



Energy & Environment Advisory Committee (E&E)

AGENDA

Date: Thursday, March 5, 2026

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: Rotary Complex – Mansbridge Room, 353 McCarthy Road W., Stratford ON

Committee Members: Councillor Jo-Dee Burbach – Chair Presiding, Mike Sullivan, Felicity Sutcliffe, Anita Jacobsen, Craig Merkley, Anna Stratton, Ken Clarke, Vanni Azzano, Julia Schneider, Councillor Larry McCabe, Roger Cotton, Quinn Kearsley, Scott Rutherford

Staff: Emily Skelding – Supervisor of Waste Operations, Autumn Loosemore – Manager of Climate Change Programs, Vicky Trotter – Council Committee Coordinator, Stuart Filson – Supervisor of Planning Policy & Placemaking, Casey Riehl – Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

Chair to call the meeting to order.

Reading of the Land Acknowledgment and A Moment of Silent Reflection

Reading of the Respectful Workplace Conduct Statement

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

The Municipal Conflict of Interest Act requires any member declaring a pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof, where the interest of a member has not been disclosed by reason of the member's absence from the meeting, to disclose the interest at the first open meeting attended by the member and to otherwise comply with the Act. Name, Item and General Nature of Pecuniary Interest

3. Adoption of the Previous Minutes – February 5, 2026

Motion by

Seconded by

THAT the minutes from the Energy & Environment Advisory Committee meeting dated February 5, 2026 be adopted as printed.

4. Delegate: Stuart Filson, Supervisor of Planning Policy & Placemaking – Green Development Standards

5. **Updates from Working Groups** – Ecological, Education & Engagement
6. **Update from the Supervisor of Waste Operations** – Emily Skelding
7. **Update from the Manager of Climate Change Programs** – Autumn Loosemore
8. **Update from the SDSS Eco Club** – Quinn Kearsey
9. **Update on E&E Motions** – Vicky Trotter

No New Updates to Report.

10. **Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

10.1 Climate Conversations Update – Felicity Sutcliffe

10.2 Free Transit in Stratford – Mike Sullivan

WHEREAS the City of Stratford adopted a Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP) in 2024 which provides plans to reduce the City's emissions by 30% by 2030;

AND WHEREAS the CCAP outlines plans for the reduction of the use of personal vehicles, which create nearly 50% of the city's GHS emissions;

AND WHEREAS the increased use of public transit will contribute to a reduction in GHG emissions;

THEREFORE the Energy and Environment Committee requests that City Council, in order to promote the wider use of public transit, begin the budgetary and administrative process to implement a one-year trial of free transit commencing in 2027 and lost fare revenue be replaced with savings from fare collection procedures and rebates from provincial gas tax revenue.

11. **New Business**

None noted.

12. **Upcoming Events**

- Energy Conservation, Renewable Energy Support Programs & District Energy (Peter Love) – March 11, 2026
- Plant Based Cooking (SDSS Eco Club/The Local) – April 8/26 (The Local) 7-9 p.m.
- Stratford Home & Leisure Show – April 11 & 12, 2026
- Green Things (A collaboration with ecological groups) – May 2026

13. Date of Next Meeting: April 2, 2026 – 4:00 p.m. – **City Hall** - Auditorium, 1 Wellington Street, Stratford ON

14. Adjournment

Motion by

Seconded by

THAT the March 5, 2026 Energy & Environment Advisory Committee meeting adjourn.