



# AGENDA

## Environmental Action Committee Meeting

4:30 PM - Wednesday, May 8, 2024

MacBain Community Centre - Boardroom

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

2.1. Committee minutes of April 10, 2024

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3. **DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Disclosures of pecuniary interest and a brief explanation thereof will be made for the current Council Meeting at this time.

4. **WELCOME**

David Antonsen and Erica Hammond - Presentation: Baden Powell Woodland Conservation Project and Willick Road Woodlot.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING**

5.1. Walker Tour Details Confirmed

6. **EVENTS & PROGRAMS**

6.1. Earth Day Clean-Up - Review

6.2. Mother Earth Day - Volunteer Overview

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

8. **NEXT MEETING**

8.1. June 12, 2024

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

9.1. Meeting adjournment



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**PRESENT:** Councillor Victor Pietrangelo, Councillor Mike Strange, Sheila DeLuca, Aniko Bzdyl, Paisley January-Pool, John Anstruther, John Brucato, Jennifer Baldinelli, Frank Fohr, Paul Bongers, Debbie Cank-Thatcher, Patricia Mascarin, Carly Milani, Thomas Mingle, Pat Futino, John Morocco, and Tina Overstrom

**EXCUSED:**

**STAFF:** Jeff Guarasci, Community Development Coordinator

### 1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM

### 2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Committee minutes of March 6, 2024

Moved by Jennifer Baldinelli  
Seconded by John Brucato

That the minutes of (date) are approved as presented.

**Carried Unanimously**

### 3 DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

### 4 BUSINESS ARISING

a) Trail Use Etiquette - Discussion

Discussion regarding trail use etiquette took place. Select members have volunteered to discuss the topic further and to work with staff to devise a strategy to help enhance public trail etiquette. The first meeting is set for Monday, May 27, 2024. Committee members include John Morocco, Paul Bongers, John Anstruther, Jennifer Baldinelli, Aniko Bzdyl and John Brucato.

b) Edward Burtynsky Eco Art Show - Discussion

The committee was open to supporting securing an event involving Edward Burtynsky in 2025, pending costing level.

c) Wetlands Conservation Partner Program - Discussion

Staff indicated that funding is currently being reviewed for opportunities involving the Wetland Conservation Program.

d) Walker Tour - Update

The following members are interested in attending a tour of the Walker complex tentatively scheduled for Friday, May 27, 2024: Paul Bongers, Pat Futino, Pat Mascarin, Carly Milani, Aniko Bzdyl, Tina Overstrom, John Anstruther, Leslie Laan

## 5 EVENTS & PROGRAMS

a) Spring Events - Update

1. Curbside Give-a-way is set for Saturday, April 13 from 7 am to 5pm.

2. Earth Day Clean-Up. The following members have indicated that they will volunteer during the event on Monday, April 22, 2024 at the MacBain Community Centre: Pat Mascarin, Pat Futino, Aniko Bzdyl, John Brucato, John Anstruther. Cemetery Services will be providing an additional volunteer clean-up event on Saturday, April 27th starting from the Fairview Cemetery.

3. Community Gardens Program. Links For Greener Learning will be constructing the community garden at the MacBain Community Centre on Saturday, May 4.

4. Mother Earth Day. Pat Futino, Pat Mascarin and Leslie Laan attending the SCVFA Easter Egg Hunt to help promote the Mother Earth Day event. Currently all demonstrators are confirmed and over 50 vendors have been secured for the event. Niagara Transit has been contracted to host shuttle service to and from Club Italia and Firemen's Park for the duration of the event. The following members have confirmed to volunteer at the event: Tina Overstrom, John Brucato, John Anstruther, Aniko Bzdyl, Carly Milani, Pat Mascarin, Debbie Cank-Thatcher, Leslie Laan, Sheila Deluca.

5. Tree Planting. 35 trees will be planted at Preakness Park by volunteer on Tuesday, April 30th, 2024 to celebrate Ontario's Arbor Week. The following committee members will volunteer for the event: Frank Fohr, John Anstruther, Pat Futino, Pat Mascarin.

b) Summer Trillium Awards - Discussion

The following members have committed to volunteer for the program: Sheila Deluca, Debbie Cank-Thatcher, Aniko Bzdyl, Leaslie Laan, John Brucato, Pat Mascarin, Jennifer Baldinelli. Staff will setup a meeting to discuss particulars in late May, 2024.

**6 NEW BUSINESS**

**7 NEXT MEETING**

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**8 ADJOURNMENT**

- a) Meeting adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

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