



CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

AUGUST 30, 2023, AT 4:00 PM

OKANAGAN LAKE ROOM (COUNCIL CHAMBER) CITY HALL

A G E N D A

1) **CALL TO ORDER**

2) **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.

3) **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

4) **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

June 28, 2023 (Attached)

5) **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Team reports:
 - Drive-through Subcommittee Update

6) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Staffing Update – Roy Nuriel
- Council Update – Councillor Guy
- Future Meetings Update
- Two-Stroke Engine Ban – Jen Comazzetto
- Emergency Support Programs – Roy Nuriel / Barry Dorval

7) **INFORMATION ITEMS**

There are no information items.

8) **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee is scheduled for **September 21, 2023 at 4:00 PM.**

9) **ADJOURNMENT**



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD JUNE 28, 2023 AT 4:00 PM

BRIDGE ROOM (COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING)

PRESENT: Barry Dorval, Educators – Primary & Secondary Rep., Chair
Donna Bartel, Community at Large Rep.
Stephanie Hendy, Community at Large Rep.
Councillor Brian Guy, Council Appointed Rep.
Jennifer Boone, Youth Member
Casey Bails, Youth Member
Sidney Kwakkel, Educator, Post-Secondary Rep.
Jenn Comazzetto, SD22 Rep.
Doug Johnson, Science, Technology & Environmental Rep.
Jordan Hart, Business and Commercial Services Rep.
Patrick Riley, Okanagan Indian Band

ABSENT: Fawn Ross, Community Stewardship Rep.
Casey Neathway, Health & Social Services Rep.

STAFF: Roy Nuriel, Acting General Manager, Planning
Jennifer Pounder, Committee Clerk
Danielle DeVries, Transportation Planner
Shawn Knuhtsen, Manager, Building & Licensing

ORDER The meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m.

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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** Moved by D. Johnson, seconded by S. Hendy:

THAT the agenda of the June 28, 2023 Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting be adopted:

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Moved by D. Johnson, seconded by S. Kwakkel:

THAT the minutes of the April 26, 2023 Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting be adopted:

CARRIED**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:**ROUND TABLE INTRODUCTIONS**

Round table introductions were held.

COUNCIL UPDATE

Councillor Guy provided the following update on City Council business:

- Step Code Acceleration / Solar Ready - At the July 17, 2023 Regular meeting of City Council, they will be presented with a memo from the Manager, Building & Licensing regarding Solar Ready Homes. S. Knuhtsen, Manager, Building & Licensing, was in attendance and gave an overview of the above-mentioned memo.
- Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Requirements - At the Regular Council meeting held June 26, 2023 Council asked Staff to provide draft amendments to Section 7.0 Parking and Loading, Zoning Bylaw 5000 to address the transportation-related recommendations in the Climate Action Plan by December 2024.
- D. DeVries, Transportation Planner, was in attendance to give a review of the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Requirements report that was supported by Council at their June 26, 2023 Regular meeting. All three transportation-related zoning bylaw amendments in the Climate Action Plan (CAP) have Council support to move forward in 2024. This includes adding requirements for EV-charging in new developments, reducing parking requirements and adding end-of-trip facilities for cycling.
- Strategic Plan – The seven priorities identified by the CAAC are embedded in the new strategic plan. The time is approaching to consider providing Council with an updated list of priorities.

- Drive-through Ban – At the Regular Council Meeting, held March 13, 2023 the motion recommending banning all new drive-throughs in the City Centre Neighbourhood was defeated by Council. The CAAC believes it would be beneficial to further investigate the economic effects and voted in favour of creating a task committee that included S. Kwakkel, S. Hendy and B. Dorval.
- Emissions Inventory – Council would be instructing staff prior to 2024/2025 to provide an emissions inventory for 2023/2024.
- Hiring Update - The Staff Liaison advised that interviews are being held for the new Climate Action Implementation Coordinator in the coming weeks. Also an Environmental Planning Assistant has recently been hired. Staff is also providing an update to Council on the progress of implementing the Climate Action Plan, to be completed by the new Climate Action Implementation Coordinator.

DRIVE THROUGH BAN INVESTIGATION

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PUBLIC TRANSIT INITIATIVES

- Vernon has been selected as a pilot city for the Community Energy Association’s (CEA) Electric Mobility Accelerator, funded by BC Hydro. CEA will act as a consultant to support the implementation of e-mobility solutions like EV chargers. A memo containing this information will be presented to Council at their Regular meeting on August 14, 2023.
- The City of Kelowna is running a Digital On-Demand Transit pilot. The Transportation Planner confirmed that for this type of pilot to be brought to Vernon it would need to be led by BC Transit with Councils support. The Transportation Planner informed the Committee that she implemented and operated a custom transit system on Bowen Island.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Climate Action Advisory Committee is set for August 30, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

_____ Chair