



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING VIA ZOOM HELD WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 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 (4:06 p.m.)
Ed Wilson, Community at Large
Stan Eaman, Health and Social Services
Councilor Brian Quiring, Councillor (Appointed Member)
Dione Chambers, Community at Large
Nia Hill, Youth

NON-VOTING

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

GUESTS:

Jon Corbett, UBCO, Workshop Facilitator
Alan Gee, Teacher, Clarence Fulton Secondary School

ABSENT: Jenn Comazzetto, School District #22
Colleen Marchand, OKIB
Quinn Soon, Youth

STAFF: Laurie Cordell, Manager, Long Range Planning & Sustainability
Jade Adams-Longworth, Records/Committee Clerk

ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

**LAND
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

As Chair of the City of CAAC 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.

**NEW MEMBER
INTRODUCTION**

Mr. Alan Gee, Teacher, Clarence Fulton Secondary School introduced the newest Committee Member Nia Hill to the rest of the Committee Members.

Jeremey Fyke entered the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

After Nia’s introduction, there was a roundtable where the rest of the members introduced themselves.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Mary Stockdale, seconded by Stan Eaman:

THAT the agenda of the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting for Wednesday, June 23, 2021 be adopted as amended:

- **ADD** – New Member Introduction

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Ed Wilson, seconded by Bill Darnell:

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

CARRIED.

CO-CHAIR REPORT

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

- Okanagan Nation Alliance held an event to introduce the Sylix Water Strategy. The Sylix Water Strategy is a strategic document that is action orientated on how the Sylix people plan on becoming more proactive and co-managers of the water of the Okanagan..
- Both of the Co-Chairs attended an online training session offered by KinShift. It was based on the mistreatment of First Nations people from the colonial governments and created an emotional connection to the impacts of what has occurred.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY WORKSHOP – PART 2.1: BRINGING THE CONCEPT HOME

Co-Chair, Mary Stockdale gave a brief overview of the first Workshop’s outcomes and introduced the objectives of the today’s Workshops. The following was noted:

- Trying to find a roadmap for the next two years.
- The first Workshop was to find the influences - both internal and external factors that influence CAP implementation.
- The second Workshop (today’s), is to focus on the Committees Role and The Next Steps in implementation.

At 4:13 p.m. workshop facilitator Jon Corbett took over the Committee meeting and began to facilitate the second Workshop. Jon presented

the Committee with an overview of the first Workshops outcomes and challenged members to pick one to three of the outcomes that they felt would make the biggest impact. Responses were recorded by placing symbols on the one-page Workshop One summary. The following was noted:

- Multiple Committee Members felt that the Community was currently unaware of the Climate Action Plan.
- There needs to be more engagement, and hopefully that will build momentum from the community.
 - ▶ There should be a tool to help the community engage.
 - ▶ Possibility of a Social Media Campaign
 - ▶ Community Champions & Ambassadors
- There was a consensus that youth involvement is a key element that should be harnessed and that it is one of the largest single groups that can be connected with. Building momentum from schools and starting enthusiasm there will play a large role.
- There is a long way to go before fully engaging the community, part of which is the need to address political polarization and being willing to have difficult conversations.
- With the Community's size, things like staffing, costs need to be looked at and there is a need to get creative with the resources that are currently in place.
 - ▶ Explore the Federal and Provincial funding available.
 - ▶ Upfront costs for long-term savings,
- When focusing on engagement the umbrella needs to expand to any and all groups. Some examples being:
 - ▶ Faith Communities
 - ▶ Labour Groups (Unions)
 - ▶ Youth Involvement
 - ▶ Okanagan Nation Alliance
- Council support will be needed.
 - ▶ Can be reinforced with the Official Community Plan Renewal Process (2022/2024)
 - ▶ Embed Climate Action Plan within the policies.
 - ▶ Encourage people to consume local and less.
- With the consumer lifestyle, and the influx of people and residents in the Okanagan increasing there is a need to encourage people to consume local and less.
- There is an urgency of influencing the culture around the new normal, and an opportunity to work with other communities across the province.

