



## Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee Agenda

Wednesday, November 6, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting

Whitby Town Hall

This Advisory Committee meeting will be held in a hybrid meeting format. Members of the public will be permitted to attend this meeting virtually or in-person. Those wishing to attend the meeting virtually are required to email [clerk@whitby.ca](mailto:clerk@whitby.ca) by noon on the business day prior to the meeting in order to obtain the virtual meeting link.

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- **To speak during the Advisory Committee meeting either in-person or virtually**, please submit a Delegation Request Form online to the Office of the Town Clerk by 8:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Should you be unable to access a computer, please call 905.430.4315 to speak with a Staff Member in the Office of the Town Clerk.

A Revised Agenda may be published on a later date. Late items added or a change to an item will appear with an asterisk beside them.

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1. **Call to Order**
  2. **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**
  3. **Approval of Previous Minutes**  
Recommendation:  
That the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee minutes of October 2, 2024 be approved.
  4. **Presentations**
    - 4.1 Ingrid Janssen, Volunteer, Little Forests Durham  
Re: Little Forests Durham Program
  5. **Delegations**
  6. **General Business and Reports**
    - 6.1 Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee Work Plan Review

6.2 Committee Participation at November Town Christmas Events

6.3 Sustainability Events

7. **Correspondence**

8. **Council Update**

9. **Other Business**

10. **Next Meeting**

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.

11. **Adjournment**

Recommendation:

That the meeting adjourn.



## Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee Minutes

October 2, 2024, 7:00 p.m.  
Hybrid Meeting  
Whitby Town Hall

Present: Wenda Abel  
Sara Best, Vice-Chair  
Janet Dignem  
Brian Kelly  
Patti Mavins  
Catherine Philogene  
Bryan Widner, Chair  
Bob Willard  
Zartasha Zainab

Regrets: Andrea Cecchetto

Also Present: Councillor Leahy, Mayor's Designate  
Kristin Palilionis, Staff Liaison, Climate Change Coordinator  
Heather Ellis, Council and Committee Coordinator (Recording Secretary)

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1. Call to Order
  2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Recommendation:

Moved by Sara Best

That the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee minutes of September 4, 2024 be approved.

**Carried**

## 4. Presentations

### 4.1 Catherine Philogene, Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee Member Re: Sustainable Finance

Catherine Philogene provided a presentation regarding Sustainable Finance. Highlights of the presentation included:

- details about sustainable finance;
- sustainable development goals set by the United Nations;
- examples of sustainable investments including green bonds, social bonds, sustainability bonds, and sustainability-linked bonds;
- sustainable investing and the integration of environment, social, and corporate governance (ESG) risk factors; and,
- Canadian regulations of sustainable finance and standards.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- concerns about greenwashing and Bill C-59;
- information about the green bond label and why it is important for investors;
- information about interest rates for green bonds and how they compare to market trends; and,
- where to find additional information on sustainable financial taxonomies around the world.

## 5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

## 6. General Business and Reports

### 6.1 Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Program (SNAP)

Kristin Palilionis advised that the neighbourhood of West Lynde was recommended by Staff for the SNAP pilot project. Ms. Palilionis stated that the SNAP Pilot Project - Neighbourhood Selection Report would be considered by Council at the Regular Council Meeting on October 7, 2024.

### 6.2 Sustainability Events

Kristin Palilionis provided an update regarding sustainability events including:

- the Forest Therapy Walk on September 21, 2024;
- the Tree Planting event hosted by LEAF on September 20, 2024 at Kelloryn Park; and,
- details about upcoming local events including Energy Efficiency Day (October 2, 2024), the Durham Climate Roundtable Fall Forum (October 19, 2024), the Waste Reduction Event (October 26, 2024), and Waste Reduction Week (October 21 to 27, 2024).

Brian Kelly provided an update regarding the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee booth at the Harvest Festival.

7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

8. Council Update

Councillor Leahy provided an update regarding:

- the Tree Planting event hosted by LEAF;
- the SNAP pilot project; and,
- how to provide feedback for Whitby's municipal multi-year budget.

9. Other Business

9.1 Habitat for Humanity Greater Toronto Area

Brian Kelly stated that Council approved the conveyance of Town-owned lands at Hickory Street South and Colborne Street East, and at Dunlop Street East and Hickory Street South to Habitat for Humanity Greater Toronto Area during the June 24, 2024 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Kelly further stated that the land would be used to build 40 affordable housing units. He advised that he requested information from Habitat for Humanity Greater Toronto Area regarding the cost and type of heating systems they were planning to install.

9.2 Windfall Ecology Centre

Brian Kelly advised that Windfall Ecology Centre would be conducting a series of workshops on heat pumps throughout the Region of Durham.

10. Next Meeting

Wednesday, November 6, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment

Recommendation:

Moved by Catherine Philogene

That the meeting adjourn.

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.