



## **CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2021**

**VIA ZOOM – 4:00 P.M.**

# **REVISED A G E N D A**

**1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

March 24, 2021 (attached)

March 29, 2021 (attached)

**3. CO-CHAIRS REPORT**

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

a) Climate Action Plan update - roundtable

b) Step Code

**ADD BC Energy Step Code Acceleration Memo**

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

a) Budget prioritization

b) Engaging with indigenous knowledge keepers

c) Youth representation on Committee

d) Planning ahead –Workshop goals and process discussion

e) Upcoming Ambassador training

**6. INFORMATION ITEMS:**

a) Earth Day Advertising

**7. NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, May 27, 2021.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**



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

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

#### **COMMITTEE MEETING VIA ZOOM**

**HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2021**

**PRESENT: VOTING**

Mary Stockdale (Co-Chair), Educators and Educational Institutions  
Brian Guy (Co-Chair), Business & Commercial Services  
Bill Darnell, Community Stewardship  
Jeremy Fyke, Science and Technology  
Jenn Comazzetto, School District #22\*  
Ed Wilson, Community at Large  
Stan Eaman, Health and Social Services  
Mayor Victor Cumming (Alternate Member)

**NON-VOTING**

Barry Dorval, Youth Supporting Member

*\*attended intermittently due to technical difficulties*

**ABSENT:** Colleen Marchand, OKIB  
Dione Chambers, Community at Large  
Quinn Soon, Youth  
Councillor Brian Quiring, Councillor (Appointed Member)

**STAFF:** Laurie Cordell, Manager, Long Range Planning & Sustainability  
Jade Adams-Longworth, Records/Committee Clerk  
Janice Nicol, Deputy Corporate Officer

**ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 4:06 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA** Moved by Stan Eaman, seconded by Ed Wilson:

THAT the agenda of the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting for Wednesday, March 24, 2021 be adopted as amended:

- **ADD ITEM 5.b) New Business: FCM Webinar**

**CARRIED.**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Bill Darnell, seconded by Stan Eaman:

THAT the amended minutes for the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting of February 10, 2021 be adopted.

**CARRIED.**

*Jenn Comazzetto entered the meeting at 4:13 p.m.*

**CO-CHAIR REPORT**

The Co-Chairs Mary Stockdale and Brian Guy updated the Climate Action Advisory Committee. The following comments were provided.

- The draft Climate Action Plan and public engagement were well planned. Excellent material was developed and very accessible.
- Pleased with the public input despite the constraints due to COVID – the feedback was detailed and thorough
- Thank you to Laurie and other City staff, the plan has been a major focus and a culmination of two and a half years of hard work.
- met new members to discuss new ideas and roles.
- Funding application to UBCO for community engagement was unsuccessful, as was the PICS Intern Grant.
- Keep pursuing grants and funding, and watch for new sources and create a process for bidding for funding.
- Funding focus is on a green recovery from COVID and robust community engagement.
- Met with the Mayor to discuss and understand the City's relationship with OKIB and Splat'sin Bands - at this time the committee will not be doing land acknowledgments at its meetings.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:****REVIEW OF CAP ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES**

The Manager of Long Range Planning and Sustainability provided an overview of the Climate Action Plan's engagement outcomes as outlined in the committee memo dated March 24, 2021.

*Jenn Comazzetto left the meeting at 4:23 p.m.*

**REVIEW OF THE RECOMMENDED PLAN CHANGES**

The Manager of Long Range Planning and the committee members discussed changes to the plan as a result of the feedback.

- Wording changes and edits have been integrated into the plan. Of note:

- ‘No net greenhouse gas emissions’ – this will require a definition.
- Guiding principles have been moved to the front of the document.

*Jenn Comazzetto entered the meeting at 4:28 p.m.*

- Changes are proposed to the Economic Development Vision to be more active wording and reflect the desired future state and there are new actions proposed under Goal #2.
- In addition there were changes added to the section on funding.

*Jenn Comazzetto left the meeting at 4:35 p.m.*

- The committee felt that there is a need for more discussion on the cost of inaction and the benefit of taking action. Some of the steps that the City has already undertaken could provide examples of this.
  - Retrofitting old heating and cooling systems (creation of net-savings with reduction of costs).
  - Mitigation of seasonal flooding.
- Overall continue to find alternative, cost effective ways to move forward and be more efficient into the future, which over the long term will drive down operational costs.
- Changes to the Agricultural section – the Committee felt like it was important to have actions to support food security.
  - The City is only able to support regional work in this regard and put more emphasis on encouraging home owners.
  - Need functional redundancy for a resilient food system, suggestion of high-level wording to cover this.
- Under the group lists:
  - Change to North Okanagan Labour Council (instead of Union)
  - Add Tolko and PRT
  - Lunch and Learn at Associated Environmental Consultants
- Committee would like to hold off on passing a resolution until the engagement is officially closed and the additional changes discussed at the meeting can be incorporated – to that end an additional meeting was scheduled for March 29, 2021.

