



## THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

### MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020

**PRESENT:** VOTING

Brian Guy (Co-Chair), Science, Technology & Environmental  
Services

Councillor Brian Quiring

Alan Gee, Interim Educators

Colleen Dix, Utility Services and Providers

Stan Eaman, Health & Social Services

Ayesha Sheikh, Youth Member

Jenn Comazetto, SD. 22 Board Rep. (3:51 pm)

Ed Wilson, Community at Large Rep. (4:01 pm)

**GUESTS:** Katrina Lehenbauer, Interior Health  
Faith Kwong, Interior Health

**ABSENT:** Bill Darnell, Community Stewardship (Co-Chair)  
Kevin McCarty, Business & Commercial Services  
Melissa Kriening, Youth Member  
Hayden Catt, Youth Member

**STAFF:** Laurie Cordell, Manager, Long Range Planning & Sustainability/Staff  
Liaison  
Daniel Sturgeon, Long Range Planner  
Janice Nicol, Legislative Committee Clerk

**ORDER** The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

**INTRODUCTION  
OF GUESTS** Brian Guy, Co-Chair, introduced guests Katrina Lehenbauer and  
Faith Kwong from Interior Health

**ADOPTION OF  
AGENDA** Moved by Colleen Dix, seconded by Stan Eaman;

THAT the agenda of the Climate Action Advisory Committee  
meeting for Tuesday, January 21, 2020 be adopted.

**CARRIED.**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Colleen Dix, seconded by Stan Eaman;

THAT the minutes for the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting of December 17, 2019 be adopted.

**CARRIED.**

**PRESENTATION – INTERIOR HEALTH**

Faith Kwong, Environmental Health Officer and Katrina Lehenbauer, Community Health Facilitator gave a presentation on Climate Change & Health. The following points were noted:

- The presenters began with a land acknowledgement in relation to the Syilx Okanagan people and they noted that this is a very important practice as a step toward balancing inequities.
- **Definition of Health:** State of complete physical, mental and social well being, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity, and includes spiritual health
- The determinants of health are the circumstances in which people are born, grow up, live, work and age. Local governments have a great deal of influence on determinants
- Health inequities are health differences between population groups defined by social, economic, demographic or geographic terms, the more barriers - the more ill health
- There are three key factors of inequities – systematic (pattern across population), avoidable (can be avoided through collective action) and unfair & unjust
- Health improves as income improves - BC has rated very good or excellent for health by income
- Health equity means all people (individuals, groups and communities) are able to reach their full health potential and are not disadvantaged by social, economic and environmental conditions
- Equality vs. Equity defined: equality – everyone gets the same, equity – tailored for the specific situation
- Links between Climate Change & Health:
  - Climate Change impacts the natural environment, built environment, community & social factors and livelihood factors and results in health outcomes
- Local governments can influence health & equity through integration of climate adaptation and mitigation efforts including:
  - Reduction of GHG emissions & harms of climate change through:
    - Smoke Free Bylaws
    - OCP, Community Planning, Policies & Programs
    - Active transportation plan

- Agriculture – food systems and security
- Recreation – all season opportunities
- Age-friendly planning
- Social planning – affordable housing/poverty reduction

**Climate Change and Human Health impacts**

- Climate change has a multitude of human health impacts
- Hotter, drier summers mean heat, impacted air quality, challenges to food security and water security, skin cancer, algae blooms
- Warmer winters mean increase in precipitation, impacts drought, bugs aren't being killed, injuries (slips and falls)
- Increased intensity and frequency of precipitation
- Hazards: Drought, wildfires and flooding – all can affect mental health
- Health Sector Role: leadership & advocacy, education, capacity building & partnerships, surveillance & research, preparing for climate emergencies, and medical interventions & training
- Interior Health has different sectors that work on climate change adaptation and mitigation and healthy communities – healthy public policies and practices
- Need to establish the best way to get public buy-in, it is a priority in each department at IHA
- Councillor Quiring observed that recent discharge of wastewater into Okanagan Lake is a direct impact of climate change.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**CLIMATE ACTION  
PLAN PROCESS  
AND SCHEDULE –  
CHECK-IN**

**CAP Process to May 2020:**

- Review of High Level Schedule for remainder of Climate Action Plan
- Only three months left before presentation to Council.
- Workshop for CAAC to review Mitigation and Adaptation reports Jan. 29 or earlier if possible
- Consultant compiling backgrounder status
- At Feb. 18 meeting – critical Committee input needed
- Feb 24 – status report to go to Council
- Consultant/staff to confirm plans for community events and lead the events
- Draft CAP for mid-April and end-April approval by CAAC
- Committee review of draft in April prior to Council
- Considered by Council on May 11, 2020
- Changes to Council for May 25 meeting.

