



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD FEBRUARY 22, 2023 AT 4:00 PM OKANAGAN ROOM (COUNCIL CHAMBER) CITY HALL

PRESENT: Barry Dorval, Educator
Casey Neathway, Health and Social Services
Councilor Guy, Council Appointed
Donna Bartel, Community at Large
Douglas Johnson, Science, Technology and Environmental
Fawn Ross, Community Stewardship
Jenn Comazzetto, SD22 Representative
Jordan Hart, Business and Commercial Services
Patrick Riley, Okanagan Indian Band
Sidney Kwakkel, Educator, Post Secondary
Stephanie Hendy, Community at Large

STAFF: Danielle DeVries, Transportation Planner
Ellen Croy, Manager, Transportation
Jennifer Pounder, Committee Clerk
Kim Flick, Director, Community Infrastructure & Development
Shawn Knuhtsen, Manager, Building & Licensing

ORDER

The first meeting of the 2023 Climate Action Advisory Committee was called to order by K. Flick, Acting Chair, at 4:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

ROUNDTABLE INTRODUCTIONS

The Committee held round table introductions.

ORIENTATION

K. Flick provided an orientation session for Committee members, which included the following:

- Review of the Corporate Policy
- Review of the Committees Terms of Reference
- Review of the City of Vernon's Bullying & Harassment Policy

**ELECTION OF CHAIR
AND VICE CHAIR**

There was a call for nominations. B. Dorval volunteered to serve as Chair. No other nominations were put forward by members of the Committee. B. Dorval was appointed Chair of the Climate Action Advisory Committee for 2023.

F. Ross and S. Hendy volunteered to serve as Vice Chair. It was put to a vote. S. Hendy was appointed Vice Chair for 2023.

**CLIMATE ACTION
PLAN BACKGROUND**

K. Flick provided a brief overview of the Climate Action Plan and implementation and prioritization strategy.

**LAND
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

As Acting 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 J. Comazzetto, seconded by D. Johnson:

THAT the agenda of the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting for February 22, 2023 be adopted:

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF THE
MINUTES**

Moved by S. Hendy, seconded by F. Ross:

THAT the minutes for the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting of November 23, 2023 be adopted.

CARRIED

**BC ENERGY STEP
CODE PLAN**

S. Knuhtsen provided the following summary of the BC Energy Step Code Plan acceleration memo provided to the Committee:

- The BC Energy Step Code (BCESC) is an optional compliance path in the BC Building Code that local governments may use (if they wish) to incentivize or require a level of energy efficiency in new construction that goes above and beyond the requirements of the BC Building Code.
- The City of Vernon Building Bylaw 5900 currently requires Part 9 residential buildings to be built to Step 3 of the BC Energy Step Code.

- It is not mandatory for Municipalities to adopt the BCESC. Builders may voluntarily use the BCESC as a new compliance path meeting the energy-efficiency requirements of the BC Building Code, however, it is anticipated that the Province will be making changes to the BC Building Code to mandate Step 3 of the Step Code as a minimum energy performance level in all municipalities in 2023.

The following questions / comments were made by members of the Committee:

- The Committee inquired if the percentages are on emission reduction or consumption as well. Staff confirmed it is based on energy efficiency, with air tightness being the biggest key to success.
- Staff confirmed the building code is proposing going to Step 3, minimum, towards the end of this year. This will change the base build code to Step 3, requiring that you be 20% more efficient than current building standards.
- Staff informed the Committee that after this memo was drafted, the Ministry drafted new orders that we were informed of this week. In May, we are expecting the introduction and adoption of "Zero Carbon Step Code", which is potentially a companion initiative to the Energy Code. Part of this means that Staff is going to raise a new initiative of Zero Carbon. Staff wants to be transparent and keep the Committee "in the loop" so there are no surprises.

Moved by **S. Hendy**, seconded by **F. Ross**:

THAT the Climate Action Advisory Committee recommend to Council that staff be directed to work with industry stakeholders to determine what is needed to advance to the higher levels of the BC Energy Step Code and investigate the Zero Carbon Step Code initiative.

CARRIED

**DRIVE-THROUGH
POLICY
PRESENTATION**

D. DeVries, Transportation Planner, provided a brief overview of her report titled "Zoning Bylaw 5000 Amendments – Drive-Through Uses", dated November 29, 2022, that Council reviewed on December 12, 2022.

The purpose of the report is to request Councils direction to amend Zoning Bylaw 5000 to remove drive-throughs as permitted uses within the City Centre Neighborhood Plan (CCNP) area to align with the Official Community Plan (OCP) and Climate Action Plan (CAP). Council reviewed this report and has requested that the Climate Action Advisory Committee review the same and provide their feedback.

The following questions / comments were posed by members of the Committee:

- Staff noted that the City has received an application for an additional drive-through in the Fruit Union Plaza that met Bylaw requirements but conflicts with the City Centre Neighborhood Plan. Staff confirmed that if we implemented this city-wide, it would eliminate those issues and apply to new permits and buildings only.
- The Committee commented that they are in favor of city-wide implementation as there are many alternative options available.
- Staff confirmed that a Green House Gas emission analysis has not been done on idling cars in drive-through's, although it could be done on an approximation.
- The Committee commented that city-wide implementation should not yet be implemented as there are not enough sidewalks and public transportation available.

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

THAT Council direct Administration to prepare amendments to Zoning Bylaw 5000 to remove 'drive-through services' and 'drive-through vehicle services' as permitted uses within the City Centre Neighbourhood Plan Area as outlined in the report titled "Zoning Bylaw 5000 Amendments – Drive-Through Uses" dated November 29, 2022 and respectfully submitted by the Transportation Planner;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to prepare amendments to Zoning Bylaw 5000 to revise the specific use regulations for 'vehicular oriented uses' to improve traffic flow where 'drive-through services' and 'drive-through vehicle services' may still be permitted;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to bring the proposed City Centre drive-through amendments to Zoning Bylaw 5000 to the Transportation Advisory Committee, Climate Action Advisory Committee, Economic Development Advisory Committee, and Advisory Planning Committee for review and comment;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to consult with the Transportation Advisory Committee, Climate Action Advisory Committee, and Economic Development Advisory Committee, Advisory Planning Committee on their input to extend drive-through prohibitions to the remainder of the city;

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to provide the proposed amendments to Zoning Bylaw 5000 for Council's consideration by March 2023.

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Staff to prepare a report on the impacts of expanding the drive-through ban City wide.

CARRIED
With D. Johnson opposed

INFORMATION ITEMS:

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Climate Action Advisory Committee is set for April 26, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN Moved by **D. Bartel**, seconded by **J. Comazzetto**:

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 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



Chair