



CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2021

VIA ZOOM – 4:00 P.M.

A G E N D A

1. **ORDER**
2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**
August 25, 2021 (attached)
5. **INTRODUCE BARBARA EVERDENE – LONG RANGE PLANNER**
6. **CO-CHAIRS REPORT**
7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - Team reports:
 - Metrics and Reporting
 - Community Engagement
 - Youth engagement
 - Fundraising
 - Implementation Prioritization
 - Retrofit Research
 - Final Workplan – for information
8. **NEW BUSINESS:**
9. **INFORMATION ITEMS:**
10. **NEXT MEETING:**
The next meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, November 24, 2021.
11. **ADJOURNMENT**



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE HELD WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2021 VIA ZOOM - 4:00 PM

PRESENT: VOTING:

Bill Darnell, Community Stewardship
Brian Guy (Co-Chair), Business and Commercial Services
Ed Wilson, Community at Large
Jenn Comazzetto, SD#22 Board Rep
Jeremy Fyke, Science and Technology
Mary Stockdale (Co-Chair), Educators and Educational Institution
Mayor Victor Cumming (Alternate Member)
Nia Hill, Youth Member
Stan Eaman, Health and Social Services

NON-VOTING:

Alan Gee (Youth Support)
Barry Dorval was present in the same role as Al Gee

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

STAFF: Laurie Cordell, Manager, Long Range Planning & Sustainability
Tracy Mueller, Committee Clerk

ORDER The meeting was called to order at 4:03 PM

**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** At the start of the meeting, Co-Chair, Mary-Stockdale moved that the agenda be varied to include an additional information item and a quick explanation of the by-election process.

Moved by Ed Wilson seconded by Stan Eaman:

THAT the agenda of the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting for Wednesday, September 29, 2021, be adopted as amended.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Moved by Ed Wilson seconded by Jen Comazzetto:

THAT the minutes for the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting of August 25, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED.

CO-CHAIR REPORT

Co-Chair, Mary Stockdale, updated the Climate Action Committee on their work in September as follows:

- Provided an explanation as to why the Climate Action Committee selected Zoom to mitigate COVID-19 exposure vs. hybrid model as there is an inequity for participants. The Co-Chair noted that the Committee will be staying with Zoom until further notice.
- At the request of Co-Chair, Stockdale, Laurie Cordell, Manager, Long Range Planning reported there is no news on how the Province will replace “CARIP” funding and noted that the MLA was looking for budget input.
 - **CARIP** – Staff provided a further explanation regarding the Climate Action Revolving Fund and how it is used at the City of Vernon.
 - Staff clarified that with the cancellation of CARIP there is no more funding going into this fund.
 - The Mayor reported that at the recent UBCM meeting, 2 or 3 resolutions were passed asking the province to set up a dedicated fund to replace CARIP.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Dedicated Funding / Emergency Response** – It was discussed by the Committee that in the wildfire season of 2021, there was a gap identified in terms of funding received from the Province and having the ability to respond immediately where support was needed within our community.
 - It was discussed that it would be beneficial to have a pot of funding to assist in implementing an emergency response “heat” plan or “clean air” plan.
 - Staff suggested this is an item that could be tied into the Heat Response and Clean Air Strategy (an item in the CAP).

**WORK PLAN FOR
TERM 2: JAN 2021 -
DEC 2022**

Term 2 of the CAAC covers the period of January 2021 through December 2022. The first four months of this period were focused on delivering a final Climate Action Plan (CAP) to COV Council for approval. The next four months were spend considering priorities and an appropriate role for the CAAC in CAP implementation.

The following comments were made:

- **Work Plan - Term 2** - Co-Chair, Brian Guy noted that the “draft” work plan was intended to be distributed in mid-July for discussion in August. However, there was not enough time to dive into it at the August meeting.
 - The main recommendations are to setup focus groups where members of the Committee can be more targeted in achieving the strategy.
 - The plan outlines how the Committee can implement the Climate Plan.
 - Workshops were conducted to identify opportunities and how members of the Committee can contribute toward completing the necessary work.
 - Staff provided an overview regarding the steps (Reference Page 9 of the Agenda Package of September 29, 2021) regarding the areas of focus.
 - The Co-Chair requested feedback from members of the Committee regarding the proposed Work Plan.

