



## THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

### **MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2022 – 4:00 PM OKANAGAN ROOM (COUNCIL CHAMBER) CITY HALL**

**PRESENT** Barry Dorval, Educator  
Brian Guy, Business & Commercial Services Rep.  
Ed Wilson, Community at Large  
Jenn Comazzetto, SD#22 Board Rep.  
Mary Stockdale, Educator, Chair  
Nia Hill, Youth Member  
Stan Eaman, Health and Social Services  
Mayor Cumming, Council Appointed

**ABSENT** Jeremy Fyke, Science and Technology  
Councillor Brian Quiring, Council Appointed  
Alan Gee, Teacher Support (Non-Voting)

**NON-VOTING OBSERVERS** Bill Darnell, Community Stewardship (Via Zoom)  
Councillor Durning

**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 **4:01 PM**

**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 THE  
AGENDA**

Moved by **B. Dorval**, seconded by **J. Comazzetto**:

THAT the agenda for the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting of Wednesday, June 22, 2022 meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF THE  
MINUTES**

Moved by **B. Dorval**, seconded by **E. Wilson**:

THAT the minutes for the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting of May 25, 2022, meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee be adopted as amended to include Councillor Durning as an attendee.

**CARRIED**

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

The following comments were made:

- M. Stockdale thanked the following members for their work on the Youth Summit. N. Hill, B. Dorval, A. Gee and judges, B. Darnell, B. Everdene and Councillor Quiring.
- M. Stockdale received an email from a representative of the Government of Victoria regarding the Carbon Tax impacts and the resulting impacts on the community at large. The feedback received will form the Provincial Government's review on associated programming. CAAC Committee members were invited to share their feedback with M. Stockdale offline by email.
  - The committee noted that one of the realities for the Carbon Tax is that it makes it very easy to switch buying or other life patterns. The other factor is the whole movement toward electric cars; however, the current supply does not match the demand due to production challenges.
  - The Committee discussed that the purchase and use of electric mobility devices are taking off at a consumer level and it is excellent to see how quickly things are moving in that regard.

- It was noted that the townhouse market would be an interesting measurement in terms of heat exchangers, i.e., where adjustments could feasibly be made.
- There were 67,000 trips on the e-scooter trips in the City of Vernon last year. The very first year there was not much marketing with the program and yet it was well received by the public.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Team Reports**

- **Metrics and Reporting**

There were no items to report

- **Community Engagement**

The team met on June 20. The team reviewed the workshops summary and the communications report. This workshop summary integrated all the CE feedback from the workshops held over the past year: two last spring with CAAC members, and two over the winter (Nov and March) with the Climate Ambassadors and other stakeholders (staff, etc).

Considering formalizing the Ambassador Program and with a "call-out" to the community at large". Branding, logos, messaging, and kits will be developed the Ambassadors and others.

Staff noted that edits from the Community Engagement Team will be incorporated into the community engagement strategy and it will be presented at the Committee at an upcoming meeting.

- **Youth Engagement**

The Climate Youth Summit was held, 31 student groups made presentations. The students learned a lot and they were engaged in a call to action on Climate Issues.

J. Comazetto noted that the Superintendent was excited by the event. The overall feedback received was that it was excellently done and the hope is that the program can be continued for next year.

The committee would like Administration to explore budget and funding sources and report back to the next meeting with a recommendation to council.

The Climate Action Advisory Committee tabled two (2) motions as a show of support for School District No. 22 and the May 31, 2022, Youth Climate Action Summit as follows:

Moved by **E. Wilson**, seconded by **S. Eamon**:

THAT the Climate Action Advisory Committee (CAAC) requests that Council send a letter to School District No. 22, thanking the Superintendent, Trustees and Staff for coordinating the May 31, 2022, Youth Climate Action Summit.

**CARRIED**

Moved by **S. Eamon**, seconded by **B. Guy**:

THAT the Climate Action Advisory Committee (CAAC) request that the CAAC Staff Liaison explore how School District No. 22 and the City of Vernon can work in collaboration to facilitate future School District No. 22 Youth Climate Action initiatives.

**CARRIED**

*J. Comazetto. left the meeting at 4:54 PM.*

- **Fundraising**

Met on June 21, 2022. Set up an online tracking tool.

There is a program right now for homeowners to obtain funding. suggested that a role for the City would be to assist citizens with enrollment in the program. **J. Fyke and M. Stockdale** are committed to monitoring opportunities monthly.

The step code has been brought in, and building retrofits is the next piece. M. Stockdale noted that the Master's Student could feasibly be a resource for the project, the student will start in September 2022.

Staff noted that Vernon's portion of the newly funded Government program will likely be \$205,000, staff noted the monies are going to be applied to the Climate Action Revolving Fund; however, staff are still reviewing the program and will have a further update in September.

- **Organics Promotion**

- **Metrics and Reporting**

At the May 25, 2022, CAAC, the Committee discussed how to actively support organics program through their networks including the Climate Action Ambassadors. CAAC received written correspondence from the Josh Winquist, Communications Officer, City of Vernon with key talking points regarding the City of Vernon's organics program.

CAAC members were asked to think of how they might personalize the messaging and send to their various networks.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Agents of Change (Canadian ICLEI Membership)**

- The City was successful in securing \$15,000 from Agents of Change, a network made up of Canadian municipalities to deliver a range of programs and activities. It was discussed that Agents of Change is a peer network where learnings from other communities can be shared.
- Staff noted that when ICLEI Workshops become available members of the CAAC will be invited to participate.

- **Summer Meeting Schedule**

- There will be no meeting in July, the next meeting will be **August 24, 2022**

Moved by **B. Guy**, seconded by **E. Wilson**:

THAT the Climate Action Advisory Committee (CAAC) meeting of July 27, 2022 be cancelled; and furthermore, the next meeting date will be set for August 24, 2022, at 4:00 PM in the Okanagan Room (Council Chamber) at City Hall.

**CARRIED**

- **Climate Action Coordinator Staffing Update**

- Having 2nd round interviews; both candidates would be good additions to the team. The CAAC will receive a further update in August.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

There were no information items discussed

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting for the Climate Action Advisory Committee is set for **Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at 4:00 PM in Council Chamber at City Hall.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Moved by **S. Eamon**, seconded by **E. Wilson**:

THAT the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting of June 22, 2022, be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee adjourned at **5:40 PM**.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S. Eamon', is written over a horizontal line.

**Chair**