



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD

TUESDAY, October 6, 2020

PRESENT: VOTING

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

Bill Darnell, (Co-Chair) Community Stewardship

Stan Eaman, Health & Social Services

Ed Wilson, Community at Large Rep.

Kevin McCarty, Business & Commercial Services

Mary Stockdale, Educators and Educational Institutions – (via Zoom)

Councillor Brian Quiring, (Appointed Member) (via zoom)

NON-VOTING

Mayor Victor Cumming (Alternate Member)

Alan Gee, Fulton Secondary

ABSENT: Colleen Dix, Utility Services and Providers

Jenn Comazetto, SD 22 Board Rep.

STAFF: Laurie Cordell, Manager, Long Range Planning & Sustainability/Staff Liaison

Daniel Sturgeon, Long Range Planner

Dan Gellein, Manager, Building Building and Licensing

Natasha Kositsin, Acting Legislative Committee Clerk

ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:09 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, October 6, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED.

**ADOPTION OF
MINUTES**

Moved by Stan Eaman, seconded by Kevin McCarty;

THAT the minutes for the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting of August 18, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**UPDATE ON CAP
PROCESS****Engagement****Pop Up**

- Have a pop up booth booked for Farmers Market next Monday just waiting on confirmation from the, Farmers Market Coordinator
- Ed, Bill and Mary are volunteering as well as ambassadors – Laurie will make up a schedule of one or two hour slots
- Booth has to be covid friendly; no distributing of anything and being careful with distancing
- Good opportunity to talk to the public so they know we are still here working on things.
- Open to do more Farmer's Markets if they move indoors at Kal Tire– Laurie is going to check with Farmer's Market Manager to see if indoor market is happening
- Engagement working group meeting will meet next Tuesday

Mary Stockdale joined via Zoom at 3:21pm

Ambassador Program

- Need to deliver the pre-CAP outreach program before the draft CAP goes to Council. Engagement Working Group to consider this at their next meeting.

Survey

- There was a grouping of answers that were timestamped to show they were back to back over a 12 hour period that contained consistent comments.
- Administration is reviewing to ensure that they are legitimate comments.
- 80 people were referred through a specific website.
- Went through the responses and they from different ip addresses.
- Mary has a student who will look at the results and provide additional analysis
- 960 took the survey; 694 lived in the City of Vernon, 350 live outside of the City, of those 350 about 110 appear to have a connection to Vernon.

- Haven't done a lot of analysis for the people that said they didn't live in Vernon focused more on the ones that actually lived in Vernon.
- Most concerns were; Air quality, Floods, Wildfires, Snow levels, and Inconsistent weather.

Alan Gee arrived at 3:33 pm

Engagement between Council Review of Plan and Adoption

- Finding ways to get community engagement after it gets approval at Council; ideas include virtual open houses, stagger display boards in the courtyard or book venue limit the amount of entry.
- Auditorium at Rec Centre can hold 50 people and has worked well for Public Hearing but the Rec Centre is reopening so may not be an option
- The process is that a report comes to Council and the decision is not made at the meeting it usually is decided upon at the next meeting – depending how long you want the community to respond.
- Once it is brought to Council it becomes public.
- Ideally would like to bring to Council by November 9 meeting and then have public feedback and report back to Council for the mid January meeting for a decision.

Dan Gellein arrived at 3:45pm

Moved Item 4a Step code here. See 4a for minutes

Dan Gellein left at 4:23pm

Presentation

Laurie presented a draft Climate Action Plan and the following notes were discussed;

- Need feedback; A survey for inputting comments has been prepared. It asks big picture questions and the committee is asked not to focus on word editing:
- Key questions are: what stood out, what you think about the look, does it meet values and principles, is anything missing or can be removed, is it something the community can connect with, can they be inspired.
- Wording needs to be simplified

- Do not share publicly until Council has seen it
- Would be nice to have committee members picture under the acknowledgments
- Need to engage youth by making it more attractive to draw them in
- Going to ask teachers if it could be presented to students at schools
- Need feedback by October 13
- Final draft will be sent to CAAC October 22 so it can go for agenda preparations by October 30
- Tentative meeting for October 27 or October 28 to discuss and finalize the plan

NEW BUSINESS:

BC STEP CODE IMPLEMENTATION

Mr. Ed Wilson, Community at Large Representative gave a presentation on Step Code Slipping and the following points were noted:

- Goal is to have zero Green House Gas (GHG) emissions from all sources in the City by 2050.
- Currently about 30% of GHG generated in Vernon are from buildings, mostly using natural gas to heat space and water
- Easier and less costly to construct new buildings to a Net Zero Ready energy performance standard than to retrofit existing buildings to that standard
- Net Zero energy performance buildings have a lower life cycle cost and a 3% to 5% higher capital cost than current buildings
- The province is considering changing the Step Code to allow new buildings to be constructed in compliance with the Step Code but without the Net Zero ready energy performance.
- The Processes and structures in place to develop and revise Building Codes nationally and provincially are large and unable to make the kind of transformative changes required to revise the Building Codes to truly achieve Net Zero buildings
- The committee needs time to review before they agree on a motion, and to meet with staff and get recommendations to bring back to the next meeting.
- Vernon is ready to introduce the Step Code this fall and add into the Building Code Bylaw
- Need to educate the builders to learn the process and our approach is going to step 1 this fall, step 2 next fall and then step 3 next spring.
- Over the past eight years building practices have been evolving – the LEED, the green and now the Step Code.

Mayor left 4:38 pm

Ed Wilson to bring a notice of motion to the next meeting held October 27 or October 28. Wording to be provided by Ed Wilson.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

None

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Climate Action Advisory Committee is tentavily set for October 27, 2020 or October 28, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Co-Chair



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