

Agenda

NORTH TONAWANDA CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE

Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2025, 5:00 pm, City Hall, North Tonawanda

Attneees In Person @ City Hall: Austin Tylec, Erin Robinson, Tim Pieper, Emily Root, Mike Tuzzo, Justine Stevens, Deb Gondek, Josh Randall (Cornell Cooperative Extension), Erin Hanaburgh (University at Buffalo Regional Institute), Breton Sloan (Buffalo Audubon)

Meeting called to order at 5pm.

AGENDA TOPICS:

1) **Approval of January minutes.**

Austin motion to accept; Deb 2nd. Carried.

2) **Elections**

Motion by Deb to continue with existing slate of officers. 2nd by Austin. Carried.

3) **Discussion of CSC Status Updates**

- a. Review of expiring points and focused priorities for 2026- Erin H will circulate and update via email
- b. Recertification submission target is May 2027

4) **Campaign and Research Area Updates**

- a. Permission and decision to circulate Source Water Protection informational brochures- we have permission and can circulate this when we're ready, DOS will be presenting on final deliverables in February
- b. Noise Ordinance Zoning- Common Council Vote Update- there was a good conversation at the Council Workshop yesterday, the Council will make a decision next week
- c. Niagara River Remedial Action Committee informational meeting review (Erin, Justine, Josh were in attendance)- reviewed plan to restore the river, looking for community tie in to support communities along the Niagara River
- d. Climate Resiliency Plan- some of the outputs might relate to getting recertification points including PE9 Action: Climate Change Education and Engagement Campaign
 - a. Josh hosts energy workshops frequently, next one is in May, which could support this action
- e. Other ideas discussed-
 - a. Zoning, Comprehensive Plan, waiting on LWRP approval and may not have that in time
 - b. City wide infrastructure study
 - c. TAP grant regarding walkability to schools
 - d. Water line replacement on Zimmerman
 - e. Backup generator at water treatment plant
 - f. Green infrastructure project on Oliver St
 - g. Water and Wastewater plants- improvements and upgrades
 - h. Vehicle replacements
 - i. Sidewalk repair subsidies, intersection updates, Sweeney Street path
- f. 2 new actions, case studies in emission reduction and climate mitigation, 4 points each

5) **Community Connections**

- a. Grant opportunities updates (Clean Community, Infrastructure Projects, charging stations, etc)

- b. Spring Nurdle Training- encourage to sign up! May 9 or May 21 <https://bnwaterkeeper.org/nurdle-patrol/>
- c. Dawn Timm, Niagara County, to visit March meeting
- d. Audubon-
 - a. Applied for a grant to improve Klydel Wetland, ash tree removal in a portion of the property and re-tree efforts, will find out in April. Planning for a 5-year management plan after grant is complete. The City will chip trees as match.

6) New Business

- a. Next meeting: Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Meeting adjourned at 6:03. Motion by Emily, 2nd by Tim.