



City of Kingston
Environment, Infrastructure & Transportation Policies Committee
Addendum

2025-01
Tuesday, December 10, 2024
6:00 p.m.
Council Chamber

Committee Composition

Councillor Stephen, Chair
Councillor Amos
Councillor Chaves
Councillor Cinanni
Councillor Hassan
Councillor Tozzo

Please provide regrets to Allison Hannah, Committee Clerk at 613-546-4291, extension 1209 or ahannah1@cityofkingston.ca.
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***1. Joyce Hostyn**

Joyce Hostyn will be present to speak to the Committee regarding Bird-Friendly City Certification.

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Kingston City Council
Mayor Brian Patterson
David Fell
Gary Oosterhoff
Ted Hsu
Peter Lawton

December 9 2024

In regards to the construction of the proposed Sewage and Gas Plant earmarked for just north of Hwy 401 at the Knox Farm Property.

I am guessing that many of you do Not live north of the inner city and therefore would not be affected by, or concerned with any ill effects such a venture would have on both people and the wildlife who do live here.

Most frequently winds head in a northerly direction from Lake Ontario, through The Cataraqui Conservation Area and onward to the villages and hamlets further north of where you may live.

Try to imagine you did live north of the city and were sitting peacefully in your backyard after a hectic day of work.... and suddenly this “stench” filled your nostrils and disturbed your much needed quiet time.

Perhaps your first thoughts would be “Why did I vote for this “Unatural Disaster”.

This is only one of the many reasons you should take to heart before the falsehood of good ideas fills your mind.

Thank you for allowing our tax dollar to work by saying NO to Knox Farm as the chosen convenience.

Paul Robertson & Barbara McArthur

[REDACTED]

From: Mark Frederick [REDACTED]
Sent: December 9, 2024 9:24 PM
To: City Clerk <CityClerk@cityofkingston.ca>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Supplement to Letter to the Mayor and City Counsellors (Re Proposed Knox Farm PUC project)

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Further to the issue of the long term / permanent contamination of farmland arising from proposed fertilizer applications from a biogas facility, this article from today's New York Times speaks volumes.

Mark Frederick



Their Fertilizer Poisons Farmland. Now, They
Want Protection From Lawsuits.
nytimes.com

Sent from my iPad

From: Kerry Hill [REDACTED]
Sent: December 9, 2024 9:09 PM
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Cc: Oosterhof, Gary <goosterhof@cityofkingston.ca>; Osanic, Lisa <losanic@cityofkingston.ca>
Subject: Bird Friendly Certification application to be studied December 10th, EITP

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Would you please forward this email to all members of the EITP committee prior to their meeting on December 10th?

To EITP Committee prior to December 10th meeting:

I am writing regarding the recommendation to the committee to apply for Bird Friendly status as set out by Nature Canada. Kingston lies within the Atlantic Flyway and poses significant threats to both migratory and over-wintering birds.

Threats as outlined in the Nature Canada bird friendly application:

1. window collisions – current evidence belies any attempts to reduce these, apartment towers are being constructed without any requirement to build in bird safe features, downtown near the Inner Harbour and in the east end at Cataraqui/Elevator Bay. Both locations are identified as major locations for migratory birds.
2. outdoor cats, domestic and feral – spayed and neuter program – does this even exist? No access to the document. Last mention in the Whig was 2019.
3. light pollution – towers currently being constructed have bright lights all night long

It is not good enough to continue to remove trees and hedgerows without significant consultation with citizens and established citizen groups concerned with any and all aspects of our natural environment. I can furnish you with a list of these groups, but a good place to start would be the Kingston Climate Justice Coalition (<https://www.facebook.com/climatecoalitionca/>)

Windows are not mentioned in the seven points put forward. With the multiple high rises being constructed in Kingston, there will be many avian lives lost unless developers are required to install bird friendly facades or blinds on windows.

Also not mentioned is recognition and protection of trees, hedgerows, woodlands and wetlands within the city, urban and rural. A case in point – 4085 Bath Rd development will require removal of a mature maple tree in a school yard, and removal of all trees on the south side of Bath Rd to make way for a sanitary sewer pipe to the local pumping station.

Why does the NKT official plan not include parks, community gardens, etc. that would provide bird friendly habitat easily accessible to the public (for their use and education)?

Why is the tower being built at Queen and King lit up with bright white lights at night?

Cataraqui/Elevator Bay and Kingston Inner Harbour are both well recognized migrating bird hotspots. The pair of towers to be constructed at the former, and multiple towers downtown will be sites of many fatalities if developers are not required to build in a bird friendly manner.

I saw no discussion of writing new municipal bylaws that would require new builds to be bird friendly.

The city seems to be heading in a direction away from making itself bird friendly, so I am concerned that this project is simply a catch up to all the other cities in Ontario that have received bird friendly certification since the program began several years ago.

I ask the committee to address how the threats to birds is currently being addressed by the City, and what specific actions will be taken before they apply for this certification.

Thanks for your continued work to make Kingston a thriving city for all that live here.

Kerry Hill



From: mary farrar [REDACTED]

Sent: December 10, 2024 10:48 AM

To: Mayor & Council <Mayor&Council@cityofkingston.ca>; Salter-Keane,Julie <jsalter-keane@cityofkingston.ca>; Compeau,Kyle <kcompeau@cityofkingston.ca>; Kanellos,Speros <SKanellos@cityofkingston.ca>; vmensah@cityofkingston.ca; Noordegraaf,Ruth <rnoordegraaf@cityofkingston.ca>; MacLatchy,Paul <PMacLatchy@cityofkingston.ca>; Park,Tim <tpark@cityofkingston.ca>; Capener-Hunt,Lisa <lcapener-hunt@cityofkingston.ca>; Pye,Kelsey <kpye@cityofkingston.ca>

Subject: Bird Friendly City sounds great

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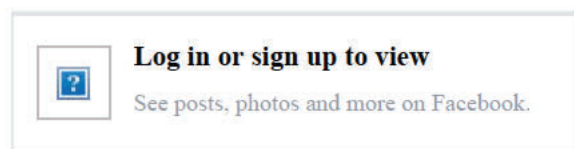
Dear Mayor, Council, and members of City Staff

What a wonderful thing.

The Friends of Kingston Inner Harbour are definitely on board and would be happy to contribute in some educational way.

What could be added/involved are the 1200 people who are part of Crow Watch Kingston Ontario on Facebook.

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Thanks so much City Staff for working so hard on this.
Very much appreciated.

Cheers,
Mary Farrar,
President,
Friends of Kingston Inner Harbour
<http://www.friendsofinnerharbour.com>