



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING VIA ZOOM HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2021

PRESENT: VOTING

Mary Stockdale (Co-Chair), Educators and Educational Institutions
Brian Guy (Co-Chair), Business & Commercial Services
Bill Darnell, Community Stewardship
Jeremy Fyke, Science and Technology
Jenn Comazzetto, School District #22*
Ed Wilson, Community at Large
Stan Eaman, Health and Social Services
Mayor Victor Cumming (Alternate Member)

NON-VOTING

Barry Dorval, Youth Supporting Member

**attended intermittently due to technical difficulties*

ABSENT: Colleen Marchand, OKIB
Dione Chambers, Community at Large
Quinn Soon, Youth
Councillor Brian Quiring, Councillor (Appointed Member)

STAFF: Laurie Cordell, Manager, Long Range Planning & Sustainability
Jade Adams-Longworth, Records/Committee Clerk
Janice Nicol, Deputy Corporate Officer

ORDER The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m.

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

THAT the agenda of the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting for Wednesday, March 24, 2021 be adopted as amended:

- **ADD ITEM 5.b) New Business: FCM Webinar**

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Bill Darnell, seconded by Stan Eaman:

THAT the amended minutes for the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting of February 10, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED.

Jenn Comazzetto entered the meeting at 4:13 p.m.

CO-CHAIR REPORT

The Co-Chairs Mary Stockdale and Brian Guy updated the Climate Action Advisory Committee. The following comments were provided.

- The draft Climate Action Plan and public engagement were well planned. Excellent material was developed and very accessible.
- Pleased with the public input despite the constraints due to COVID – the feedback was detailed and thorough
- Thank you to Laurie and other City staff, the plan has been a major focus and a culmination of two and a half years of hard work.
- met new members to discuss new ideas and roles.
- Funding application to UBCO for community engagement was unsuccessful, as was the PICS Intern Grant.
- Keep pursuing grants and funding, and watch for new sources and create a process for bidding for funding.
- Funding focus is on a green recovery from COVID and robust community engagement.
- Met with the Mayor to discuss and understand the City's relationship with OKIB and Splantsin Bands - at this time the committee will not be doing land acknowledgments at its meetings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**REVIEW OF CAP ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES**

The Manager of Long Range Planning and Sustainability provided an overview of the Climate Action Plan's engagement outcomes as outlined in the committee memo dated March 24, 2021.

Jenn Comazzetto left the meeting at 4:23 p.m.

REVIEW OF THE RECOMMENDED PLAN CHANGES

The Manager of Long Range Planning and the committee members discussed changes to the plan as a result of the feedback.

- Wording changes and edits have been integrated into the plan.
Of note:

- 'No net greenhouse gas emissions' – this will require a definition.
- Guiding principles have been moved to the front of the document.

Jenn Comazetto entered the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

- Changes are proposed to the Economic Development Vision to be more active wording and reflect the desired future state and there are new actions proposed under Goal #2.
- In addition there were changes added to the section on funding.

Jenn Comazetto left the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

- The committee felt that there is a need for more discussion on the cost of inaction and the benefit of taking action. Some of the steps that the City has already undertaken could provide examples of this.
 - Retrofitting old heating and cooling systems (creation of net-savings with reduction of costs).
 - Mitigation of seasonal flooding.
- Overall continue to find alternative, cost effective ways to move forward and be more efficient into the future, which over the long term will drive down operational costs.
- Changes to the Agricultural section – the Committee felt like it was important to have actions to support food security.
 - The City is only able to support regional work in this regard and put more emphasis on encouraging home owners.
 - Need functional redundancy for a resilient food system, suggestion of high-level wording to cover this.
- Under the group lists:
 - Change to North Okanagan Labour Council (instead of Union)
 - Add Tolko and PRT
 - Lunch and Learn at Associated Environmental Consultants
- Committee would like to hold off on passing a resolution until the engagement is officially closed and the additional changes discussed at the meeting can be incorporated – to that end an additional meeting was scheduled for March 29, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS:**ENERGY STEP
CODE
ACCELERATION**

Mr. Ed Wilson, Community at Large Representative provided the committee with a brief update on concerns with the pace of adoption of the Energy Step Code, and the importance of accelerating the pace of adoption. The following points were noted from the discussion following his update:

- The committee is aware a lot of building is underway, and would like to ensure that the future buildings are as climate friendly and low emission as possible.
- Would like to explore how to get builders on board.
- The committee would like more background context, in relation to the trends and the forecast for the future buildings and how the Climate Action Plan's goals are being considered in this.
- The reach and the capacity for what we can do needs to be investigated and considered.
- He will follow up and send materials to Administration to review and report back on at the April meeting.

FCM WEBINAR

Mr. Bill Darnell, Community Stewardship Representative provided the committee with a brief update on a FCM Webinar he had attended. The following points were noted from the discussion following his update:

- Big budget funding can come from Community Efficiency Funding – they fund feasibility and design studies.
- The committee would like to focus on some more pilot project and grants.
- There are no deadlines, the funding opportunities are ongoing
- He will send information to Administration to share with the Committee.

INFORMATION ITEMS:**NEXT MEETING**


The next meeting for the Climate Action Advisory Committee is set for Monday, March 29, 2021 at 4:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

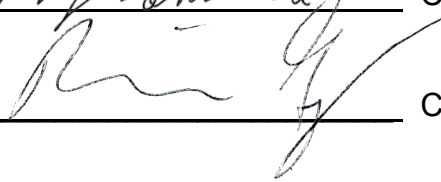
Moved by Stan Eaman, seconded by Bill Darnell:

THAT the meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee be adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Co-Chair



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