- Co-Chair, Brian Guy, clarified that 5 Recommendations were made as part of the Work Plan. They are considered 5 focus areas and may not all require long-term dedicated sub-set groups of the Committee to achieve their objectives. The specific role, scope, and approach that maybe in future can be taken for each of these focus areas will need to be further refined. The 5 recommendations should be viewed as a “starting point”.
- **Monitoring & Evaluation Focus Area** – includes identifying appropriate metrics and tying into implementation and adaptive management process. The work should be led by the City. The Co-Chair requested thoughts on how this could be best managed:
 - The Committee noted that we work through it as a draft and then could have different points of view.
 - Staff noted that in terms of the Plan, we need to conduct measurement in a way that the Community will relate to.
 - Discussion ensued regarding how to best select the metrics, and how we can engage individuals to participate.
 - It was suggested that the metrics can follow the visions outlined in the Climate Action Plan and build on the vision in the CAP.
 - The Mayor and Jeremy volunteered
- **Implementation Planning Focus Area** – There are priorities outlined in the CAP; however, the text that surrounds it is high-level.

Implementation will be directed by City Staff; with input of the Committee.

- A question was posed on how the Committee could be consulted on how implementation should be conducted and if they could be included in providing feedback in terms of priorities.

- A member of the Committee noted that implementation and metrics need to be consistent and that there will be a certain amount of overlap.
- Staff clarified that there is a good sense of what City Staff will be implementing. The piece we need to understand is where CAAC focusses on in the community. The suggestion is to start out looking at the plan, build a menu and then the engagement group would give some guidance to them on how to get started.
 - Staff further clarified that feedback received from the community would help to shift the focus. In terms of interfacing with the metrics, they need to be broad enough to catch the scope and that individual actions that we do will likely not cause a need to change the metrics if we keep the mission, vision, and goals high-level. We need to be realistic and pragmatic as they are set.
- The Co-Chair suggested that we should see what the “lay of the land” is, and be mindful of what the Community wants to do, and we need to be flexible to respond but also keep the funding in mind.
- The Mayor noted that having the Gantt Chart that shows what the City plans to do will be very critical to the public to provide citizens with hope that we are moving forward on a positive trajectory, i.e., sidewalks, public works. It’s important for everyone to know that we are moving forward continuously.
- Jeremy shared that both groups need to be independent, but related. As far as the implementation, once work is underway, additional work will be needed to support Laurie and the team beyond just doing a more detailed plan.
- Volunteers: Ed, Mary, and Nia.

- **Community Engagement Working Group** – This is the area where the Committee can have its biggest impact. There are 5-6 topics listed under this focus area. There needs to be a small working group of volunteers struck to begin this process.
 - Laurie noted that Quinn has a scheduling conflict and that it might assist to create a “working group” where he can participate in during different times.
 - If Council supports creating the Climate Action Coordinator position, there would be a dedicated staff member to focus their time to assist.
 - The general consensus is to get a “Youth” sub group struck.
 - Volunteers were Barry, Al, Jenn, and Nia.
 - It was discussed that young people can be brought in to assist to help. Staff noted that anytime we need to bring in outside experts, we can, they do not need to be formal committee members to participate.
 - The group can define themselves in terms of their role and how they can assist the overall goal. At the first meeting, that is something that can be discussed.
 - Another action item could be to ensure that “Youth have a voice” more broadly.
 - The Co-Chair noted that everyone in the Committee will have a role in the Community Engagement piece – but it doesn’t have to be on the team
 - It was suggested that everyone on the Committee should have the “Ambassador” training.
 - Volunteers to work with Mary on the initial planning stages, Stan, Bill, and Brian

- **Fundraising and Leveraging Partnerships Focus Area** – There are several levels of funding that can be pursued to support CAP implementation; however, there is no formal “fundraising” position internally within COV. The intent is to recognize that all the CAP actions will require capital costs and investments. The suggestion is to put a group together to help COV access funding from higher levels of government and other sources.
- Suggestion was to also explore if the City could hire an official grant writer.
- Staff noted that some of the project funds can be used to hire a “grant writer”.
- As we start to move forward on this approach, we can have someone bring the technical components and then we can add the City components.
- Having someone to look at the different funding opportunities that arise, and then scan them and evaluate them. Having a search for them and then the Committee can look at engaging a technical expert to write the proposals.
- Team would be for finding opportunities and sharing with the City.
- Staff noted that part of it will be having these conversations with the overall group; and that sometimes the grant can be used to fit our priorities. If we have “shelf” ready projects, it makes it easy to write the grants.

