



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

**MINUTES OF THE
CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2022
GREATER VERNON MUSEUM & ARCHIVES**

PRESENT: VOTING:

Brian Guy (Co-Chair), Business and Commercial Services
Councillor Brian Quiring
Donna Bartel, Community at Large
Ed Wilson, Community at Large
Jen Comazzetto, SD#22 Board Rep
Jeremy Fyke, Science and Technology
Mary Stockdale (Co-Chair), Educator
Mayor Cumming
Nia Hill, Youth Member
Stanley Eaman, Health and Social Services

NON-VOTING:

Alan Gee, Teacher Support
Bill Darnell, Community Stewardship (*via Zoom*)

ABSENT: Barry Dorval
Colleen Marchand

STAFF: Brendan Riome, Climate Action Implementation Coordinator
Jack Shipton, Environmental Planning Assistant
Jennifer Pounder, Committee Clerk
Kim Flick, Director, Community Infrastructure and Development

ORDER The meeting was called to order at 4:06 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 THE
AGENDA** Moved by **S. Eaman**, seconded by **B. Guy**:

THAT the agenda of the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting for September 28, 2022 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

The agenda was varied**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

Moved by **E. Wilson**, seconded by **J. Comazzetto**:

THAT the minutes for the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting of August 24, 2022 be adopted.

CARRIED

CO-CHAIRS REPORT

M. Stockdale, Co-Chair, provided the following update:

As we all know we are in the middle of an election period. This will affect how committees work. We may have a new Mayor and council that might set a new direction for us and we need to be prepared. This committee needs to put together recommendations for the new Council members to implement in their new strategy. We need to think about what needs tidying and cleaning up between now and January 2023. B. Riome will discuss this at the team level. Since our last meeting, D. Bartel has joined the Fundraising and Funding and Metrics and reporting teams.

Mayor Cumming arrived at 4:12 p.m.

DELEGATION PRESENTATION

J. Shipton, Environmental Planning Assistant, was in attendance and provided an overview of the Sustainability Grants Program.

- This program receives an annual funding of \$3,000.00. Each grant is allocated a maximum of \$1,000.00 per project.
- Provided small grants directed at encouraging low cost, achievable sustainability actions in Vernon.
- This program was postponed in 2021 which has given us funding this year of \$6,000.00.
- Sustainable Goals are:
 - Ecosystem & Ecological Conservation
 - Energy conservation & Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction
 - Local food & Agriculture
 - Water Quality Protection & Conservation

- The 2022 / 2023 key dates are:
 - Fall Application Period:
September 22 – October 24, 2022
 - Council Consideration:
November 28, 2022
 - Award Notification:
Letters sent by December 5, 2022
 - Fall Project Deadline:
June 1, 2023
- We are hoping to extend the reach of this program so if you are interested, please keep us in mind.

The Committee had the following questions / comments:

- The Committee asked why the budget for this program was so low. Staff did not have an answer but they will be requesting a higher budget for next year.
- N. Hill noted that the Climate Action Youth Summit is coming up on December 1, 2022, with 4 high schools participating. They are allocated \$75.00 per project and will be looking for additional funding. J. Shipton asked that they get in contact with him. Application deadline is November 28, 2022 with notifications being sent December 5, 2022. J. Shipton will inquire as to moving the date forward for this program.
- The Committee suggested looking for corporate sponsors and recommended that staff bring this to an upcoming Council meeting with a request for more funding for this program.

J. Shipton left at 4:32 p.m.

STAFF REPORT

B. Riome, Climate Action Implementation Coordinator, gave the following update:

- At its Regular Meeting on September 6, 2022, Council approved support funding to go to the Climate Action Youth Summit in the amount of \$12,500.00.
 - \$10,000 will initially be provided for the Youth Summit with the remaining \$2,500 will be provided on the

submission of a Funding Sustainability Report from the Fresh Outlook Foundation

- On September 17, 2022 he attended the Seniors Fair at the fire prevention booth and it was great to hear some many experiences from people

Kim Flick arrived at 4:43 p.m.

Memo - Prioritization of Actions from the Climate Action Plan for the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan

- From this memo priorities were identified. The City of Vernon has completed several tasks and are actively working on others. The Climate Action Advisory Committee is being asked to provide a list of priorities of the Climate Action Plan.

J. Fyke arrived at 4:24 p.m.

The Committee had the following questions / comments:

- The Committee confirmed this memo was created in 2020 and a lot of work has been completed since then and requested narrowing it down to the uncompleted tasks.
- The Committee suggested pulling together all information gathered since 2020 and having the Committee run a prioritizing workshop and bringing the results to Council. This will be further discussed at the new Co-Chairs meeting.

**DELEGATION
PRESENTATION**

K. Flick, Director, Community Infrastructure & Development, was in attendance to provide an overview of Committee Best Practice & Operating Procedures. The following comments were made:

- The City of Vernon has a lot of Committees and they operate under Roberts Rules.
- A brief overview of Roberts Rules was given outlining the need to follow protocol so the minutes of the meeting are recorded correctly. Proper phrasing is required as recommendations are made to City Council based on them.

- M. Stockdale requested a tutorial on Roberts Rules and suggested it be done at the next cochair meeting.

**STAFF REPORT
CONTINUATION****Draft for Discussion – Climate Action Plan Community
Engagement Strategy**

- The Committee confirmed this draft was originally prepared by L. Cordell.
- The Committee would like to summarize this draft at the next Co-Chairs meeting and present it at the next Committee meeting.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS****Team reports:**

- **Metrics and Reporting**
 - Have not been able to find time for a meeting.
 - The Committee noted that this is important and we need goals and looked to J. Fyke for assistance.

J. Fyke noted part of the reason nothing has been completed is they do not have a plan.

- The Committee would like to discuss a possible annual report on the Climate Action Plan. This will be discussed at the upcoming prioritization workshop.
- **Community Engagement**
 - Nothing to report
- **Youth Engagement**
 - Nothing to report. They are having a meeting tomorrow.
- **Fundraising**
 - A. Gee has committed to round 2 of the Climate Action Youth Summit. He thinks it will look different this year and is excited about funding support from RDNO and the City of Vernon and their goal is to put on something that has some quality to it.
 - N. Hill noted the Climate Action Youth Summit kickoff is October 3, 2022. There will be different mentors for different projects and students are helping to reach a new goal.

- J. Comazzetto noted that the mentor packages are going ahead and people are excited about being mentors. The school trustees are excited about the launch and sad they will be in Vancouver during the Youth Summit.
 - The Committee inquired if B. Riome will be at the Youth Summit to speak. B. Riome confirmed he will be attending the Summit as a mentor, not a speaker.
- J. Fyke noted that we are continuing with a Trello Board. There is a lot of money available through the Federal Government to retrofit community buildings and make them more efficient. One of the programs is the Canadian Greener Home Loans Program.
- The Committee asked that this information be sent to the group and also asked that any ideas from other members about how to get this program out to the citizens of Vernon and possibly get the City of Vernon involved be emailed to M. Stockdale, Councillor Quiring, or D. Bartel.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Climate Action Advisory Committee is set for Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 4:00 PM.

MOTION TO ADJOURN Moved by **B. Guy**, seconded by **S. Eaman**:

THAT the meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee be adjourned.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


_____ Chair