**NEW BUSINESS:****ENERGY STEP  
CODE  
ACCELERATION**

Mr. Ed Wilson, Community at Large Representative provided the committee with a brief update on concerns with the pace of adoption of the Energy Step Code, and the importance of accelerating the pace of adoption. The following points were noted from the discussion following his update:

- The committee is aware a lot of building is underway, and would like to ensure that the future buildings are as climate friendly and low emission as possible.
- Would like to explore how to get builders on board.
- The committee would like more background context, in relation to the trends and the forecast for the future buildings and how the Climate Action Plan's goals are being considered in this.
- The reach and the capacity for what we can do needs to be investigated and considered.
- He will follow up and send materials to Administration to review and report back on at the April meeting.

**FCM WEBINAR**

Mr. Bill Darnell, Community Stewardship Representative provided the committee with a brief update on a FCM Webinar he had attended. The following points were noted from the discussion following his update:

- Big budget funding can come from Community Efficiency Funding – they fund feasibility and design studies.
- The committee would like to focus on some more pilot project and grants.
- There are no deadlines, the funding opportunities are ongoing
- He will send information to Administration to share with the Committee.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:****NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting for the Climate Action Advisory Committee is set for Monday, March 29, 2021 at 4:00 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Stan Eaman, seconded by Bill Darnell:

THAT the meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee be adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Co-Chair

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

### **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING VIA ZOOM HELD MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2021**

**PRESENT: VOTING**

Mary Stockdale, Educators and Educational Institutions, Co-Chair  
Brian Guy, Business & Commercial Services, Co-Chair  
Bill Darnell, Community Stewardship  
Jeremy Fyke, Science and Technology  
Jenn Comazzetto, School District #22  
Ed Wilson, Community at Large  
Stan Eaman, Health and Social Services  
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Mayor Victor Cumming (Alternate Member)

**NON-VOTING**

Barry Dorval, Youth Supporting Member

**ABSENT:** Councilor Brian Quiring, Councillor (Appointed Member)  
Colleen Marchand, OKIB  
Dione Chambers, Community at Large

**STAFF:** Laurie Cordell, Manager, Long Range Planning & Sustainability  
Jade Adams-Longworth, Records/Committee Clerk

**ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

*Jen Comazzetto entered the meeting at 4:03 p.m.*

**ADOPTION OF  
AGENDA**

Moved by Bill Darnell, seconded by Stan Eaman:

THAT the agenda of the Special Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting for Monday, March 29, 2021 be adopted.

**CARRIED.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:****REVIEW OF CAP  
MOTION FOR  
COUNCIL  
ENDORSEMENT**

Memo dated March 25, 2021 presented by Administration:

Moved by Jenn Comazzetto, seconded by Stan Eaman.

THAT the Climate Action Advisory Committee support the Climate Action Plan with the proposed amendments as outlined in the Memorandum titled "Climate Action Plan Engagement Results and Recommended Amendments" dated March 25, 2021 respectfully submitted by the Manager, Long Range Planning and Sustainability;

AND FURTHER, that the Climate Action Advisory Committee recommends that Council endorse the plan as presented.

**CARRIED.**

**INFORMATION ITEMS:****NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting for the Climate Action Advisory Committee is set for Wednesday, April 24, 2021 at 4:00 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Special meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Co-Chair

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# THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

## MEMORANDUM TO COMMITTEE

**SUBMITTED BY:** Laurie Cordell, Manager,  
Long Range Planning  
and Sustainability

**COMMITTEE MEETING DATE:** April 28, 2021  
**REPORT DATE:** April 26, 2021  
**FILE:** 0540-20

**SUBJECT: BC ENERGY STEP CODE ACCELERATION**

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At its meeting on March 24, 2021 the committee received a presentation on the pressing need to accelerate the adoption of the BC Energy Step Code to capture new Part 9 and Part 3 buildings that are being constructed.

The City is in the process of presenting a new building bylaw to Council for adoption. This building bylaw includes the implementation of the BC Energy Step Code in advance of the provincial timeline. City Administration has been closely monitoring the progress of neighbouring jurisdictions and learning from their experiences with Administration. The indication from this group is the importance of the adoption of the BC Energy Step code in triggering capacity building within the development community and with Certified Energy Advisors.

Administration is planning to present the new building bylaw to Council in the next couple of months. In addition, the City has received funding from Fortis to support the implementation of the BC Energy Step code, including building training through mid-construction blower door testing.

The additional acceleration of BC Energy Step code would be dependant on uptake and the resources and the ability of the sector to manage the changes. Administration will be monitoring and would make recommendations to Council as appropriate.

The City is not able to introduce restrictions on gas connections for buildings. This is an action that would need to be done at the Provincial level.

An additional area that needs exploration in regards the BC Energy Step Code is how to increase uptake on incentives to move beyond the minimum requirements. Outside of new buildings, it is important to focus on retrofits and how we can facilitate homeowners to understand priority retrofits, incentives and technology.

The City is in process of considering accelerated adoption of the BC Energy Step code, in advance of the Provincial requirements. At this time, Administration is recommending that the committee pass a resolution of support for this accelerated adoption of the BC Energy Step Code. This can be presented to Council with the memo on the new building bylaw and support the recommendation of endorsement.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Climate Action Advisory Committee recommends that Council accelerate adoption of the BC Energy Step Code as outlined in the Memorandum titled "BC Energy Step Code Acceleration" dated April 26, 2021 respectfully submitted by the Manager, Long Range Planning and Sustainability.

Respectfully submitted:

**X**

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Laurie Cordell

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