



EarthCare Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, December 18, 2024, 5:32 p.m.
McNaughton Room - 3rd Floor, City Hall**

1. EarthCare Advisory Committee Meeting 06-2024

Chair: Shannon Costigan

2. Members

Shannon Costigan
Kiera Essex
Taylor Munro
Sandra Stiles

3. Officials

Michelle Warywoda, Director - Environment Division
Louisa Costanzo, Manager - Community Safety & Well-Being
Jacob Porter, Climate Adaptation Coordinator
Danielle Thom, Climate Action Specialist
Lori Wiitala, Committee Clerk/Legislative Specialist

4. Land Acknowledgement

Keira Essex of the EarthCare Advisory Committee provided a Land Acknowledgement.

5. Welcome and Disclosures of Interest

6. Agenda Approval

MOVED BY: Sandra Stiles
SECONDED BY: Keira Essex

WITH RESPECT to the December 18, 2024, meeting of the EarthCare Advisory Committee, we recommend that the agenda as printed, including any additional information and new business, be confirmed.

CARRIED

7. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

The Minutes of Meeting 05-2024 of the EarthCare Advisory Committee, held on November 20, 2024, be confirmed.

MOVED BY: Keira Essex
SECONDED BY: Taylor Munro

THAT the Minutes of Meeting 05-2024 of the EarthCare Advisory Committee, held on November 20, 2024, be confirmed.

CARRIED

8. Net-Zero Strategy and Sustainability Update

Danielle Thom, Climate Action Specialist provided an update on Net-Zero Strategy and Sustainability.

Maamawe – All together. We honour the truth and reconcile for the future.

The Mayor’s Monarch Pledge 2024 report has been submitted and approved.

Safety and well-being. Our community is healthy, safe, and strong.

Confederation College Energy Summit 2025 will be held at Confederation College on February 27, 2025. Three panel moderators have been confirmed Jacob Porter, John Stephenson and Amy Coomes; invitations will be distributed in the new year.

Lakehead University Innovation Week: Heat Pump Event will be held on February 26, 2025, location tbd. Panelist invitations and promotion will begin in 2025.

Growth. We attract and retain new and diverse businesses and community members.

Phase 2: Home Energy Improvement Loan Program Design. Initial interviews have been conducted with local contractors, the workforce development lead from Confederation College, potential financial partners (Bay Credit Union, Northern Credit Union, TD Bank), and Synergy North. Public engagement is underway; a Get Involved survey for homeowners opened on December 2, 2024 and will close on January 31, 2025. Public information sessions were conducted at Goods & Co. and the Thunder Bay Country Market. The last session will be held at Intercity Shopping Centre on January 18.

Sustainability. We advance a thriving economy and environment.

Boulevard Garden and Maintenance By-law report back date was December 16, 2024; the Draft By-Law was referred back to Administration, and an amended version of the Draft By-Law will be presented on January 13, 2025.

9. Climate Adaptation Update

Jacob Porter, Climate Adaptation Coordinator provided an update relative to Climate Adaptation.

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- Presented on climate risks and urban planning considerations at northwest planning forum.
- Application submitted to FCM for updating adaptation strategy with improved equity considerations.

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- Provided in-kind support to Emergency Food Plan's emergency exercise in December
- Heat mapping undertaken with CityStudio and Confederation College; the data will help inform what interventions may be most effective

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- Will moderate panel on resilient infrastructure at energy summit in February

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- Risk assessment for all asset classes is underway as part of the asset management plan

- Climate lens guidance for Thunder Bay focused on climate adaptation and equity is being developed in partnership with the Ontario Resource Centre for Climate Adaptation

10. Gratitude

Committee Members and Administration provided a roundtable of gratitude.

11. Next Meeting

The EarthCare Advisory Committee Meetings will be held the 3rd Wednesday of each month with the exception of July and August, in the McNaughton Room, at 4:00 p.m. as follows:

- Wednesday, January 15, 2025
- Wednesday, February 19, 2025
- Wednesday, March 19, 2025
- Wednesday, April 16, 2025
- Wednesday, May 21, 2025
- Wednesday, June 18, 2025
- Wednesday, September 17, 2025
- Wednesday, October 15, 2025
- Wednesday, November 19, 2025
- Wednesday, December 17, 2025

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.