



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

**MINUTES OF THE**

**CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**HELD APRIL 26, 2023 AT 4:00 PM**

**OKANAGAN LAKE ROOM (COUNCIL CHAMBER) CITY HALL**

**PRESENT:** Stephanie Hendy, Community at Large Rep. (Acting Chair)  
Fawn Ross, Community Stewardship Rep.  
Jenn Comazzetto, SD22 Rep.  
Casey Neathway, Health & Social Services Rep.  
Sidney Kwakkel, Educator, Post-Secondary Rep.  
Councillor Guy, Council Appointed Rep.  
Mayor Cumming  
Casey Bains, Youth Member

**ABSENT:** Jennifer Boone, Youth Member  
Donna Bartel, Community at Large Rep.  
Jordan Hart, Business and Commercial Services Rep.  
Patrick Riley, Okanagan Indian Band  
Barry Dorval, Educators – Primary & Secondary Rep.  
Doug Johnson, Science, Technology & Environmental Rep.

**STAFF:** Jennifer Pounder, Committee Clerk  
Roy Nuriel, Acting General Manager, Planning

**ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 4:11 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 **Councillor Guy**, seconded by **J. Comazzetto**:

THAT the agenda of the April 26, 2023 Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

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

THAT the minutes of the February 22, 2023 Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS:****ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE**

**R. Nuriel, Acting General Manager, Planning**, introduced himself as the new Staff liaison and provided the following update:

- The City is in the hiring process to fill the vacant Climate Action Implementation Coordinator position. The next position that is slated for posting is the vacant Environmental Planning Assistant position.
- The Official Community Plan (OCP) would be updated during 2023-2025 and that the Committee will be engaged to provide feedback on the Sustainability portion.

*Mayor Cumming joined the meeting at 4:28 p.m.*

**ROUNDTABLE INTRODUCTIONS**

The Committee held roundtable introductions.

**COUNCIL UPDATE**

**Councillor Guy** provided the following update on City Council business:

- **Building Retrofits** –At the Regular Council meeting, held on January 9, 2023 Council approved a motion to speed up the process of implementing the Zero Step Code.
- **Drive-throughs** – At the Regular Council meeting held on March 13, 2023 Council defeated a motion to ban new drive-throughs in the City Centre Neighbourhood.
- **Building Retrofits** – At the Regular Council meeting held on April 11, 2023 Council defeated a request from HomeZero Collective Society for partial funding of the Program Design Study cost.

*Mayor Cumming left the meeting at 5:32 p.m.*

- **Procurement Policy** - At the Regular Council Meeting of April 24, 2023, Council adopted a new Procurement Policy, which includes implementation of the Climate Action Plan (CAP).

Cllr Guy concluded his updates by sharing that consumption-based emissions are not presently included in the CAP; Cllr. Guy further noted that the Committee should consider making a recommendation to Council to have consumption-based emissions included.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

There were no information items.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting for the Climate Action Advisory Committee is set for **June 28, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

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

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**



Chair