



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING VIA ZOOM HELD THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021

PRESENT: VOTING

Mary Stockdale (Co-Chair), Educators and Educational Institution
Brian Guy (Co-Chair), Business & Commercial Services
Bill Darnell, Community Stewardship
Jeremy Fyke, Science and Technology
Ed Wilson, Community at Large
Stan Eaman, Health and Social Services
Colleen Marchand, OKIB (4:18 p.m.)
Quinn Soon, Youth (4:21 p.m.)
Councillor Brian Quiring, Councillor (Appointed Member)

NON-VOTING

Mayor Victor Cumming (Alternate Member)
Barry Dorval, Youth Supporting Member

GUESTS:

Jon Corbett, UBCO, Workshop Facilitator
Bethany Presley, UBCO, Workshop Facilitator

ABSENT: Dione Chambers, Community at Large
Jenn Comazzetto, School District #22

STAFF: Laurie Cordell, Manager, Long Range Planning & Sustainability
Daniel Sturgeon, Long Range Planner
David Lind, Chief, Fire-Rescue Services

ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m.

LAND

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

As Chair of the City of Vernon's Climate Action Advisory Committee, and in the spirit of this gathering, I recognize the City of Vernon is located in the traditional territory of the Syilx people of the Okanagan Nation.

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA**

Moved by Stan Eaman, seconded by Jeremy Fyke:

THAT the agenda of the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting for Thursday, May 27, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Bill Darnell, seconded by Stan Eaman:

THAT the minutes for the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting of April 28, 2021 be adopted.

CARRIED.

INTRODUCTIONS

The Manager, Long Range Planning and Sustainability introduced the guests and additional staff in attendance:

- Chief David Lind from the Vernon Fire Rescue Services
- Jon Corbett from UBCO
- Bethany Presley from UBCO

FIRESMART CANADA – WHITEPAPER PRESENTATION

The Chief, Fire Rescue Services presented the Whitepaper on Wildfires and Climate Change. The following points were discussed:

- There was some discussion about encouraging the City to prepare mapping to support the white paper.

Colleen Marchand entered the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

Moved by Ed Wilson, seconded by Stan Eaman:

THAT the Climate Action Advisory Committee recommends that Council endorse the Whitepaper on Wildfires and Climate Change.

CARRIED.

Quinn Soon entered the meeting at 4:21 p.m.

CO-CHAIR REPORT

Co-Chair Brian Guy updated the Climate Action Advisory Committee. The following comments were provided.

- Worked to prepare the workshop for this agenda.
- Alan Gee brought forward a new youth member, a grade 9 student, who has been approved by Council to join the committee and will likely be joining at the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**2022 BUDGET PRIORITIES**

The Manager of Long Range Planning presented the Committee with an update on the Climate Action Plan The following was noted:

- Despite not having developed an implementation plan, we know that we want some additional funding to do this.
- Various budget items such as flood management and infrastructure are being dealt with by other departments.

- However other implementation items may require additional resources.
- A report will be provided to Council.

Moved by Bill Darnell, seconded by Stan Eaman:

THAT the Climate Action Advisory Committee recommends that Administration request the inclusion of the Climate Action Plan Implementation, as outlined in the Memorandum titled “Climate Action Plan 2022 Budget Priorities” dated May 25, 2021, respectfully submitted by the Manager, Long Range Planning and Sustainability for consideration in Council’s Strategic Planning and 2022 Budget Process;

AND FURTHER that Council consider increasing service levels to include a new full time professional to support the implementation of the Climate Action Plan with early budget approval in Council’s Strategic Planning and 2022 Budget Process.

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

**CLIMATE ACTION
REBATE INCENTIVE
PROGRAM (CARIP)**

The Manager, Long Range Planning and Sustainability informed the Committee that the CARIP has been cancelled by the Province. The following was noted:

- This may impact the climate action revolving fund and the committee needs to be aware of this. A memo was provided with further information and this can be addressed at a subsequent meeting.

Councillor Quiring left the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

**CLIMATE ACTION
PLAN
IMPLEMENTATION
STRATEGY
WORKSHOP – PART 1**

The Manager, Long Range Planning and Sustainability, reviewed the Climate Action Plan and noted that this document encompasses more than 2 years of hard work and now it is time to start the implementation of the CAP. The following points were noted:

- We might need to think about the factors that will influence the implementation of the plan.
- Some of these we can manage locally, some of them are so huge they are external to the City.
- We want to provide everybody in this committee a voice to talk about the sorts of factors that will have an impact on the implementation of the plan.

- What are 3-5 influences that you feel are the most significant. A few would be internal, and some are external.

At 4:40 p.m. Jon Corbett from UBCO facilitated a workshop, and Bethany Presley took notes. Mr. Corbett provided a preamble in which he noted that there are both opportunities and challenges facing the community as we consider CAP implementation, and that some of the opportunities and challenges are internal to the community and some are external. Mr. Corbett managed three rounds of discussion, in each of which he asked each member of the committee in turn to contribute one key factor or issue.

- Round one was focused on factors internal to the community
- Round two was focused on factors external to the community
- Round three was intended to allow participants to note any other factors that had been missed in the first two rounds

The suggestions arising from these three rounds of discussion were all captured on digital “stickies” which were placed on a graph diagram where the x-axis ranged from ‘challenges’ to ‘opportunities’ and the y-axis from ‘internal’ to ‘external’ to the community. This diagram is attached at the end of the minutes.

**WORKSHOP
OUTCOMES**

The Committee reconvened at 5:51 pm and reviewed the workshop outcomes.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

SENS is holding a parade on Saturday May 28, meeting in the parking lot of Ratio coffee at 9:30am.


NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Climate Action Advisory Committee is set for June 23, 2021 at 4:00 PM.


ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Co-Chair



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