



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 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 (via Zoom)

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 Comazzetto, SD 22 Board Rep.

STAFF: Laurie Cordell, Manager, Long Range Planning & Sustainability/Staff Liaison
Natasha Kositsin, Legislative Secretary

ORDER The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:38 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Moved by Stan Eaman, seconded by Mary Stockdale:

THAT the agenda of the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting for Tuesday, November 12, 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 October 6, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**REVIEW OF
DRAFT PLAN**

The Manager of Long Range Planning sent out a draft plan to committee members to review. The Committee provided the following feedback:

- The plan is in two pieces but will be merged together before it is brought to Council
- Met with a consulting team and the Climate Action Advisory Committee and reorganized the plan with more accessible wording and imaging
- Kim Flick, Director, Community Infrastructure and Development is pleased with the direction of the plan, provided more substantive changes to actions and shifted the wording
- Mayor Cumming has reviewed his letter
- Added Climate Action Advisory Committee letter but could not find a picture of the Committee or of any of events that took place – will look further for one
- Suggestion to shorten both of these letters and condense them onto one page instead of two and fill the second page with activities to engage kids/youth
- Suggestion to change the word from ‘metric’ to ‘measurement’ on the action plan
- Added acknowledgments to page 5 with a little statement for each also added pictures of artwork from students from a school contest

1) Introduction

- Suggestion to reverse the triangle on page 7 so that ‘action’ is on the top and ‘focus’ is on the bottom
- Remove the word ‘community’ to the first 3 focus areas on page 8
- No mention of wetlands, drainage and natural assets are mentioned
- Air quality isn’t mentioned a lot and is an indicator and a goal until page 30

2) Roadmap to success

- Added some important statistics and charts
- Committee suggested to change “I am now 100% emission free” to “My family and I have now reached the City’s target of being emission free”

- Suggestion on page 9 regarding reduced GHG emissions – the content wording needs to be more clear
- Page 12 concerns on targets 23% reduction by 2025 sounds unrealistic as we are not 100% in control and 2025 is only four years away
- Suggestion to revise page 13 call-out boxes on emission reductions graph to be more clear about why we only forecast 67% GHG reduction with this plan

3) Vernon Visions and Targets

- Need more clarity to the investment section on page 18 as it is unclear to who's investment this is referring to
- Page 20 statement should be moved to the 'focus area actions' section on page 19
- Page 21 is an example of an action accountability chart that the Senior Management Team will track their department's progress and status

4) Implementation Considerations

- It was suggested to create a separate report card to monitor the progress of the plan separate from the one found in the draft plan
- Will focus on getting the plan out first and then will discuss tracking with a report card in the future with the entire Climate Action Advisory Committee
- Add 'unions' and 'Climate Action Advisory Committee' to 'stakeholder participation' section on page 29

Mayor entered at 4:19pm

- Change the wording from 'stakeholder participation' to 'community involvement/participation' on page 29

5) Process Appendix

- Replace electric vehicle picture on page 33 to a City of Vernon electric vehicle
- Change the wording from 'past climate action assessments' to 'initiatives' on page 37
- Concerns that the community chart is shown in a few places throughout the plan and only one corporate profile chart on page 38

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- Change the wording from Vernon's Corporate and Community GHG Emissions Profiles to Municipal Government Operations on page 38

Glossary

- Suggestion to move the glossary section on page 4 behind the table of contents in order to read the definitions of words/acronyms prior to reading the plan
- Other suggestions for definition location were given as follows: - separate word definitions from acronyms, tear off sheet to the side, highlight word you want clarity on and it would take you right to glossary section

Kevin McCarty left the meeting at 5:01pm

The Chair suggested to bring forward all comments and feedback directly to Laurie Cordell, Manager, Long Range Planner by November 18. Follow up meeting is scheduled for December 2 at 3:30 pm via zoom

MOTION RELATED TO STEP CODE

Ed Wilson deferred this topic and motion to another meeting in January

UPDATE OF ENGAGEMENT PLANS

Alan Gee and Bill gave an update on engagement plans and the following notes were provided;

- Reiterated the need for connection with students and the value of their engagement in the community

Mary left at 5:35pm

- Would like to see a student representative chosen from a student council who might also be ambassadors

Mary arrived at 5:37 pm

Report on District Climate Curriculum Project

- Teachers are building lesson models and preparing presentations in November
- Will check with teachers and Board of Education in January for an update on the progress
- Suggestions to have the students present the models to the Climate Action Committee
- Seaton School has been working with Laurie Cordell to use the fence for flags for climate action awareness

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- City of Vernon preparing a press release in regards to what the flags on the fence represent

INFORMATION ITEMS:

UBCO PROJECT PROPOSAL

Mary Stockdale, Educators and Educational Institutions, discussed the UBCO project proposal the following notes were provided:

- Application is with the Federal Ministry of Environment and Climate Change for funding towards community engagement
- Grants range from \$100,000 up to \$1 million
- The UBCO proposal will focus on two broad groups in Vernon: (1) Indigenous, minorities and low income individuals (2) Unions, workers and high-income individuals
- Application has been sent with requested funding for just under \$500,000

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Ms. Julia Payson, Executive Director with Canadian Mental Health Association provided a letter of support for the Climate Action Planning Process.

Ms. Jane Lister, Regional Dean with Okanagan College – Vernon Campus provided a letter of support for the Climate Action Planning process.

Mr. Brent Phillips, Vice President and General Manager with Associated Environmental provided a letter of support for the Climate Action Planning Process.

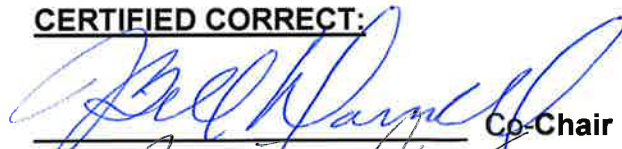
NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Climate Action Advisory Committee is set for December 2, 2020 at 3:30 p.m via zoom

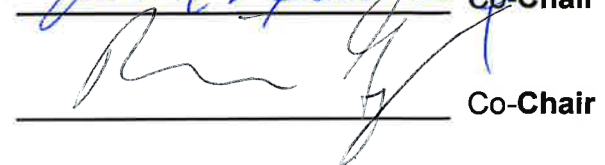
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Co-Chair



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