



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING VIA ZOOM HELD WEDNESDAY, January 20, 2021

PRESENT: VOTING

Brian Guy (Co-Chair), Business & Commercial Services
Bill Darnell, Community Stewardship
Jeremy Fyke, Science, Technology and Environmental Institutions
Dione Chambers, Community at Large
Mary Stockdale (Co-Chair), Educators and Educational Institutions
Ed Wilson, Community at Large Rep
Stan Eaman, Health and Social Services Sector
Councilor Brian Quiring, (Appointed Member) left at 3:58
Mayor Victor Cumming (Alternate Member), left at 3:58 PM

NON-VOTING

Colleen Marchand, OKIB
Quinn Soon, Youth
Barry Dorval, Teacher Support
Kevin McCarty, Previous Business & Commercial Services
(Observational participant)
Alan Gee, Teacher Support

ABSENT: Jenn Comazzetto, School District No. 22 Representative

STAFF: Laurie Cordell, Manager, Long Range Planning & Sustainability
Jing Niu, Environmental Planning Assistant

ORDER The meeting was called to order at 3:35 PM.

Introductions Each member and attendee introduced themselves and provided a brief background.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Moved by Stan Eaman, seconded by Ed Wilson:

THAT the agenda of the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting for Wednesday, January 20, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED.

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- Discussion** Mary Stockdale introduced the concept of a land acknowledgement and provided a personal acknowledgement of our work and meeting on the traditional and unceded territory of the Syilx Okanagan people.
- Election of Chair and Vice Chair (or Co-Chair)** Committee generally agreed upon Co-Chair approach.
1st nomination:
 - Mary Stockdale, nominated by Bill Darnell, seconded by Stan Eaman;
 - Brian Guy, nominated by Stan Eaman, seconded by Bill Darnell.2nd, 3rd nominations called.
Mary Stockdale accepts, Brian Guy accepts.
Declaration of Co-Chairs by acclamation
- ADOPTION OF MINUTES** Moved by Stan Eaman, seconded by Jeremy Fyke:

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

CARRIED.
- Celebrating Success** Bill provided summary of successes in the past two years:
 - Established a Task Force and transition to Committee,
 - Advocated and acquired significant commitment and resources from Council towards climate action,
 - Directed the development of the Climate Action Plan,
 - Contributed significantly to on-going conversation and communications towards climate action in the community, and
 - Looking forward to the implementation of the CAP; andRetrospective of milestones and round table reflection from original members.
- Big Goals for 2021-2022, Brainstorming** Roundtable discussion/brainstorm on what's next after the CAP:
 - Ensure measurables/metrics are tracked to monitor continual progress against targets;
 - Hold the City accountable towards taking action to meet CAP goals;
 - Ensure that there's opportunity provided to empower "quiet voices" especially those of youths, to take action, to uplift/address the feeling of powerlessness and pessimism against climate action;
 - Continual community engagement, especially build a broad mandate for low engagement parts of our community, and embed the plan within every element of the community;

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- Importance of indigenous voice, participation, and the continuation of progress to enhance this perspective;
- Help the public visualize their progress in multiple forms;
- Consider “secondary” (consumption based) emissions in CAP implementation; and
- Distributing the CAP beyond the City, e.g. RDNO.

**Committee,
Council, Staff
Roles /
Relationship**

Laurie Cordell provided high level review of committee, Council, and staff roles and relationship. The role of Committee specified within its ToR, and is generally to provide advice to Council on recommendation related to climate action, Council review and provide direction to administration/staff, Staff take action to implement Council direction.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**Community
Engagement Plan
Review**

Laurie Cordell summarized elements of the CAP engagement plan: Purpose of the engagement is to inform the community about the plan and seek feedback. Scaled back due to COVID; Opportunities include online presentations, virtual live events, Zoom presentations to stakeholders (e.g. SENS Jan. 21), reaching out to workshop participants, checking back in with City Staff, Facebook live, Storymap, presentation specific for students, traditional and social media, targeting March as an updated timeline.

CAAC and Ambassadors need to help by reaching out to their networks using the updated Ambassador presentation.

**Step Code Bylaw
Update**

The Bylaw update is still in-progress. The City has secured funding for mid-construction blower door testing.

NEW BUSINESS

**Meeting
Times/Frequency**

Meet monthly in the short term, to be reevaluated after the next meeting when engagement is underway.

**Working Group
Concept**

Continue with this idea during Term 2, alternatively develop ad-hoc groups as necessary..

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Reminder to members to review of Terms of Reference and Bullying and Harassment Policy, and to return completed confirmation to the City.


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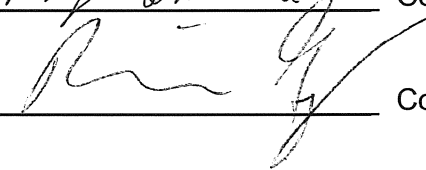
NEXT MEETING The next meeting for the Climate Action Advisory Committee is set for February 10, 2021 at 4:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT Moved by Mary Stockdale, second by Stan Eaman:

 THAT the meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee adjourned at 5:43 PM.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


_____ Co-Chair


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