



Township of Georgian Bluffs

Climate Action Committee Minutes

August 24, 2021, 1:00 p.m.
Virtual

Members Present: Chair Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn
Member Ann Schneider (Vice-chair)
Deputy Mayor Sue Carleton
Member Danuta Valteau
Member Bob Gray
Member John Anderson

Members Absent: Member Luc Zandvliet

Staff Present: Brittany Drury, Clerk
Al Meneses, Township CAO
Steven Dollmaier, Director of Operations
Trevor Donald, Climate Action Coordinator
Carly Craig, Deputy Clerk

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1. Call to Order

Chair Moore Coburn called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda/Additions to the Agenda

It was requested that action items be added to agenda as Item 10.3.

Moved By: Member Ann Schneider

Seconded By: Member Danuta Valteau

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Approved

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

4.1 August 13, 2021

Moved By: Member Ann Schneider

Seconded By: Member John Anderson

That the minutes of the Climate Action Committee meeting held on August 13, 2021, be approved.

Approved

5. Delegations

Nil.

6. Correspondence

Nil.

7. Staff Reports

Nil.

8. Public Question Period

The Clerk noted that no public questions had been received.

9. Unfinished Business

9.1 Committee Work Plan

9.1.1 Appendix to Work Plan

There was brief discussion regarding the work plan, including the timeline for final draft of the Climate Action Plan to Council.

Member Bob Gray joined the meeting at 1:13 p.m.

The Committee, Climate Action Coordinator, and Director of Operations determined that an operational update would be included as a standing item under Staff Reports on future agendas.

9.2 Mature Trees vs. Sapling Teaching Tool

Member John Anderson provided an overview of the tool and its use to date. The group discussion around the document and the importance of trees included:

- Policy development.
- Building trees into existing policy and using goals already established by existing groups.
- Using this as an education guide for staff and Council.
- Accountability/penalties for cutting down trees, and the onus to replace trees when developing.
- Adding the importance of trees to the Township's parkland dedication policy.
- Inclusion of a provision in the Official Plan for subdivision agreements to replace trees when developing.

The group discussed sharing this document on the Township's website, and social media with a virtual public information session to be held on climate change in the future.

10. New Business

The Climate Action Coordinator provided a brief operational update, topics included:

- An update regarding PCP, welcome resources to be shared with the Committee at a later date.
- Access to PCP tool & hub
- Working collaboratively with Grey County on their Climate Action Plan.

10.1 Primary Focus of Township Climate Action Plan

The Climate Action Coordinator outlined the IPCC resource. Committee comments included:

- Hope is based on action
- Emphasis needs to be placed on reducing emissions

- Adaptation is important, but mitigation is significant.
- Severity needs to be included in the message, but it also needs to include actionable items/opportunity for change.

10.2 Assessing Township's Position on Adaptation and Mitigation

The Committee discussed their position on adaptation and mitigation, points raised during the discussion included:

- Mitigation 75% and adaption 25% (may change over time).
- Energy planning to be included in the plan.
- The importance of resilience, as outlined in the Town of Churchill Adaptation Plan.
- FCM maturity scales including green house gas emissions:
 - Determining where the Township is on the scales, and its achieved milestones – consideration on how the plan will impact this.
 - Creating targets within the milestones.
 - Achieving milestone 1 in-house.

The Committee briefly discussed the RFP for the Climate Action Plan, to be discussed in further detail at a future meeting.

10.2.1 Action Items/Next Steps

Deferred for consideration with the work plan.

11. Notice of Motion

Nil.

12. Closed Session

Nil.

13. Date of Next Regular Meeting/Adjournment

The Committee will meet again on September 17th at 10:00 a.m.

Moved By: Member Bob Gray

Seconded By: Member Danuta Valteau

That the meeting be adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Approved

Mayor, Dwight Burley

Clerk, Brittany Drury