



**CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2020**

**OKANAGAN LAKE ROOM – 1:00 p.m.**

**A G E N D A**

1. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
  
2. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
  - a) April 14, 2020 (attached)
  
3. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
  - a) Update on CAP Process
  
4. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - a) Climate Action Plan - Budget Item Priorities
  
5. **INFORMATION ITEMS:**
  
6. **NEXT MEETING:**

To be announced.
  
7. **ADJOURNMENT**



## **THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON**

### **MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD  
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2020**

**PRESENT:** VOTING

Brian Guy (Co-Chair), Science, Technology & Environmental Services

Councillor Brian Quiring, (Appointed Member, via phone)

Alan Gee, Interim Educators (via phone)

Stan Eaman, Health & Social Services

Ed Wilson, Community at Large Rep. (via phone)

Bill Darnell, Community Stewardship (Co-Chair, via phone)

Kevin McCarty, Business & Commercial Services (via phone)

NON-VOTING

Mayor Victor Cumming (Alternate Member)

**ABSENT:** Ayesha Sheikh, Youth Member  
Jenn Comazzetto, SD 22 Board Rep.  
Melissa Kriening, Youth Member  
Hayden Catt, Youth Member  
Colleen Dix, Utility Services and Providers

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

**ORDER** The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Moved by Stan Eaman, seconded by Kevin McCarty;

THAT the agenda of the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting for Tuesday, April 14, 2020 be adopted.

**CARRIED.**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES** Moved by Stan Eaman, seconded by Ed Wilson;

THAT the minutes for the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting of March 17, 2020 be amended to:

- 1) Delete Councillor Quiring from the Absent column;
- 2) On Pg. 3, third bullet – change wording to “Review of mitigation and adaptation priorities (from Workshop held March 16, 2020).”

AND FURTHER, that the minutes be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CLIMATE ACTION  
PLAN PROCESS**

The following update was provided on the Climate Action Plan process in light of COVID-19. The following points were noted:

- Current situation impacting community will not allow for necessary engagement process, this has resulted in Staff suggesting a tweak to strategy
- Plan was accelerated to allow for input into 2021 Budget by June 2020 deadline when priorities are set by Council
- Committee work needs to continue in order to establish these priorities and initiatives for 2021
- With continued time and energy from the Committee, it is hoped that the Climate Action Plan can be presented to Council this Fall
- With this extra time, it will give an opportunity to synthesize the Consultants’ recommendations and adjust the Plan, looking through a different lens and emerging variations
- Suggestions that Committee meet May 12 afternoon for a workshop to consider Consultants’ actions/recommendations to determine key items to present to Council and to consider:
  - What does the plan look like considering COVID-19?
  - What is the process if we need to continue in this manner?
- There may be an opportunity to take advantage of funds being funneled toward economic revival
- Suggestion to look at other community models of way to utilize provincial and federal funding
- Need to include some incentives – transportation, etc. as cost savings and alter existing threads from Plan – encourage food growing, clotheslines. It is empowering for people to become more self-sufficient
- Need a more sustainable planet and it empowers people to be able to provide – need to set examples that will save money
- Adjusted Plan timeline:
  - Workshop May 12 (afternoon)
  - Committee meeting on May 26 and in June (date tba)

- Laurie/Daniel to send out Consultants’ review to Committee last week of April
- Engagement Working Group to meet to think about future and community engagement
- This situation provides a short-term opportunity to engage people and look at new solutions that have evolved as a result of pandemic
- Thank you to the Committee for their continued hard work, looking forward to results in late May
- Thank you to Staff for taking strong leadership and making adjustments as a result of current situation.

Moved by Stan Eaman, seconded by Alan Gee;

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.

**CARRIED.**

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

Book recommendation from Stan Eaman ‘*The Citizens Guide to Climate Success*’ by Mark Jaccard.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee will be May 26, 2020 at 3:30 pm. Workshop scheduled for May 12, 2020, details to follow.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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