



CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2020

OKANAGAN LAKE ROOM – 3:30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

2. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
 - a) March 17, 2020 (attached)

3. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a) Climate Action Plan process (report attached)

4. **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

5. **NEXT MEETING:**

To be announced.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

**HELD
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020**

PRESENT: VOTING

Brian Guy (Co-Chair), Science, Technology & Environmental Services
Councillor Brian Quiring (via phone)
Alan Gee, Interim Educators (via phone)
Colleen Dix, Utility Services and Providers (via phone)
Stan Eaman, Health & Social Services
Ed Wilson, Community at Large Rep.
Bill Darnell, Community Stewardship (Co-Chair) (via phone)
Kevin McCarty, Business & Commercial Services (via phone)

NON-VOTING

Mayor Victor Cumming (Alternate Member)

GUEST: Danielle Wiess, Senior Community Energy Manager, CEA (via phone)

ABSENT:

Ayesha Sheikh, Youth Member
Jenn Comazzetto, SD 22 Board Rep.
Melissa Kriening, Youth Member
Hayden Catt, Youth Member
Councillor Quiring (Appointed Member)

STAFF: Laurie Cordell, Manager, Long Range Planning & Sustainability/Staff Liaison via phone
Daniel Sturgeon, Long Range Planner
Janice Nicol, Legislative Committee Clerk

ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF
AGENDA**

Moved by Stan Eaman, seconded by Ed Wilson;

THAT the agenda of the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting for Tuesday, March 17, 2020 be adopted.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Ed Wilson, seconded by Stan Eaman;

THAT the minutes for the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting of January 21, 2020 be amended to adjust the wording of land acknowledgement;

AND FURTHER, that the minutes be adopted as amended.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**CLIMATE ACTION PLAN – SUMMARY OF STATUS AND WORK TO COMPLETE**

The following CAP Process details were provided:

- See Item 4

COUNCIL UPDATE – FEB. 24 MEETING

Feb. 24, 2020:

- A high-level overview of adaptation and mitigation was provided to Council.
- Thanks from Council to the Committee for their dedication and hard work so far.

OKANAGAN INDIAN BAND REPRESENTATIVE

Because of COVID-19, meetings have not gone ahead. Update to be provided when possible.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Correction to tracking sheet: Follow-up with Joe Rogers rather than Stan Rogers.

NEW BUSINESS:**DRAFT CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**

- Impacts of virus on CAP:
 - All meetings involving public engagement have been cancelled, may need to address some voids that will happen as a result
 - Option to use EngageVernon for input from public, there may be other opportunities for virtual presentations, videos, webinars
 - Suggest meeting with Engagement Working Group
 - Opportunity to consult with existing groups who already have a rapport, more likely to have uptake
 - Report will be ready for May 11 but critical to have public engagement

- There is a need to check-in regularly as conditions are changing minute by minute

A package of materials to review will be sent out including actions and table of contents

- Plan is to stick with May 11 Plan presentation to Council and reconfigure the public engagement component – potential to have engagement both before and after presentation to Council
- Please ask potential attendees to May 11 Council meeting to advise of date they are attending as there will be several opportunities.

Review status, process and timing of:

- CAP approval process at Council:
 - See above
- Community vision and GHG reduction targets (2025, 2030, 2040, 2050):
 - The final and interim targets are needed prior to final plan
 - Need to create an interim target according to consultants recommendation and ensure interim steps are achievable
 - No concerns raised by Committee members on targets – moving forward these will be used.
- Review of priority mitigation and adaptation actions in the CAP:
 - Materials from Workshop were taken by the Consultant for data collection, will be shared with Committee when available
 - Workshop was a prioritization of eight goal categories based on previous Workshop, mirroring of eight categories from adaptation
 - Workshop involved a broad group of individuals from the Community who prioritized actions and details.
 - This will be circulated in the next two weeks to Committee and COV Staff as it become available.
- Review of outcomes of Jan. 21, 2020 CAAC Workshop on CAP organization and content
 - Committee input was appreciated and is being considered in writing the CAP report
- CAP Outline
 - Table of Contents for CAP is underway and will be circulated in the next two weeks.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

Mitigation – Status of the final Mitigation Report:

- Report has been presented to Council
- Contracts for Mitigation and Adaptation have been wrapped up

- If you have anything that you would like addressed, please forward to Laurie and it can be considered as we move forward
- Reports are on Sync for the Committee to access.

Adaptation – brief review of consultant’s final Adaptation report

- See above.

Engagement

- Engagement strategy is uncertain due to COVID-19, exploring alternative ways of reaching out
- Previous engagement with various Parent Advisory Committees was successful
- Meeting with Carpenters Union and North Okanagan Labour Council was cancelled, there are plans to do an online presentation
- The events the teachers had organized for Earth Day have been cancelled, but there are plans for Climate Action curriculum prototype meeting when plausible
- First Climate Conversation event – March 10 - Visioning exercise was held and was successful
- May need to focus on another way for Ambassadors to reach out using Ambassador network online
- Engagement meeting to be scheduled in the next week or two
- Please include Alan Gee in all information sent out to the Working Group.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

none

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

_____ Co-Chair

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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON REPORT TO COMMITTEE

SUBMITTED BY: Laurie Cordell, Manager, Long Range Planning and Sustainability
COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: April 14, 2020
REPORT DATE: April 9, 2020
FILE: 0540-20

SUBJECT: CLIMATE ACTION PLAN PROCESS RECOMMENDATIONS

PURPOSE:

This report outlines changes to the climate action plan process to address COVID-19 impacts.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Climate Action Advisory Committee receive the report titled "Climate Action Plan Process Recommendations" from the Manager, Long Range Planning and Sustainability dated April 9, 2020, for information;

AND FURTHER, that the Climate Action Advisory Committee recommends that Council receive this information as well.

ANALYSIS:

At the previous Climate Action Advisory Committee (CAAC) meeting it was agreed that, despite the emerging situation with COVID-19, work on the draft plan would continue with the goal of presenting a draft to Council on May 11, 2020. Since that time, the pandemic and response to the pandemic has accelerated. It is clear that the outcomes of the climate action plan need to be reviewed with the lens of post COVID-19 considerations. In addition, Administration's resources for the plan have been diverted to the COVID-19 response.

In depth community engagement would not be appropriate or responsible at this point in time as community members have other pressing concerns and of course in person sessions are not possible. Engagement activities in the immediate term require rethinking to be relevant and feasible in the current context. Engagement is limited to online activities only, and can continue in a limited fashion.

While work on drafting the plan continues, extending the planning process is recommended at this time, given staff resources and the current global situation. This extension will provide time to review the plan outcomes with the lens of being relevant during and post COVID-19. It will also allow the opportunity to ensure that the final document presented to Council is implementation ready and endorsed by the community.

The original May deadline for the climate action plan was meant to ensure that implementation actions were integrated into the 2021 budget process. This process and deadline remains. The plan has progressed to a level that proposed action items can still be brought forward to be considered as part of the 2021 budget process. Projects brought forward for budget consideration should be focused on supporting the economic recovery of the community as well as addressing the impacts of climate change, incorporating the draft plan content theme of 'co-benefits' across the community.

Administration is proposing that the CAAC reconvene mid to end of May, when we have a better understanding of the scope of COVID-19 response. This meeting would focus on mapping the process for completion of the Climate Action Plan and choosing items to move forward in the 2021 Council Budget

process. In advance of this meeting, Administration will circulate the current draft of the actions for the plan to use as the basis of this discussion.

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