Jenn Comazzetto left the meeting at 5:23 PM

- Jeremy volunteered to scan for grants (not write them).
- The Mayor noted that any potential grants he sees are forwarded to staff. What we are missing here is the academic and public participation piece and posted a question to the Committee on how we can “crack” the academic side.
- Mary, Jeremy, Bill, and Brian volunteered for this team.

- **Buildings - Working Group:** It was discussed by the Committee that it would assist to have more visibility for the Climate Action Plan objectives at the front end in new builds within the City of Vernon.

The committee discussed the following points:

- Getting action on retrofits is difficult to understand and tackle.
- Committee to research what other municipalities are currently doing in this regard and present some ideas back for consideration.
- Ed volunteered.
- Staff clarified that this would be research to support staff making recommendations.

Other:

Communication Plan with Council - The Co-Chairs announced that they will be continuing to meet with Council and are setting meetings with Council the first week of October.

Official Community Plan (OCP) Review and CAP Integration – It was discussed that integrating climate action in the review is an important step in the plan implementation. Staff clarified that the official review has not formally begun; it has been slated for October 2022. In advance of that date, there will be a workshop with Council on October 25, 2021.

When the OCP is updated the targets in it will be updated and if Council endorses them that adds more accountability as Council cannot make decisions contrary to the OCP.

- Staff further clarified that the OCP is a strong tool for the City to implement big chunks of the Climate Action Plan, and the Committee will be involved and will be giving advice.
- It will be a longer-term process unless Council provides alternative direction in October.

It was discussed that the various sub-sets or “teams” can report back with a “brief” written report and provide a summary at the next CAAC meeting.

An email will be put out after to see if anyone who could not participate in today’s meeting would be interested in participating in any of the teams discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:**INFORMATION ITEMS:****Tree Planting Initiative (Proposal) - Co-Presented by Nia and Al**

- The aim is to engage the school district into the project and to help address carbon sequestration.
- The timeline is next spring.
- Nia noted that in elementary school her class planted trees and the class learned about climate change, the eco system and how climate change impacts everyone.
- This proposed project can build a “culture” and show how people can assist in making a difference.
- Two barriers identified are: where are the trees going to go and, in some situations, they will need water.
- Tolko is interested in partnering; however, there are a few challenges regarding growing the trees in the first few years.
- Some of the trees could be respectfully planted on Aboriginal lands (in partnership), and they could be planted as part of community engagement, and teachings.
- It is a “hands-on” activity that is beneficial for elementary skills and transferring wisdom; perhaps an Elder can be involved.
- The Committee noted that this can be leveraged in a few other ways to teach resilience, carbon reduction, and if the right tree is planted in the right place, it helps with biodiversity, promoting planting the right species to repopulate and improve slope stability.

Barry Dorval left the meeting at 5:59 PM

- It was discussed that maybe this is something that the “Youth Group” could take up and talk about more.
- By-election Key Dates
 - At the request of the Committee, staff verbally provided an update on associated key dates.
 - Members of the Committee were referred to visit the City of Vernon website for additional information for key dates, advanced voting days as follows:
<https://www.vernon.ca/elections>

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Climate Action Advisory Committee is set for **Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 4:00 PM (via Zoom only)**.

Moved by Stan Eaman seconded by Ed Wilson:

THAT the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting of September 29, 2021, be adjourned.

CARRIED.

ADJOURMENT

The meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee adjourned at 6:03 PM.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

_____ Co-Chair

_____ Co-Chair

**City of Vernon Climate Action Advisory Committee
Work Plan for Term 2: January 2021 to December 2022**

Draft 3

September 30, 2021 – updated following CAAC meeting September 29, 2021

Introduction:

This document describes a Work Plan for the second 2-year term of the City of Vernon (COV) Climate Action Advisory Committee (CAAC), covering the period January 2021 through December 2022. The first four months of this time period were focused on delivering a final Climate Action Plan (CAP) to COV Council for approval, and the next four months were spent considering priorities and an appropriate role for the CAAC in CAP implementation, so the focus of this Work Plan is the period following CAAC approval of this Work Plan, i.e. the period from late September 2021 through December 2022. Draft 3 of the Work Plan is based on the CAP itself, the results of two spring 2021 workshops held by the CAAC, a list of priority steps for CAP implementation developed by COV staff in June 2021, and a discussion held at the September 29, 2021 meeting of the CAAC, at which this work plan was informally adopted. This information has been used to define an appropriate role for the CAAC - both its individual members and the committee as a whole, to support CAP implementation during the period late September 2021 through December 2022.

