



Township of Georgian Bluffs

Climate Action Committee Minutes

March 12, 2021, 1:00 p.m.

Virtual

Township Administration Offices

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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
Member John Anderson (1:35 p.m.)

Staff Present: Al Meneses, Township CAO (1:45 p.m.)
Brittany Drury, Clerk
Krista Fearon, Legislative Services Assistant

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1. Call to Order

Chair Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda/Additions to the Agenda

At the request of the Chair, three items were added to New Business:

- Special Joint Council Meeting with the Committee on March 24, 2021
- A verbal update from the Township CAO
- A discussion regarding the Sustainability Webinar hosted by Brock University.

Moved By: Ann Schneider
Seconded By: Danuta Valleau

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Approved

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

4.1 February 26, 2021

CAC2021-007

Moved By: Danuta Valleau

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Sue Carleton

That the minutes of the Climate Action Committee meeting held on February 26, 2021, be approved.

Approved

5. Delegations

5.1 Mike Fair, Director of Community Services, Township of Huron-Kinloss

Chair Coburn welcomed Mike Fair, Director of Community Services with the Township of Huron-Kinloss.

Mr. Fair addressed the Committee and outlined the climate action planning experiences of Huron-Kinloss.

There was discussion regarding:

- Cost savings as a result of energy efficiency investments,
- Council support to engage the climate action planning process,
- Methods of awareness and education, to engage Council and the public,
- Collaboration efforts, including those with Public Health,
- Energy mapping.

The Committee thanked Mr. Fair for his comments.

6. Correspondence

Nil

7. Staff Reports

Nil

8. Public Question Period

The Clerk indicated no questions were received.

9. Unfinished Business

9.1 Committee Work Plan

Member Luc Zandvliet outlined updates to the work plan, including methods of fielding questions of Council regarding action planning and the upcoming joint Special Council meeting.

10. New Business

10.1 Special Council Meeting - March 24, 2021

There was discussion regarding:

- Providing Council with an opportunity to ask questions or share comments regarding the climate action planning process,
- Communicating the importance of budget allocations to Council,
- Circulating questions to Council prior to the special meeting to tailor discussions to matters requested by Council,
- Providing examples of returns on investments, and if available, those already applicable to the Township (e.g. LED streetlights, solar panels, etc).

Members will circulate questions for Council's consideration to the Clerk prior to March 15, 2021.

10.2 Verbal update from the Township CAO

The CAO provided a verbal update regarding:

- Cost sharing opportunities with local municipalities, including the Municipality of West Grey,
- Collaboration efforts throughout the County.

10.3 A discussion regarding the Sustainability Webinar hosted by Brock University.

Member John Anderson and Chair Cathy Moore Coburn highlighted information shared in a Sustainability Webinar presented by Brock University There was discussion regarding:

- Incorporating climate action planning to Township decisions, including during orientation of Council and staff,
- Official Plan update, and ensuring a climate lens is incorporated,

Member John Anderson and Chair Cathy Moore Coburn noted that a recording of the webinar is available online, should the public or other Committee members wish to view it.

11. Notice of Motion

Nil

12. Closed Session

Nil

13. Date of Next Regular Meeting/Adjournment

The Committee will meet again on March 26, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Moved By: Member Ann Schneider

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Sue Carleton

That the meeting be adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Approved

Chair, Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn

Clerk, Brittany Drury