

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON



CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE
HELD WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2021
VIA ZOOM - 4:00 PM

PRESENT: Bill Darnell, Community Stewardship
Brian Guy (Co-Chair), Business and Commercial Services
Dione Chambers, Community at Large
Jenn Comazzetto, SD#22 Board Rep
Jeremy Fyke, Science and Technology
Mary Stockdale (Co-Chair), Educators and Educational Institution
Nia Hill, Youth Member
Stan Eaman, Health and Social Services
Councillor Brian Quiring

NON-VOTING:

Alan Gee (Youth Support)
Barry Dorval, Seaton Secondary Teacher & Support for Youth

ABSENT: Ed Wilson, Community at Large
Colleen Marchand, OKIB Representative
Quinn Soon, Youth Member
Mayor Victor Cumming (Alternate Member)

STAFF: Laurie Cordell, Manager, Long Range Planning & Sustainability
Barbara Everdene, Long Range Planner
Tracy Mueller, Committee Clerk

ORDER The meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM

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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 THE AGENDA

Moved by M. Stockdale seconded by S. Eaman:

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

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Moved by S. Eaman seconded by J. Comazzetto:

THAT the minutes for the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting of September 29, 2021, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

- S. Eamon requested clarification regarding the request for a dedicated staff to support the Climate Action position. Staff clarified that Council does not consider the request until the budget process in November.

LONG RANGE PLANNER - INTRODUCTION

L. Cordell, Manager, Long Range Planning & Sustainability introduced the newest member of the Planning Team, B. Everdene, Long-Range Planner, to members of the Committee.

CO-CHAIR REPORT

Co-Chair, B. Guy, updated the Climate Action Committee on their work in October as follows:

- Co-chairs finalized the CAAC Work Plan based on discussion held during the September CAAC meeting.
- M. Stockdale and B. Guy organized initial meetings for some of the new teams created in September.
- Initial team meetings were focused on goals, scope, priority tasks, schedule, and meeting logistics.
- It was noted that all the new teams will meet and report back at the monthly CAAC meetings with status updates.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**TEAM REPORTS**

- **Metrics and Reporting**
 - Team members are: J. Fyke, Mayor Cumming, L. Cordell, and B. Everdene.
 - The first meeting is set for November 1, 2021.
 - An update will be provided at the next CAAC meeting.
 - Staff noted that the meeting focused on the scope of the work, how to be organized and how frequently would meet

- **Community Engagement**
 - Team members are: L. Cordell, B. Everdene, M. Stockdale, B. Darnell, S. Eaman, B. Guy and D. Chambers
 - The following goals were created:
 - Celebrate action and leave people feeling hopeful
 - Look at individual / formal and informal group engagements, including ways for citizens to share and report on their climate actions
 - Develop a strategic community engagement plan.
 - Reenergize the ambassador program
 - Focus attention on neighbourhood / community connections.
 - Bi-Weekly Informal meetings will be the structure.
 - Develop a tool to support engagement
 - The Ambassador celebration and future planning meeting is planned for Tuesday, November 16, 2021. L. Cordell will send an invitation to the whole Committee; it was discussed this will be only open to those who were previously trained.
 - The Co-Chairs reminded all Committee members that they are members of the Ambassador group.

- **Youth Engagement**
 - Team members are: A. Gee, B. Dorval, J. Comazzetto, N. Hill and B. Everdene
 - Approach is to enable youth to be involved in planning and selecting initiatives, recognizing their desire to be action-focused
 - “Think Groups” at participating schools where youth can come together and have some dialogue.

- Discussed engagement with School District 22.
 - Another meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 15, 2021.
 - The intent is to empower youth supported by teachers
 - The Team will build a list of Action Projects that Youth might be interested in and how the School Superintendent can be engaged.
 - D. Chambers discussed a potential funding source: GenAction funding from the Canadian Association of Science Centres (CASC); she will forward info to the Committee.
 - In response to a question from the Committee, it was clarified that the aim of Youth Engagement is to raise awareness and improve hands on climate action.
 - The “Tree Planting” idea came up as part of the conversation as a potential action and the group is looking to be curious, broad, and inclusive before any specific actions are decided on.
 - D. Chambers noted that the Okanagan Science Centre is slated to bring in a climate exhibit in 2023.
- **Fundraising**
 - This team is comprised of J. Fyke, B. Guy, M. Stockdale, and B. Darnell.
 - The aim is to leverage partnerships and it aligns with the community engagement piece.
 - The scope is to identify and share information on new funding opportunities
 - The Team is collecting information to pass on to City staff who may hire a grant writer as needed.
 - The approach is to delegate responsibilities among the Committee: J. Fyke will look at Federal, B. Guy will take on Provincial, Foundations and Professional Organization; while M. Stockdale and B. Darnell will spearhead Academic opportunities.
 - J. Fyke will be setting up a spreadsheet in discussion with staff, to summarize the funding opportunities with the hope to assist City of Vernon staff.
 - The Co-Chairs requested an invitation to CAP documentation on OwnCloud to assist with collaboration.
 - A member of the Committee asked about funding at the Provincial Government Level in terms of funding (replacement of the CARIP funding). It is not yet known

- whether the province will replace CARIP with another climate funding program at this time.
- The Committee discussed there is other Provincial Funding that might be applicable that will be explored.
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- **Implementation Prioritization**
 - Team members are: M. Stockdale, B. Everdene, L. Cordell, and N. Hill.
 - The Committee will be focused on prioritizing community climate action, not on City operations at this time
 - Goal to create a “menu” of potential climate actions for people/organizations to choose from.
 - The following suggestions were made:
 - Maybe we want to not have absolute prioritization because different people have different priorities. We can instead ask people to pursue actions that are important to them.
 - criteria to consider: what actions are most impactful, have funding available now, are currently achievable
 - Co-Chair B. Guy clarified that we have aggressive targets as a Committee and Community that we need to accomplish in a very short period to achieve net zero by 2050.
 - A member of the Committee asked if consideration would be given to creating a mechanism for the Community to provide feedback on the City of Vernon website where there is a “button” that participants can click saying “yes” I did this – based on the items they have selected from the menu to generate excitement as part of the communication interface.

 - **Retrofit Research**
 - This team is comprised of E. Wilson and Councillor B. Quiring.
 - There is nothing to report on this item to date as E. Wilson has been away and will not be available until after November 15, 2021.

 - **Final Workplan (For Implementation)**
 - Staff noted that an updated version of the Work Plan was included in the October 27, 2021 agenda package for everyone’s information and included in the minutes.

NEW BUSINESS:

- There was no new business discussed.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Committee Member B. Darnell noted that he and his wife will be relocating to Victoria to live with family. He would like to continue to be a member of the Committee.
- Co-Chairs B. Guy and M. Stockdale, and members of the Committee thanked B. Darnell for his leadership, assistance, and tireless work in getting the City of Vernon's Climate Action Committee up and running.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Climate Action Advisory Committee is set for **Monday, December 6, 2021 at 4:00 PM in Council Chamber at City Hall.**

Moved by Councillor B. Quiring seconded by J. Comazzetto.

THAT the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting of October 27, 2021, be adjourned.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee adjourned at 5:09 PM.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Chair