Background:

The CAAC was created by COV Council in 2018, following a request to Council by two community members (Mary Stockdale and Bill Darnell). The CAAC began as a task force and became a standing committee of Council in 2019. The CAAC is comprised of volunteer members of the community, chosen by Council, each of whom loosely represents a sector of the community. Council has a seat on the CAAC, and is supported by COV staff. The Manager of Long Range Planning and Sustainability (Laurie Cordell) is the designated staff liaison for the committee. The committee's mandate is to provide advice to Council on matters relating to climate change.

During its first three months (fall 2018), the CAAC began work on developing a CAP for the community, and during the first full 2-year term of the committee (January 2019 through December 2020), the CAAC continued to focus on creating the CAP. COV staff, with contributions from external consultants, and with oversight, guidance, and review by the CAAC, completed a draft CAP in late fall 2020. In the first few months of 2021, the draft CAP was refined, and it was approved by COV Council on April 12, 2021. In addition to overseeing completion of the CAP, the CAAC has also provided several recommendations to COV Council on climate action priorities, as well as on budget and staffing to support climate action in the community of Vernon.

The early months of the CAAC's second term were focused on refining the draft CAP; however following Council approval in April 2021, the committee's focus has shifted to implementation of the CAP. To help the CAAC determine how it can best contribute to this effort, the committee held two workshops during regular CAAC meetings in spring 2021 (both via Zoom, on May 27 and June 23, 2021). Both workshops were facilitated by Dr. Jon Corbett of the Institute for Community-Engaged Research (ICER) at UBCO.

Summary of Workshop 1:

The objectives of the first workshop were to consider the CAP and identify implementation challenges and opportunities – both internal to the community and external to the community. Challenges and opportunities identified by CAAC members were captured by a note-taker, and a one-page workshop summary was produced. The workshop was also summarized in the May 27, 2021 CAAC meeting minutes, and is attached to this Work Plan as Attachment 1.

Summary of Workshop 2:

The objectives of the second workshop were to:

- identify which of the challenges and opportunities identified during the first workshop were considered to be the most significant, and consider the implications of those key challenges and opportunities for CAP implementation; and,
- discuss how the CAAC (the committee as a whole and individual members of the committee) can help the community achieve the goals of the CAP.

Key challenges and opportunities were captured on a one-page summary (Attachment 1), and comments on suitable roles for the CAAC during CAP implementation were documented. After committee members had contributed their ideas, Laurie Cordell listed the COV's perspective on the priority steps to be completed during the first stages of CAP implementation. The key challenges and opportunities and the workshop notes were summarized in the June 23, 2021 CAAC meeting minutes.

The most significant challenges identified by CAAC members were:

- the Vernon community is largely unaware that the CAP exists;
- the need for continued Council support, and for persuading Council to take a long-term view – that upfront costs are required for long-term savings;
- high rates of population growth are increasing GHG emissions, making achievement of the time-based GHG reductions contained in the CAP more challenging; and,
- the need for individual actions to buy local and consume less.

The most significant opportunities identified by CAAC members were:

- CAP vision, goals, and actions can be embedded in the Official Community Plan (which will be updated in 2022);
- building on the enthusiasm for COV leadership in climate action observed in the community and in the schools during the CAP development process;
- Expanding the role of youth in plan implementation;
- Federal and provincial funding; and,
- To influence community culture as it transitions to a low carbon future.

Priority Steps for CAP Implementation identified by COV staff:

The overarching vision expressed in the CAP is: "By 2050, Vernon is a leader in climate action, with no net greenhouse emissions, and resilient to the changing climate." The CAP is organized into 8 focus areas, each with its own vision, goals, and actions. It includes a chapter on implementation, which identifies the need for broad community participation, provides a list of funding sources, and addresses the need to measure and report on progress towards goals and to periodically renew the CAP.

In June 2021, COV staff identified several priority tasks that should be completed near the beginning of the plan implementation period. These tasks (and sub-tasks) are listed below. Although the CAP is a community-wide plan, many CAP actions will be both led and completed entirely by COV staff. Other CAP actions could be led by COV staff with participation by the CAAC and other parties, and still other actions could be led by the CAAC and other parties external to the COV. Tasks appropriate to CAAC involvement, as identified by COV staff, are highlighted with an asterisk.

