



Township of Georgian Bluffs

Climate Action Committee Minutes

February 5, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
Virtual

Members Present: Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn (Chair)
Deputy Mayor Sue Carleton
Member Ann Schneider (Vice Chair)
Member Danuta Valleau
Member Bob Gray
Member Luc Zandvliet

Members Absent: Member John Anderson

Staff Present: Brittany Drury, Clerk
Krista Fearon, Legislative Services Assistant
Al Meneses, Township CAO

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1. Call to Order

Chair Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda/Additions to the Agenda

At the request of Member Luc Zandvliet an update regarding discussions with climate planning members of North Bruce Peninsula, was added to New Business.

Moved By: Member Danuta Valleau

Seconded By: Member Bob Gray

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Approved

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

4.1 January 22, 2021

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Moved By: Member Ann Schneider

Seconded By: Member Luc Zandvliet

That the minutes of the Climate Action Committee meeting held on January 22, 2021, be approved.

Approved

5. Presentations

Nil

6. Delegations

Nil

7. Correspondence

Nil

8. Staff Reports

Nil

9. Public Question Period

The Clerk indicated no questions were received.

The Clerk noted that Township staff will provide a brief presentation to the Committee, regarding the Biodigester facility, at their next regularly scheduled meeting, per prior direction of the Committee.

10. Unfinished Business

10.1 Committee Work Plan

Member Luc Zandvliet provided an update regarding edits to the Work Plan, including

- Communication of the Plan to raise awareness,
- Creation of a web page,
- Clarification regarding the 'do nothing' scenario.

Discussion was had including:

- Providing staff with an understanding about the Climate Action Committee and how to assess which staff members are more aware of the goals and can assist the endeavors of the Committee.

The Committee thanked Member Luc Zandvliet for his contributions and work on the Plan.

10.2 Establishing a vision and mission statement for the Township Climate Action Committee

There was discussion regarding the vision and mission statement, including:

- The mandate of the Committee, as included in their Terms of Reference, including creation of a Township Climate Action Plan.
- Gathering feedback from the consultants and Council, before moving ahead with a vision and mission statement

The Committee deferred discussion and creation of a vision and mission statement, pending on-boarding of a consultant.

10.3 Informational Article - Rethinking Infrastructure Investments: Supporting Post-Pandemic Rural Recovery and Climate Resilience through Green Infrastructure

Member Ann Schneider outlined the article. There was a discussion regarding contacting the University of Guelph to establish a partnership with the Committee.

The CAO will contact the authors of the article, and faculty of the University of Guelph regarding a potential partnership.

11. New Business

11.1 Climate Action Planning Presentation - Update

There was a discussion regarding the presentation made to Council at their meeting on January 20, 2021.

There was a detailed discussion regarding methods of gathering feedback from Council, including:

- Panel discussion with advanced questions submitted,
- Special Council Meeting,
- Addressing Council prior to 2021 Budget discussions to highlight the necessity of climate action planning,
- Presenting a report, from the Township CAO to Council prior to Budget discussions,
- Examples of what other municipalities are doing to communicate with their Councils,
- Opportunities for Council to connect with other Municipal Councils to understand how other municipalities have adapted,
- Electronic survey to be circulated to Council and staff to gather feedback regarding development, climate action initiatives and agriculture, etc.,

The Clerk and CAO will explore options, in collaboration with staff at Huron-Kinloss.

11.2 Asset Management Ontario - Climate Change and Asset Management Conference Series

The Clerk noted that per the existing Council Remuneration Policy, fees for attendance would be covered by each attendee personally, not through the Township. However, the Township can facilitate registration in the conference for any interested parties.

There was a discussion regarding Township asset management planning, including infrastructure assets versus natural assets.

11.3 Energy Audit

Member Luc Zandvliet debriefed the Committee on North Bruce Peninsula's emissions analysis of source documents. The average over several years could provide a quantified baseline to be used without the need of a consultant.

12. Notice of Motion

Nil

13. Closed Session

Nil

14. Date of Next Regular Meeting/Adjournment

February 26, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Moved By: Danuta Valteau

That the meeting be adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

Approved

Chair, Councillor Cathy More-Coburn

Clerk, Brittany Drury