



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

**MINUTES OF THE  
CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2022  
OKANAGAN ROOM (COUNCIL CHAMBER) CITY HALL**

**PRESENT:** Jeremy Fyke  
Jenn Comazzetto  
Mary Stockdale  
Donna Bartel  
Stan Eaman  
Brian Guy

**ABSENT:** Councilor Brian Quiring  
Barry Dorval  
Colleen Marchand  
Ed Wilson  
Nia Hill  
Mayor Cumming  
Bill Darnell  
Alan Gee

**STAFF:** Brendan Riome, Climate Action Coordinator  
Kim Flick, Director, Community Infrastructure and Development  
Jack Shipton, Environmental Planning Assistant

**ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 4:05 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.*

**MOTION TO ADOPT  
AGENDA ITEM** Moved by **B. Guy**, second by **J. Fyke**:

THAT the Committee add 2022 Budget discussion to the agenda.

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF THE  
AGENDA**

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

THAT the agenda of the October 26, 2022 meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF THE  
MINUTES**

Moved by **J. Comazzetto**, seconded by **D. Bartel**:

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

**CARRIED**

**CO-CHAIRS REPORT**

Election Update

- Congratulations to sitting members of the committee on their election.

Co-chair reviewed strategic direction impacts as a result of council changes. Discussed the background for the CAAC selecting priorities to recommend to Council as part of the upcoming Strategic Priority Session in February. The October CAAC meeting will be used to discuss background information and the November meeting to finalize a recommendation.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Team reports:
  - Metrics and Reporting
    - No update from this Team.
  - Community Engagement
    - Discussed the possibility of a FT hire to promote community engagement, outreach and communications in the City.
    - Reviewed the Draft Community Engagement Strategy that was developed by City of Vernon Staff and Team members.
  - Youth Engagement
    - Discussed the importance of aligning with the upcoming Youth Climate Action Summit.
  - Fundraising
    - Discussed current funding opportunities and how they can inform strategic priorities.
    - J. Fyke mentioned availability of funding tied to retrofits.

- M. Stockdale suggested utilizing university students working on corresponding projects.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- Climate Action Advisory Committee Member Expiry – January 31 2023
- K. Flick clarified that all members can re-apply, except B.Guy (and other current councillors) who will be selected through separate council processes.
- M. Stockdale requested the application link for existing committee members.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- B. Guy, Co-Chair, elected to Council
- Progress update re: Climate Action Plan (B. Riome)
  - Previous month has been largely devoted to meetings and identifying strategic priorities at the City.
  - Meetings with Senior Management Teams are in-progress, regarding integrating processes with CAP objectives.
- 2022 Budget Discussion
  - K. Flick highlighted that budget adoption process is well underway, and that there is room for the CAAC to bring forward items for consideration.
  - M. Stockdale brought forward consideration for a CAP Community Engagement new hire, and how that process may work.
  - CAP Community Engagement hire is supported by B. Guy in principle, no direct motion yet.
  - D. Bartel wants the committee to consider what is the CAAC's budget priority?
  - K. Flick highlighted where and when the CAAC can make council recommendations.

- B. Guy brought forward a further recommendation for long-term funding of the CAAC. Likened the funding to the current community infrastructure levy.

**MOTION FOR  
COUNCIL  
RECOMMENDATION  
#1**

Moved by **S. Eaman**, seconded by **J. Comazzetto**:

THAT council authorize funding for an additional FTE to assist with community engagement in delivering the climate action plan.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION FOR  
COUNCIL  
RECOMMENDATION  
#2**

Moved by **S. Eaman**, second by **J. Comazzetto**:

THAT the Climate Action Advisory Committee recommend that council establish a long-term funding mechanism to ensure ongoing funding towards the CAP.

**CARRIED**

**Workshop to develop the CAAC's CAP Implementation Plan**

- Strategic priorities slideshow presentation from M. Stockdale and B. Riome.

**M. Stockdale on Community Side of the CAP**

- J. Fyke highlighted that funding should be a priority to achieve our means, aiming towards 'end goals'.
- J. Comazzetto highlighted obstacles towards good sustainable development (red tape).
- B. Guy highlighted that Exercise 1, Challenges, speaks to the CAAC need for engagement staff.

**B. Riome on the Staff Side of the CAP.**

- J. Fyke furthered connected funding to priorities.
- Group discussion, to what extent should priorities be narrowed, if at all?

- K. Flick noted that many of the CAP goals have a home within City administration.
- M. Stockdale, B. Guy, and J. Fyke discussed biases on the committee and how they influence committee priorities – and that they rightly should as committee members represent various portions of the community.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting for the Climate Action Advisory Committee is set for **November 23, 2022 at 4:00 PM.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** Moved by **S. Eaman**, seconded by **D. Bartel**:

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

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee adjourned at 6:05 PM.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chair