Monitoring and Evaluation

- *Developing a monitoring and evaluation framework with indicators and rotating reporting requirements
 - Community Actions
 - Integration of CAP across City operations
 - GHG emission reductions
 - Infrastructure protection

Plan Implementation

- *Work to support and understand populations vulnerable to climate change
- *Development of Neighbourhood Vulnerability Workshops
- Implement changes in response to Flood Study
- Wildfire protection plan update
- Integrate CAP considerations in projects
- Waste System Review (organics) and material development
- Update bylaws
- Natural Asset Inventory
- Heat and Clean Air Strategy Development
- Integration of CAP into City processes
- *Community Engagement and Outreach
 - Engagement and Education Events
 - Tool for community engagement
 - Website revision
 - Role of Climate Ambassadors in implementation
 - Continue to work with teachers and school district
 - Neighbourhood level actions

- *OCP Review and CAP integration
- Transportation system actions
- Tree bylaw review
- Step code implementation
- Retrofits
 - *Research
 - Policy and tool development
 - *Homeowner engagement and support
 - Simply processes
- *Business and Tourism engagement
- *Attract green industry and business
- *Food systems

(Note: where a bullet point is indicated with an asterisk, all sub-points under the main point are also included within the asterisk.)

Activities for CAAC as a committee:

The role of the CAAC is to provide advice and leadership to the COV (both staff and Council) related to climate change. Its responsibilities include identifying and discussing issues related to the climate that are relevant to COV, providing climate-related recommendations to COV Council, and initiating and providing oversight of significant climate-related initiatives along with COV staff (such as CAP development and implementation).

Within this context, the CAAC considered the subset of priority steps appropriate for CAAC involvement, and the most significant challenges and opportunities facing the community, and developed the following set of roles and responsibilities for the CAAC in CAP implementation (through the end of 2022). The recommended roles include work on a major focus area - Community Engagement, and contributions to several other focus areas. The CAAC contribution to each focus area is addressed below. Volunteers to contribute to each focus area were identified at the September 20, 2021 meeting, and are listed in Attachment 2. Other members should be sought from amongst the CAAC members not present at that meeting.

Community Engagement Working Group:

Successful implementation of the CAP will require a comprehensive campaign to engage with all segments of the Vernon community. The community engagement strategy will include:

- A strategic community engagement plan, that maps community assets and approaches engagement on climate actions strategically - this includes strategic approaches to reaching and mobilizing every segment of the community, including vulnerable populations, hard to reach groups, businesses, organizations, First Nations members of the community, youth, labour, faith groups, and others;
- re-energizing (and potentially growing) the successful Climate Ambassador program with a new presentation that reflects the Council-approved CAP and key messages about using the COVID experience to encourage a new lifestyle paradigm (e.g. with less consumerism, less waste, and more local purchasing), and a plan to deploy the Ambassador team as part of the community engagement program;

- a communication and outreach function, looking at social media and media elements, as well as researching and testing appropriate, targeted messaging; as well as providing high quality information and resources on the COV website (not only relevant to transportation, buildings and waste, but also relevant to travel, food, and consumption-based emissions), and facilitating two-way communication through the website, including stories and successes;
- Engagement and education events, starting with a launch / celebration of resilience;
- a plan to expand the role of the schools and youth in climate action (including partnerships with the District 22 Board, and promoting curriculum revisions to include climate and related material at all grade levels) (see next section); and,
- focusing attention on neighbourhood/community group connections.

For much of its existence, the CAAC has had a community engagement working group. The CAAC agreed on September 29, 2021 to re-establish this working group to work with COV staff to plan the community engagement strategy, and the CAAC role in community engagement - and four volunteers offered to participate in this working group.

It was also agreed that each member of the CAAC will need to play an active role in community engagement, and that the full committee will likely be involved in some aspects of this work.

Youth Engagement:

It was noted that the CAAC may wish to subsequently establish focused sub-groups for particular aspects of community engagement, and it was agreed that a Youth sub-group would be formed, to focus attention on climate action activities led by youth in the community. Four CAAC members offered to participate in this sub-group.

