



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020

PRESENT: VOTING

Brian Guy (Co-Chair), Science, Technology & Environmental Services
Councillor Brian Quiring. (Appointed Member) (via phone)
Alan Gee, Interim Educators (via phone)
Colleen Dix, Utility Services and Providers (via phone)
Stan Eaman, Health & Social Services
Ed Wilson, Community at Large Rep.
Bill Darnell, Community Stewardship (Co-Chair) (via phone)
Kevin McCarty, Business & Commercial Services (via phone)

NON-VOTING

Mayor Victor Cumming (Alternate Member)

GUEST: Danielle Wiess, Senior Community Energy Manager, CEA (via phone)

ABSENT:

Ayesha Sheikh, Youth Member
Jenn Comazzetto, SD 22 Board Rep.
Melissa Kriening, Youth Member
Hayden Catt, Youth Member

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

ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA**

Moved by Stan Eaman, seconded by Ed Wilson;

THAT the agenda of the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting for Tuesday, March 17, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Ed Wilson, seconded by Stan Eaman;

THAT the minutes for the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting of January 21, 2020 be amended to adjust the wording of land acknowledgement;

AND FURTHER, that the minutes be adopted as amended.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN – SUMMARY OF STATUS AND WORK TO COMPLETE

The following CAP Process details were provided:

- See Item 4

COUNCIL UPDATE – FEB. 24 MEETING

Feb. 24, 2020:

- A high-level overview of adaptation and mitigation was provided to Council.
- Thanks from Council to the Committee for their dedication and hard work so far.

OKANAGAN INDIAN BAND REPRESENTATIVE

Because of COVID-19, meetings have not gone ahead. Update to be provided when possible.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Correction to tracking sheet: Follow-up with Joe Rogers rather than Stan Rogers.

NEW BUSINESS:

DRAFT CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

- Impacts of virus on CAP:
 - All meetings involving public engagement have been cancelled, may need to address some voids that will happen as a result
 - Option to use EngageVernon for input from public, there may be other opportunities for virtual presentations, videos, webinars
 - Suggest meeting with Engagement Working Group
 - Opportunity to consult with existing groups who already have a rapport, more likely to have uptake
 - Report will be ready for May 11 but critical to have public engagement

- There is a need to check-in regularly as conditions are changing minute by minute

A package of materials to review will be sent out including actions and table of contents

- Plan is to stick with May 11 Plan presentation to Council and reconfigure the public engagement component – potential to have engagement both before and after presentation to Council
- Please ask potential attendees to May 11 Council meeting to advise of date they are attending as there will be several opportunities.

Review status, process and timing of:

- CAP approval process at Council:
 - See above
- Community vision and GHG reduction targets (2025, 2030, 2040, 2050):
 - The final and interim targets are needed prior to final plan
 - Need to create an interim target according to consultants recommendation and ensure interim steps are achievable
 - No concerns raised by Committee members on targets – moving forward these will be used.
- Review of mitigation and adaptation priorities (from Workshop held March 16, 2020) in the CAP:
 - Materials from Workshop were taken by the Consultant for data collection, will be shared with Committee when available
 - Workshop was a prioritization of eight goal categories based on previous Workshop, mirroring of eight categories from adaptation
 - Workshop involved a broad group of individuals from the Community who prioritized actions and details.
 - This will be circulated in the next two weeks to Committee and COV Staff as it become available.
- Review of outcomes of Jan. 21, 2020 CAAC Workshop on CAP organization and content
 - Committee input was appreciated and is being considered in writing the CAP report
- CAP Outline
 - Table of Contents for CAP is underway and will be circulated in the next two weeks.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

Mitigation – Status of the final Mitigation Report:

- Report has been presented to Council
- Contracts for Mitigation and Adaptation have been wrapped up

- If you have anything that you would like addressed, please forward to Laurie and it can be considered as we move forward
- Reports are on Sync for the Committee to access.

Adaptation – brief review of consultant’s final Adaptation report

- See above.

Engagement

- Engagement strategy is uncertain due to COVID-19, exploring alternative ways of reaching out
- Previous engagement with various Parent Advisory Committees was successful
- Meeting with Carpenters Union and North Okanagan Labour Council was cancelled, there are plans to do an online presentation
- The events the teachers had organized for Earth Day have been cancelled, but there are plans for Climate Action curriculum prototype meeting when plausible
- First Climate Conversation event – March 10 - Visioning exercise was held and was successful
- May need to focus on another way for Ambassadors to reach out using Ambassador network online
- Engagement meeting to be scheduled in the next week or two
- Please include Alan Gee in all information sent out to the Working Group.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

none

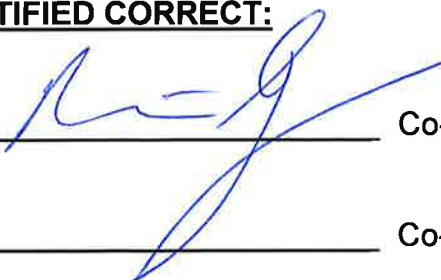
NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


 _____ Co-Chair
 _____ Co-Chair