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Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, September 14, 2026
City Hall Council Chambers
4:00 p.m.

Present: Craig Debbo
Kim Mowrey
Brie McCardle
Councillor Lisa Moncrief
Ashley Shouldice
Rory McMillan
Lisa Devlin
Stephanie Charles

Regrets: Ashley Nordlund, Peter Kirby

City Staff: Greg Breen, Director of Infrastructure & Operations
Heather Pihulak, Deputy CAO/City Clerk

1. Call Meeting to Order and Land Acknowledgment

Craig Debbo, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and read a Land Acknowledgment.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were none declared.

3. Adopt Minutes of Previous Meetings

Motion #1 - Moved by L. Moncrief, Seconded by R. McMillan & Carried: -

That the Minutes of the Regular Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting held June 1, 2026 be confirmed as written and filed.

4. Previous Action Items

a) Update the Action Plan tracker

Chair Ashley Nordlund has been updating the tracker on behalf of the Committee. Heather asked everyone to review the last version of the tracker that Ashley provided and ensure everything is captured so we have a final Action Tracker for the next Committee. Please send your updates to Ashley by October 1st.

Councillor Koch has proposed a Notice of Motion regarding native plants and landscaping standards. If Council supports the motion moving forward, it will go forward to staff to research and bring a report to the new Council for changing the landscaping standards for City properties.

b) Litta trap project

The litter traps arrived and the department installed five of them. They had to make modifications to the catch basins themselves to have them fit, so they have been in the catch basins for about 2.5 months and were just pulled out.

Interestingly we found very few things in the traps, only granola bar wrappers and other wrappers, and the majority of the materials were leaves and natural debris. There were no needles found at all. There was nothing found to say 'what could this be'. It's picking up some small amount of garbage but nothing of significance. The city summer students pick up a lot of needles and there are a considerable number of staff downtown and for 6-7 weeks. Our season is more April to Thanksgiving and will be having further discussion about how we address the downtown clean up on a longer basis.

We just pulled them to remove them for the season. They are back now and will continue to monitor them. There are four Harbourn staff in the downtown area full-time.

They will go in April of next year. We may see some this fall – but spring is always the worst time of the year but there is a lot of garbage. We will be able to continue to use them year after year. We could look at moving them around and focus on the ones that go directly into the lake.

The next committee could consider cleaning off the stormwater grates as a public communication as that helps with weather events.

c) Backyard Composter Survey

Heather will ask Kerri from communications to send out the backyard composter survey again to the customers who purchased.

Steph will put it on the workplan that the survey is sent out. Steph will also send the data analysis from last time for the next committee to review.

It is interesting that the bears that are out now, garbage has been strewn around but the composters have never been touched.

Councillor Moncrief thanked the committee for their work, and it has been very rewarding to get to know everyone on this committee. The value added by this committee and enacting the priorities of the plan.

6. Next Meeting Date

First meeting with new Committee will be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.