



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

**MINUTES OF THE
CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HELD MAY 29, 2024, 2024 AT 4:00 PM
OKANAGAN LAKE ROOM (COUNCIL CHAMBER)**

PRESENT: Mayor Cumming
Donna Bartel, Community at Large Rep.
Sid Kwakkel, Educators, Post Secondary Rep.
Councillor Guy, Council Appointed
Barry Dorval, Educators, Primary and Secondary Rep.
Patrick Riley, Okanagan Indian Band Rep.
Casey Neathway, Health & Social Services Rep.
Stephanie Hendy, Community at Large Rep.
Jenna Boone, Youth Rep.
Buffy Baumbrough, Science & Technology Rep.
Fawn Ross, Community Stewardship Rep.

ABSENT: Jordan Hart, Business and Commercial Services Rep.
Jen Comazzetto, SD22 Rep.
Casey Bain, Youth Rep.

STAFF: Kevin McCarty, Specialist, Climate Action
Jennifer Pounder, Records/Committee Clerk
Barbara Everdene, Long Range Planner
Roy Nuriel, General Manager, Planning

ORDER The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

**LAND
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** *As Chair of the City of Vernon's Climate Action Advisory Committee (CAAC), 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. Baumbrough, seconded by C. Neathway:

THAT the agenda of the May 28, 2024 Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Moved by B. Dorval, seconded by P. Riley:

THAT the minutes of the March 27, 2024 Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

COUNCIL UPDATE

Councillor Guy provided the Committee with an update on recent City Council business pertaining to the interest of this Committee. The following was noted:

- Sustainability grants have increased the maximum from \$1,000 to \$2,000 and the budget has increased to \$25,500.
- \$30,000 was received for the Emergency Support Services for equipment and training from the UBCM Emergency Preparedness Fund, as well as an additional \$30,000 grant for the Emergency Operations Centre.
- A resolution requesting that SILGA no longer accept funding from the oil and gas sector was presented at SILGA. It was not passed but did generate interest.
- The Province announced a \$15 million grant in support of the City's plan to protect the Aberdeen Plateau.
- Staff introduced a new Stormwater Draining Bylaw aimed at regulating water quality.

D. Bartel joined the meeting at 4:17 p.m.

STAFF UPDATE

K. McCarty provided an update of recent Staff activity. The following was noted:

- The Sustainability Grants and Tree Voucher programs are open for application until June 15th and June 13th, respectively.
- GoByBike Week is kicking off June 3 and runs to June 9.
- A consultant has been hired to support the building condition assessment study for COV buildings. They will also be supporting the application to FCM for funding to conduct a GHG reduction feasibility study for COV buildings.
- The City has issued an RFP for "Environmental Mapping and State of Natural Assets", which will inform the update to the OCP.
- Research with the UBC Sustainability Scholars is underway.
- The Sustainability webpage on Vernon.ca has been updated to include more of information and resources.
- Approximately 600 community members have been communicated with on climate and sustainability through attendance at community events and meetings.

- A climate action community outreach strategy is currently being developed.
- B. Everdene, Long Range Planner reminded the Committee of the upcoming OCP/TP workshop, scheduled for June 11, 2024, that all Committee members were invited to attend. Congratulations were also given to B. Dorval and his team on the success of the recent CARE event.

SUBCOMMITTEES

Moved by B. Baumbrough, seconded by F. Ross:

THAT the Climate Action Advisory Committee create the following subcommittees:

1. Communication and Outreach
Support the development and implementation of a community outreach and communication strategy.
2. Official Community Plan
Review Vernon's current Official Community Plan (OCP) and other municipal OCPs to identify opportunities to integrate the Climate Action plan (CAP) goals with the update to the OCP. Attend and promote OCP engagement events. May also provide input for the Transportation Plan updates that are happening concurrently with the OCP updates.
3. Metrics and Reporting
Help staff prioritize climate metrics and discuss how to track performance and share the CAP implementation results.
4. Consideration of future Climate Aspects
Provide CAAC with information in three main areas: 1) consideration of climate aspects beyond the seven identified in the CAP, 2) evaluation of climate aspects with the CAP, and 3) evaluation of current CAAC Terms of Reference.

AND FURTHER, that the Committee review the need for all active subcommittees at the first meeting of each year.

CARRIED.

S. Kwakkel provided a quick summary of the subcommittees for members who were not in attendance at the last meeting.

Each of the Subcommittees provided an overview of the updates provided.

NEW BUSINESS:

**TREE PROTECTION
BYLAW**

K. McCarty informed the Committee of an additional meeting on June 26, 2024 to review the draft renewal of the Tree Protection Bylaw.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Climate Action Advisory Committee is set for June 26, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by S. Hendy, 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 6:04 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


Chair