Monitoring and Evaluation:

The COV will develop a plan to monitor progress towards the goals of the CAP. The plan will include a list of suitable metrics, a reporting schedule, an adaptive management process, and approximate thresholds and timing for CAP renewal. The foundation of this plan will be a set of appropriate metrics. At the September 29, 2021 meeting, the CAAC agreed to create a small focus group to assist CAAC in making recommendations for a set of possible metrics, and in planning a workshop with the full CAAC that will confirm the metrics, and three CAAC members volunteered for this focus group.

Implementation Prioritization:

The CAP addresses implementation, but the topic is presented at a high level, without significant detail. In addition, although the CAP provides an approximate timeline for each action (ongoing, and short, medium, or long-term), there will be an ongoing need for additional prioritization as implementation funding becomes available and as the community responds to and potentially provides leadership on various CAP initiatives. At the September 29, 2021 meeting the CAAC agreed to establish a focus group to support the CAAC in making recommendations for prioritizing CAP actions, and three members volunteered to work with COV staff on this topic. The CAAC also agreed that successfully addressing CAP prioritization will require interaction with the community engagement working group.

Fundraising and Leveraging Partnerships:

Many of the actions identified in the CAP will require upfront capital investment. However, such capital does not need to come entirely from the COV. There are many federal, provincial, and academic programs that provide funding to municipalities for addressing climate change adaptation and mitigation. However, at present, external funding is sought using internal COV resources which are already stretched. On September 29, COV staff suggested that in future COV will hire one or more external grant writers and pay them from project funding. The CAAC can play a useful support role by monitoring external funding opportunities, and three members offered to fulfill this function.

In addition, many local organizations, such as the local School District (District 22), UBCO, Okanagan College, Okanagan Indian Band, and the Regional District of North Okanagan offer opportunities to collaborate to achieve common goals. The fundraising focus group could also work towards maximizing such collaborative opportunities for the benefit of the COV.

Building Retrofits:

Achieving CAP goals requires that the existing building stock be converted to low energy and carbon-free energy sources. This presents a significant challenge to the COV, and the CAAC can assist by carrying out research on designing a successful building retrofit program. On September 29, a volunteer offered to help with this initiative.

Council and external communication:

During Term 1, the CAAC co-chairs met with most COV Councilors individually on an approximately bi-annual basis to update them and seek feedback and input on CAAC priorities and activities. On September 2, 2021 a small group consisting of one co-chair and two other CAAC members was formed to continue this practice.

In addition, the community's ability to achieve CAP targets for reducing GHG emissions in the transportation and buildings sectors depends significantly on legislation and policies adopted by higher levels of government. Accordingly, the CAAC should continue to play an ongoing role in advising COV staff and Council on opportunities to influence federal and provincial leaders to implement legislation and policies favourable to achieving CAP goals.

OCP Review and CAP Integration:

The process of updating and renewing the current OCP, which will begin in 2022, is important to achieving the goals of the CAP. COV staff plan to engage the CAAC and other Council committees in OCP renewal.

Finally, the local experience of summer 2021 - extreme heat, drought, wildfires, poor air quality, social, economic, and environmental disruption - combined with the latest IPCC report (released in early August 2021) underscores the urgency and importance of successfully implementing the CAP. The CAAC should continually emphasize the message of urgency and importance in its communications to staff and Council.

Recommended actions for individual CAAC members:

