

Minutes of the Grants and Programs Committee meeting held January 24, 2024

Date: January 29, 2024
To: Board of Directors of the Toronto Atmospheric Fund
From: Senior Grants Manager

MEETING DETAILS

Meeting Date: January 24, 2024	Contact: Siddharth Chatpalliwar, Senior Grants Manager, TAF
Start Time: 10:30am	Email: schatpalliwar@taf.ca
Location: Hybrid 1. Virtual – Zoom 2. In-person – Montreal meeting room (2 nd Floor, 61 Front Street (Union Station))	Chair: Mike Layton

MEETING MINUTES

1. Welcome, Introductions, Land Acknowledgement

Committee Vice Chair Mike Layton called the meeting to order, welcomed everyone present, and made a land acknowledgement statement.

2. Review of Agenda

Committee Vice Chair Mike Layton and Committee members reviewed the meeting agenda.

Agenda approved.

3. Presentation on TAF's Draft 2024 Annual Plan

(June 15, 2024) TAF's draft 2024 annual plan submitted by Siddharth Chatpalliwar, Senior Grants Manager.

TAF staff gave an overview of the objectives, targets and activities planned for each focus area in 2024. The Committee was also briefed on the grant team's cultivation

priorities and planned activities for the year. The Committee provided feedback to TAF staff; a summary is provided below:

- TAF’s Accelerating Retrofits team should prioritize housing affordability for vulnerable end users and explore working with other building sustainability stakeholders on holistic retrofit solutions that address energy, water and waste.
- Where possible, the Advancing Net-Zero Ready New Construction team should identify and advance solutions that avoid the installation of natural gas infrastructure in new buildings and explore how to promote quick action on new construction outside of existing regulatory requirements.
- TAF’s Accelerating Electric Vehicle (EV) Uptake team should include the promotion of incentives for used EVs in its advocacy and focus its EV charging efforts on the use cases where lack of EV charging is most likely to inhibit EV adoption.

4. Internal Program Allocation Request

(June 15, 2024) Internal programs allocation request submitted by Siddharth Chatpalliwar, Senior Grants Manager.

The Committee reviewed TAF’s request for funding to support delivery of its internal programming planned for the year.

The Committee recommended \$946,000 in internal program funding for TAF’s 2024 activities. (Note that this amount includes the \$181,500 previously approved by the Board for TAF’s Q1 2024 programming at its November 2023 meeting.)

ATTENDANCE AND MEETING SESSIONS

Date and Time	Quorum	Members
24 – 01 - 2024 10:30am – 12:30pm (Public Session)	Present	<i>Present:</i> Mike Layton (Vice Chair); Nicola Crawhall, Kirk Johnson, Erika Lontoc, Ryan Ness, Rosemarie Powell, Lindsay Wiginton, Dan Zilnik <i>Not Present:</i> Tamar Heisler, Ali Hoss, Wayne Miranda

Also present – Non-members

TAF Staff

- Julia Langer - CEO
- Bryan Purcell - VP, Policy and Programs
- Fatima Crerar - VP, Strategy and Partnerships
- Ian Klesmer - Director, Strategy and Grants
- Ekaterina Tzekova – Director, Research and Innovation
- Uzoma Erondú – Senior Manager, Impact Investing
- Crystal Crawford – Office Coordinator
- Siddharth Chatpalliwar – Senior Grants Manager