- Schedule intended to provide strong alignment between Committee and Staff.
- Will be a variety of engagement opportunities sprinkled throughout schedule
- There will be a lot going on in the next three months, will need the Committee's assistance

Overview of draft Adaptation and Mitigation Reports:

- Initial draft on adaptation, there are some gaps that need to be addressed
- Daniel to meet with Consultants tomorrow
- CAAC members to read through both reports to see if there are items/actions that have been missed
- Reports contain implementation details that need to be broken down.

Follow-up CAAC Workshop to review both reports in-depth: Friday, January 24th or earlier from 1:00 to 4:00 pm

**COUNCIL UPDATE      Jan. 13, 2020:**

- formal approval of School District No.22 Rep
- Compost Pilot, Council did approve participating with RDNO to determine how much is going to compost and how much is going to garbage, costs to be determined
- Review of extension of compost bin underway – reports were attached to the agenda for further information.

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INDIAN BAND  
REPRESENTATIVE**

no update, follow-up to be done with the Mayor.

**OTHER ACTION  
ITEMS**

none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**DRAFT CLIMATE  
ACTION PLAN**

- Review of “Guiding Principles” and “Key areas for Action”
- Workshop of CAP content – Laurie led a brief workshop in which the CAAC members noted their top three principles governing the plan, and their top three items for inclusion in the plan. Laurie and Daniel took detailed notes on the outcomes.
  - Sticky notes distributed to Committee - please think about your top three items you'd like included in the plan – example: ‘it needs to be written in plain language’ Character and style, not content

**Categories:**

1. Visual compelling and accessible with simple graphics
2. Format and vocabulary – simple and clear
3. Action oriented/road map – how do we get there?
4. Grounded in science, fact based
5. Positive focused, leadership/influencers – applicable to City and Community (tangible scale)

If you have additions, please email to Laurie Cordell.

Rountable discussion on plan organization and content:

Please list you top three items that need to be in plan:

**Categories:**

1. Why, What & How – plan and individual
2. Cost / Implementation / Opportunities / Benefits Implications
3. Tangible/Achievable Steps
4. Actions for Eveyone – individuals, schools, local government – across community.

Where are we going and what are the big pieces – need to ensure we do not miss anything.

Need to open up discussions about how to care for vulnerable people. Important to have a Resilience Plan for the community.

*Colleen Dix left the meeting at 5:09 pm*

*Councillor Quiring left the meeting at 5:15 pm*

**WORKING GROUP  
UPDATES**

**Mitigation**

- CAAC workshop to be held on Friday, January 24, 2020.

**Adaptation**

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**Engagement**

Engagement Strategy input for Climate Action Plan:

- Engagement specialist working with City, identify key dates so it can be organized in calendar and done in liaison with Manager, Communications & Grants.
- Draft stategy to be released to the Committee as soon as it is available.

Ambassador Program:

- would like to continue engaging group, new tool being developed for ambassadors, materials to be updated. Important to maintain relationships with ambassadors.

Meetings are ongoing with community organizations, building support and consensus.

SD22 curriculum development – update written submission – Bill Darnell

- At the December meeting, superintendent announced program with \$10,000 grant to develop curriculum – will be a group project for K – 12 students.

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**Youth**

- No report.

**COUNCIL  
PROGRESS  
UPDATE FEB. 24,  
2020**

See above

**CLEAN BC -  
CHANGES**

Clean BC program has committed to electric vehicles. There was concern that the draft Zero Emission Vehicle regulations proposed by the Province of BC do not match the commitments of CleanBC.

Moved by Jenn Comazzetto , seconded by Stan Eaman;

THAT the Climate Action Advisory Committee recommends to Council that the City of Vernon provide a letter to the Province requesting that the Zero Emission Vehicle regulations reflect the commitments of CleanBC.

**CARRIED.**

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

The Committee reviewed the Terms of Reference and Bullying and Harassment Policy as attached to the agenda.

The Jan. 13, 2020 Council Reports pertaining to SD22 Representative and the Compost Pilot Outcomes were reviewed.

RFP for the Climate Action Plan Consulting Services was attached to the agenda for the Committee's review.

**NEXT MEETING**

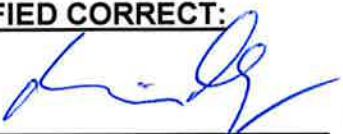
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**CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES      JANUARY 21, 2020**

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**ADJOURNMENT**      The meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
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