest**

### **5. Agenda Approval**

MOVED BY: Matthew Hills  
SECONDED BY: Morgan Staal

WITH RESPECT to the March 26, 2025, meeting of the Clean, Green and Beautiful Committee, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

## **6. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of Meeting 01-2025 of the Clean, Green and Beautiful Committee, held on January 22, 2025, to be confirmed.

MOVED BY: Jason Veltri  
SECONDED BY: Andy Puiatti

THAT the Minutes of Meeting 01-2025 of the Clean, Green and Beautiful Committee, held on January 22, 2025, be confirmed.

CARRIED

## **7. Updated Terms of Reference (TOR)**

The following changes were recommended:

- Deliverables, add the following:  
'The Clean, Green & Beautiful logo and the City of Thunder Bay logo will be included on all outgoing correspondence'
- Membership, remove: Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport Representative
- Membership, add: Citizen Representative
- Membership, addition of the following 2 paragraphs:  
  
'Members are expected to participate in Advisory Committee meetings and be actively engaged in the planning and execution of program activities and initiatives.  
  
Members are expected to attend all regularly scheduled meetings of the Committee as is reasonably possible, advising the Council & Committee Clerk or Chair, in advance of any absence. Should a member fail to attend three consecutive meetings, the appointment to the Committee will be subject to review. Members who miss four meetings in a year without cause will be removed from the Committee.'

Discussion was held regarding the importance of governmental representation from all levels on the committee; the Ministry of Tourism,

Culture and Sport Representative position has been vacant since 2022; an alternate representative was not appointed. It was also noted that provincial funding was not provided. It was recommended to present this information to Intergovernmental Affairs Committee.

MOVED BY: Jason Veltri

SECONDED BY: Kennedy Bucci

WITH RESPECT to the Clean, Green & Beautiful Terms of Reference, we recommend approving the changes as outlined.

CARRIED

## **8. Thunder Bay Climate Transition Collaborative Presentation**

John Stephenson, Principal Architect - FormStudio Architects and Dr. Margaret Woods, Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, Members of The Thunder Bay Climate Transition Collaborative, provided a presentation on Green Development Standards and requested a Memorandum of support.

Following the presentation from John Stephenson and Dr. Margaret Woods at the February 26, 2025 meeting, the Committee discussed drafting a Memorandum of support in principle relative to the development of Green Development Standards (GDS) in Thunder Bay.

Members of the Thunder Bay Climate Transition Collaborative intend to bring a deputation to Council in April with a letter of support from the EarthCare Advisory Committee, requesting the work be referred back to Administration for feasibility and framework options.

Concern was raised regarding the high costs to implement GDS and achieve net zero goals. A Member advised that GDS is currently being phased into building codes, and this will be the standard going forward.

The Committee discussed the Memorandum of support that was provided by the EarthCare Advisory Committee; Climate Action Specialist Danielle Thom provided the Memo as an example and will work with Chair Margarit to draft a Memorandum of Support in principle.

MOVED BY: Jason Veltri

SECONDED BY: Matthew Hills

WITH RESPECT to the presentation from John Stephenson, Principal Architect - FormStudio Architects and Dr. Margaret Woods, Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, Members of The Thunder Bay Climate Transition

Collaborative on Green Development Standards, we recommend that a Memorandum of support in principle be drafted and presented to Council for consideration, in April 2025.

CARRIED

## **9. Emerging Projects and High School Projects Documents Review**

The Committee will discuss the Emerging Projects and High School Projects documents.

The following edits were recommended:

Emerging Projects:

- Launch date for beginning of April
- Update the website
- Prepare media release for launch
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> is the proposed deadline for submissions
- Working group is recommended to review applications

Working Group Members include:

Councillor Rajni Agarwal  
Matthew Hills  
Kennedy Bucci  
Stephen Margarit

## **10. Remembrance Day Banners**

Councillor Rajni Agarwal provided an update regarding the Remembrance Day Banners.

Funds for this project will be reused from a WWI project that didn't transpire. The banners will hang along Memorial Avenue from September – November 30<sup>th</sup>. City of Thunder Bay Roads Department will install the poles and rods and will hang and remove the banners annually; the poles can be rented during other by the community during the other months.

Families of the veterans will provide a photo release and confirm Canadian service as a requirement is to historically be a resident of Thunder Bay, Veteran Affairs recommended Canadian Service recognition only.

Discussion was held regarding who will take the project on after inception, the working group will discuss and provide recommendations at a future meeting.

The Committee agreed that this project will be put on hold until details regarding the future of the project can be confirmed.

**11. Public Art Committee Update**

No update was available.

**12. Heritage Advisory Committee Update**

The Heritage Advisory Committee (HAC) Member appointed to attend the Clean, Green & Beautiful Committee recently resigned, and the HAC will discuss a replacement appointee at a future meeting.

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**16. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.