



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2020

PRESENT: VOTING

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

NON-VOTING

Mayor Victor Cumming (Alternate Member)

ABSENT: Ayesha Sheikh, Youth Member
Jenn Comazzetto, SD 22 Board Rep.
Melissa Kriening, Youth Member
Hayden Catt, Youth Member
Colleen Dix, Utility Services and Providers

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 3:37 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Moved by Stan Eaman, seconded by Kevin McCarty;

THAT the agenda of the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting for Tuesday, April 14, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES Moved by Stan Eaman, seconded by Ed Wilson;

THAT the minutes for the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting of March 17, 2020 be amended to:

- 1) Delete Councillor Quiring from the Absent column;
- 2) On Pg. 3, third bullet – change wording to “Review of mitigation and adaptation priorities (from Workshop held March 16, 2020).

AND FURTHER, that the minutes be adopted as amended.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

**CLIMATE ACTION
PLAN PROCESS**

The following update was provided on the Climate Action Plan process in light of COVID-19. The following points were noted:

- Current situation impacting community will not allow for necessary engagement process, this has resulted in Staff suggesting a tweak to strategy
- Plan was accelerated to allow for input into 2021 Budget by June 2020 deadline when priorities are set by Council
- Committee work needs to continue in order to establish these priorities and initiatives for 2021
- With continued time and energy from the Committee, it is hoped that the Climate Action Plan can be presented to Council this Fall
- With this extra time, it will give an opportunity to synthesize the Consultants’ recommendations and adjust the Plan, looking through a different lens and emerging variations
- Suggestions that Committee meet May 12 afternoon for a workshop to consider Consultants’ actions/recommendations to determine key items to present to Council and to consider:
 - What does the plan look like considering COVID-19?
 - What is the process if we need to continue in this manner?
- There may be an opportunity to take advantage of funds being funneled toward economic revival
- Suggestion to look at other community models of way to utilize provincial and federal funding
- Need to include some incentives – transportation, etc. as cost savings and alter existing threads from Plan – encourage food growing, clotheslines. It is empowering for people to become more self-sufficient
- Need a more sustainable planet and it empowers people to be able to provide – need to set examples that will save money
- Adjusted Plan timeline:
 - Workshop May 12 (afternoon)
 - Committee meeting on May 26 and in June (date tba)

- Laurie/Daniel to send out Consultants' review to Committee last week of April
- Engagement Working Group to meet to think about future and community engagement
- This situation provides a short-term opportunity to engage people and look at new solutions that have evolved as a result of pandemic
- Thank you to the Committee for their continued hard work, looking forward to results in late May
- Thank you to Staff for taking strong leadership and making adjustments as a result of current situation.

Moved by Stan Eaman, seconded by Alan Gee;

THAT the Climate Action Advisory Committee receive the report titled "Climate Action Plan Process Recommendations" from the Manager, Long Range Planning and Sustainability dated April 9, 2020, for information;

AND FURTHER, that the Climate Action Advisory Committee recommends that Council receive this information as well.

CARRIED.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Book recommendation from Stan Eaman 'The Citizens Guide to Climate Success' by Mark Jaccard.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee will be May 26, 2020 at 3:30 pm. Workshop scheduled for May 12, 2020, details to follow.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


 _____ Co-Chair
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