**IMPLEMENTATION
STRATEGY
WORKSHOP – PART
2.2: THE ROLES AND
REPONSIBILITIES**

individuals, the committee and the Climate Ambassadors, and asked members to contribute their thoughts on potential roles for the CAAC, themselves, and the ambassadors. The following was discussed and noted:

Individual Roles & Responsibilities

- Can leverage personal relationships with Businesses, Universities, organizations to get more involvement going.
- Spread cultural awareness with groups
- Bringing forward the knowledge base and perspective forward from each of the members individual backgrounds.
- Engagement with Councillors.
- Using our fields and local nature and science centers to educate people.
 - ▶ Electric school buses
 - ▶ Education in the different centers (Science, Alan Brooks etc.)
 - ▶ Schoolrooms
- To continue to learn new skills and find new ways to approach people and ideas.
- Keep doing the little things, if everyone does one or two little things – they add up.

Committee Roles & Responsibilities

- Needs to work with different groups to engage with who can aid in implementation.
- Find ways to engage the community (events, launches, social media etc.)
- Contact the Ambassadors and re-engage, recruit and provide training for a bigger group.
- Working with Council and Staff and provide support in the more technical aspects. Be more of a knowledge base and advisory body.
- Establish working or focus groups to help create plans to tackle the items ahead.
- Challenge Council and Councillors to hold the Community to a higher standard. Tell the City to lead by example, and push for it to be policy.
- The Committee needs to bring some of this technical push. Bring the push and the expertise – keep it moving at a pace where it is almost uncomfortable for Council.

- Outreach with more teachers and support staff, making them enthusiastic and more comfortable with the material.
- Could look for specific funding and grant opportunities, and aid in helping Staff apply for them.

Ambassador Roles & Responsibilities

- To educate and engage community members and spread the word.

The Committee members had a consensus that engagement fell into all of the categories above.

CLIMATE ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY WORKSHOP – PART 2.3: THE NEXT STEPS IN THE PROCESS

The Manager of Long Range Planning and Sustainability presented the Committee with her views on the next steps in the process of Implementation of the Climate Action Plan. The following was noted:

Next steps in CAP Implementation

Monitoring and Evaluation

- Developing a monitoring and evaluation framework with indicators and rotating reporting requirements **
 - ▶ Community Actions **
 - ▶ Integration of CAP across City operations **
 - ▶ GHG emission reductions **
 - ▶ Infrastructure protection **

Plan Implementation

- Working to support and understand populations vulnerable to climate change **
- Development of neighbourhood vulnerability workshops **
- Implement changes in response to flood study
- Wildfire protection plan update
- Integrate CAP consideration in projects
- Waste system review (organics) and material development
- Update bylaws
- Natural assets inventory
- Heat and clean air strategy development
- Integration of CAP into city processes
- Community engagement and outreach **
 - ▶ Engagement and education events **
 - ▶ Tool for community engagement **
 - ▶ Website revision **
 - ▶ Role of climate ambassadors in implementation **
 - ▶ Continue to work with teachers and the School District **

- ▶ Neighbourhood level actions **
- OCP review and CAP integration **
- Transportation system actions
- Tree bylaw review
- Step code implementation
- Retrofits **
 - ▶ Policy and tool development **
 - ▶ Homeowner engagement and support **
 - ▶ Simplifying processes **
- Business and Tourism engagement **
- Attract green industry and business **
- Food Systems **

*** All items that the Committee can assist with developing and putting into action*

The following was noted from a fluid discussion from the Committee that developed in regards to the implementation steps. The following was noted:

- Somehow Climate Action requirements needs to be inserted into the development process.
- With there being a high growth period, should Climate Action be focused on before expediting the building process?
- There needs to be a higher standard.

The Committee ended the Workshop and reconvened the Regular meeting at 5:54 pm.

Jon Corbett left the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

WORKSHOP OUTCOMES

Co-Chair Mary Stockdale recapped that the Workshops have been a success so far. The following was noted:

- The second Workshop brought new information and ideas.
- The co-chairs will integrate the workshop discussions and outcomes into a plan for the CAAC – a set of recommendations for how the CAAC can best contribute to CAP Implementation.

Dione Chambers left the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

The Manager, Long Range Planning and Sustainability brought forward the following information items:

- CARIP – A Memo went to Council for their information and a Letter of Concern from the Mayor went to the Province.
- 2021 Budget Priorities - A Memo went to Council asking for them to consider a budget expansion for Climate Action.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Climate Action Advisory Committee is set for August 25, 2021 at 4:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Chair