



Township of Georgian Bluffs

Climate Action Committee Minutes

September 17, 2021, 10:00 a.m.
Virtual

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

Members Absent: Chair Councillor Cathy Moore Coburn

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

Vice-Chair Ann Schneider called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda/Additions to the Agenda

At the request of the Committee, the following additions were made to the agenda:

Item 10.1 PCP and Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Item 10.2 Committee Protocol Review

Item 10.3 Climate Action Coordinator - Previous Municipality of Billings/Manitoulin

Moved By: Member Deputy Mayor Sue Carleton

Seconded By: Member Luc Zandvliet

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Approved

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

4.1 August 24, 2021

Moved By: Member Danuta Valleau

Seconded By: Member Deputy Mayor Sue Carleton

That the minutes of the Climate Action Committee held on August 24, 2021, be approved.

Approved

5. Delegations

5.1 Linda Swanston, Manager Climate Change Initiatives - Grey County Climate Action Plan

Linda Swanston and Randy Scherzer introduced themselves to the Committee. The Committee also provided introductions to the Delegates. Committee discussion around the Grey County Climate Action plan included:

- Engagement
- Partnerships
- Draft findings
- Proposed emission targets for community and Grey County (Corporate)

- What other local municipalities are doing
- Potential program areas
- Centering Indigenous knowledge
- Adaptation plan
- Delivering benefits to the community
- Next steps

Committee discussion and comments regarding the Grey County Climate Action Plan included:

- Targets that can be achieved vs urgency and where we need to go to achieve it.
- Engaging unique populations such as Georgian Bluffs.
- Tracking progress of other municipalities in developing strategies and plans.

6. Correspondence

Nil.

7. Staff Reports

7.1 Operational Updates

Steven Dollmaier provided his regular operational update, topics discussed included:

- Workplan update - presently looking to other workplans and resources
- Fleet emissions
- Facilities and corporate asset emissions information

7.1.1 Engagement and Consultation Strategy being developed and shared with OpenNorth Advisory Services

The Committee questions/discussion included that the internal workplan would be prioritized with time targets to be distributed to the committee for comment. The Climate Action Coordinator asked the Committee to read through the OpenNorth correspondence and provide their comment.

8. Public Question Period

The Clerk noted that no public questions had been received for consideration.

9. Unfinished Business

9.1 Committee Work Plan

The Committee received a copy of their Workplan.

10. New Business

Member Ann Schneider informed the committee that GBCAT is hosting an upcoming presentation on October 17 regarding weather and flooding.

10.1 PCP and Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Deputy Mayor Sue Carleton briefly overviewed notes provided to the committee. Discussion included:

- Setting targets for this term of council; and
- Being ambitious with goals/targets.

10.2 Committee Protocol Review

A presentation about the mandate and advisory committee role will be presented by the Clerk at a future meeting.

There was also discussion about how committee members can have items added to the agenda. The Clerk explained that if a member wishes to add an item to the agenda, they should send to the Clerk or Deputy Clerk. Agenda items received prior to the agenda publishing are eligible to be included. Items can also be added at the meeting under agenda approval/additions.

10.3 Climate Action Coordinator - Previous Municipality of Billings / Manitoulin

Member Bob Gray outlined that he had discussions with Kim Neil, the previous climate action coordinator for Billings. He added that he thought she could be a good resource for the committee or to connect with Trevor. The Committee discussed inviting her as a delegation at the November committee meeting.

There was also discussion surrounding an upcoming FCM webinar. Trevor noted that he would send this information to the committee.

11. Notice of Motion

Nil.

12. Closed Session

Nil.

13. Date of Next Regular Meeting/Adjournment

The Committee will meet again on October 13, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Moved By: Member Deputy Mayor Sue Carleton

Seconded By: Member Luc Zandvliet

That the meeting be adjourned 11:44 a.m.

Approved

Mayor, Dwight Burley

Clerk, Brittany Drury