



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING VIA ZOOM HELD WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2020

PRESENT: VOTING

Brian Guy (Co-Chair), Science, Technology & Environmental Services
Bill Darnell, (Co-Chair) Community Stewardship (via Zoom)
Stan Eaman, Health & Social Services (via Zoom)
Ed Wilson, Community at Large Rep (via Zoom)
Kevin McCarty, Business & Commercial Services (via Zoom)
Mary Stockdale, Educators and Educational Institutions – (via Zoom)

NON-VOTING

Mayor Victor Cumming (Alternate Member)

ABSENT: Colleen Dix, Utility Services and Providers
Jenn Comazetto, SD 22 Board Rep.
Alan Gee, Fulton Secondary
Councillor Brian Quiring, (Appointed Member)

STAFF: Laurie Cordell, Manager, Long Range Planning & Sustainability/Staff Liaison
Daniel Sturgeon, Long Range Planner
Natasha Kositsin, Secretary I, Corporate Secretary

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Moved by Mary Stockdale, seconded by Kevin McCarty:

THAT the agenda of the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting for Wednesday, December 2, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES Moved by Ed Wilson, seconded by Mary Stockdale:

THAT the minutes for the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting of November 12, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CAP PLAN REVIEW

The Manager, Long Range Planning & Sustainability at the November 12, 2020 meeting requested that the Climate Action Advisory Committee review the draft plan and provide feedback for incorporation into a final draft prior to bringing back to the Committee at the December 2 meeting and then bringing forward to Council at their Regular Meeting being held on December 14. The following comments were provided:

- High level changes were made with the consideration of all previously provided feedback
- Went around the table and Committee members provided positive feedback to the updated plan
- Still need to revise some minor tweaks but feel confident that the plan is ready to be presented to the community for their feedback

Mayor left at 4pm

- Confirmed with the Committee that the process is for the plan to be presented to Council at the December 14 Regular Meeting then host a community engagement event and gather feedback and then revise accordingly and present the plan back to Council at a January meeting for final approval
- Generally the public will look at all the graphics, engagement material, the highlights and provide feedback on all that
- The plan will continue to be updated as we learn more about taking action to address climate change.

Moved by Stan Eaman, seconded by Ed Wilson:

THAT the Climate Action Advisory Committee support the draft Climate Action Plan and recommend that Council support, in principle, and direct Administration to undertake community engagement as presented in the report titled "Draft Climate Action Plan for Community Engagement" dated December 1, 2020 from the Manager, Long Range Planning and Sustainability.

CARRIED.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Bill Darnell, co-chair gave an update on community engagement. The following points were provided:

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- Proposed an engagement working group committee to start planning community engagement on the draft plan– will meet on their own in the next couple of weeks
- Giving the community as much notice and information as possible should result in more engagement
- Advertising to start in the second week of January if Council supports this plan on December 14
- Would like to attract more youth and children by making it fun and interesting – an example from the City of West Kelowna website with ‘choose your own adventure’
- There are funds available to source out to help with costs for the community engagement platform
- Use ambassadors to go out in the community and encourage people to participate
- Reach out to Sustainable Environment Network Society (SENS) and other organizations that the Committee or the Climate Ambassadors have previously presented to and update them on the plan
- Would like to see more engagement with businesses

INFORMATION UPDATES

The Manager, Long Range Planning & Sustainability provided some information items. The following points were discussed:

- A press release went out to the media that students from Seaton School have Council approval to hang flags on fence
- An Okanagan College student prepared a report and did a class presentation that was recorded on ‘how to engage during COVID’ that will be presented at the first engagement working group meeting and distributed to the Committee
- Okanagan Indian Band (OKIB) expressed interest in participating on the Committee, waiting to hear who will be appointed
- Manager, Long Range Planning & Sustainability bringing forward a memo to Committee of the Whole on December 14 in regards to household organic collection
- Manager, Building and Licencing is planning on taking the Step Code Bylaw to the December 14 Regular Council meeting
- New Climate Action members will be appointed at the December 14 Regular Council meeting
- Mary updated the Committee on the UBCO proposal to Environment and Climate Change Canada for funding to assist with a long-term engagement program

INFORMATION ITEMS:

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None

NEXT MEETING The next meeting for the Climate Action Advisory Committee is set for January 20, 2021 at 3:30 p.m

ADJOURNMENT The meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Co-Chair



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