



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

Climate Action Task Force

September 18, 2018

Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Colleen Dix

Bill Darnell (via phone)

Brian Guy

Kevin McCarthy

Dalvir Nahal (Councillor)

Mary Stockdale

Brian Quiring (Councillor)

Staff: Kim Flick, Jing Niu, Mike Buregaard

Regrets:

Ed Wilson

- A. Welcome and introductions: introduction to climate action initiatives**
- B. Presentation by members: your experience/knowledge/background on climate change mitigation and adaptation**
- a. Kim and Jing provided an overview of the City's sustainability initiatives (attached)
 - b. Brian Quiring, Architect
 - c. Colleen Dix, Senior Sustainability Manager, Telus
 - d. Brian Guy, Associated Engineering (semi retired)
 - e. Kevin McCarty, Senior Specialist in Corporate Sustainability, Kal Tire
 - f. Mary Stockdale, Professor, Geography, UBC-O
 - g. Bill Darnell, Retired Educator
- C. Election of Chair and Vice Chair**
- Brian Guy and Mary Stockdale were elected as co-chairs for one year (September 2018 – August 2019)
 - It was noted that Mary begins a sabbatical May 2019
- D. Roundtable on desired outcomes**
- The terms of reference for the task force were reviewed
 - Desire to understand the barriers to climate change mitigation/adaptation
 - Desire to communicate about climate change action in the Okanagan
 - The group discussed the best means of sharing information and it was determined that a shared use page be set up (Jing); staff will circulate Task Force members' emails to the entire group (Kim); members to post key documents on the shared page, including other examples of climate

action plans, or forward to Jing for posting by September 28 (All); CARIP reports to be included (Jing)

- Put CATF in the subject line of emails (All)
- Desire for buildings should be solar ready
- Desire for “boots on the ground” action items versus policy
- The United Nations’ Sustainable Development goals were referenced as a way of measuring our progress
- Desire to determine through public engagement what a carbon neutral Vernon looks like
- Community engagement, especially youth, is highly desirable
- Mary noted that her students may be able to take on research or a project for the group; would have to be completed by the end of November
- Question raised as to whether the Okanagan Band would like to participate in the Task Force; Kim advised that they have been requested to consider membership

E. Setting the next meeting Date

- Next meeting date Tuesday, October 23, 2:00 – 5:00 pm, Council Chambers

F. Upcoming events

- SENS event September 27 at Schubert Centre 7:00 to 9:00 pm
- Climate Solutions for Post Carbon Cities Webinar September 25