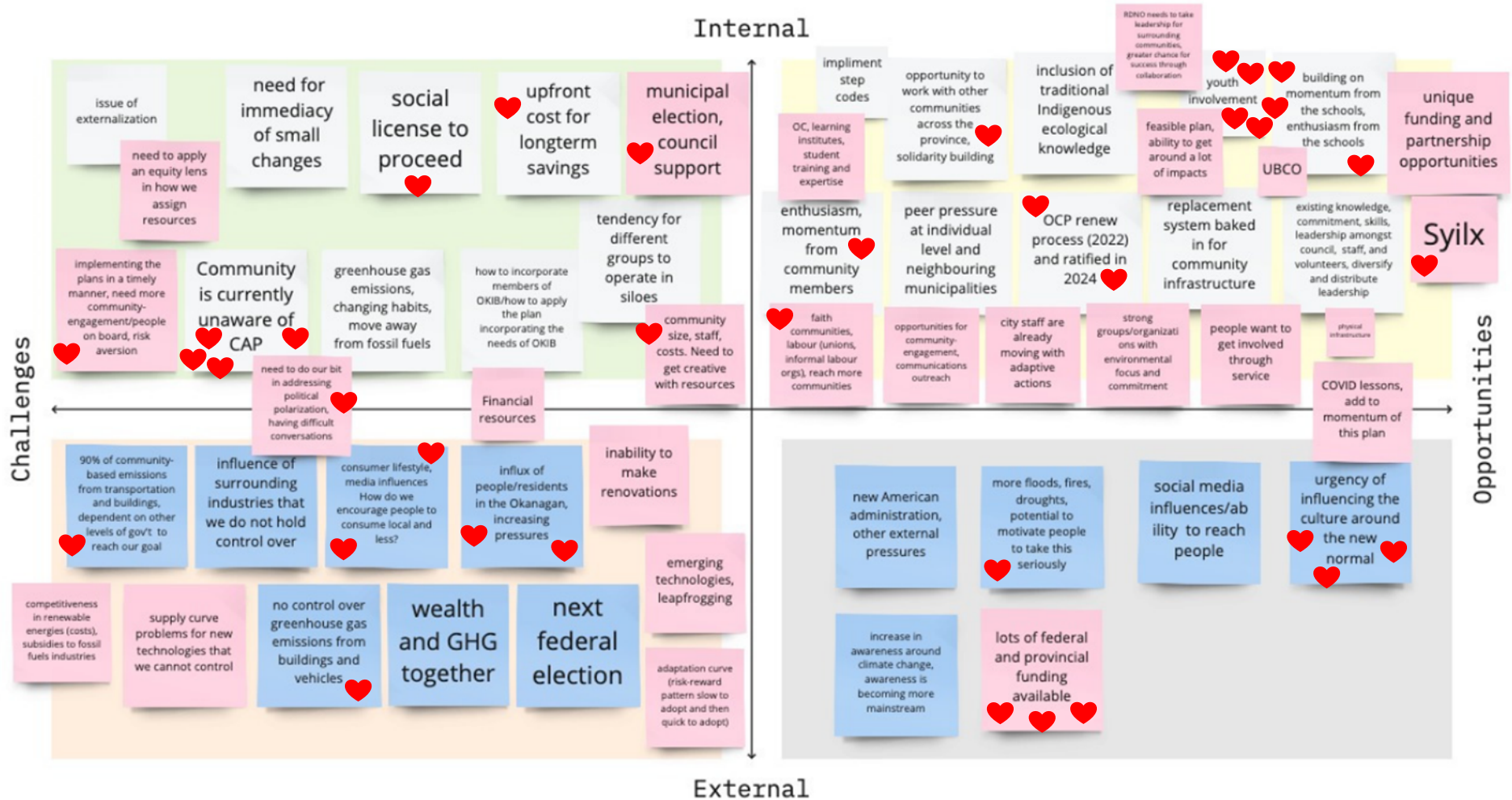
Each CAAC member should commit to actively participating on one or more of the above-noted focus areas.

Each CAAC member should contribute to the community engagement working group by suggesting strategic approaches to engaging with their primary networks within the community, and committing to leading or contributing to the engagement and mobilization of these networks to achieve the goals of the CAP.

Schedule:

Following discussion at the September 29, 2021 meeting, the CAAC is in the process of confirming the membership of each group to work on each of the focus areas. The roles and responsibilities of each of these groups should be refined in October 2021. The implementation work described herein will take place between late September 2021 and December 2022.

Climate Action Plan Implementation Factors: Workshop 2a Outcome



♥ The red hearts signify what Committee members view as the most impactful elements to implementation of the Climate Action Plan. The number of red hearts indicates the perceived significance of the issue.

Attachment 2: Preliminary list of members for each CAAC focus area, based on offers from members present at the September 29, 2021 meeting.

Committee members not present on September 29, 2021 should be invited to contribute to these focus areas.

Community Engagement Working Group:

Mary Stockdale, Stan Eaman, Brian Guy, Bill Darnell

Youth sub-group:

Al Gee, Barry Dorval, Nia Hill, Jenn Comazzetto

Monitoring and Evaluation:

Jeremy Fyke and Victor Cumming

Implementation Prioritization:

Nia Hill, Mary Stockdale, Ed Wilson

Fundraising:

Jeremy Fyke (focused on federal government funding), Mary Stockdale (focused on academic funding), and Brian Guy (focused on provincial funding)

Retrofits:

Ed Wilson

Councilor communication:

Brian Guy, Bill Darnell, and Jeremy Fyke