

Corporation of the Municipality of South Huron Climate Change Adaptation Advisory Committee Minutes

Thursday, December 5, 2019, 7:00 p.m.
Olde Town Hall - Verity Room

Members Present: Marissa Vaughan, Council Representative

Angela Willert, Huron County Health Unit Representative

Tim Cumming, ABCA Representative Steve Boles, External Representative Ryan Munn, External Representative

George Finch, Ex-Officio

Member Regrets: Alyssa Keller, External Representative

Staff Present: Rebekah Msuya-Collison, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

Scott Currie, Manager of Community Services Justin Finkbeiner, Administrative Assistant

Stacey Jeffery, Climate Change Officer/Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Introduction of Committee Members

Scott Currie, welcomed members to the inaugural meeting and thanked all members for their commitment to climate change adaptation in South Huron.

Members and staff provided a brief introduction to their background and experience.

3. Committee Orientation

Rebekah Msuya-Collison provided the committee with training with a focus on the role of a committee, guiding legislation, policies, and documents, accountability and transparency framework and accessibility.

4. Agenda

Motion: CCAAC 01-2019
Moved: Steve Boles

Seconded: Marissa Vaughan

That Climate Change Adaptation Advisory Committee approves the Agenda as presented.

Disposition: Carried

5. <u>Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and the General Nature thereof</u>

None

6. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

Angela Willert provided information regarding the amalgamation of the Huron and Perth Health Units as of January 1, 2020, there will be an impact to the representative from the Huron County Health Unit. An amendment will be required to accommodate an alternate representative and new organizational name.

Steve Boles provided an expression of interest for the role of Chair for the remainder of the December 5, 2019 and January 9, 2020 meetings. The Appointment for Vice Chair was moved to the January 9, 2020 meeting.

Motion: CCAAC 02-2019
Moved: Tim Cumming

Seconded: Marissa Vaughan

That Steve Boles be appointed as Chair of the Climate Change Adaptation Advisory Committee for the meetings on December 5, 2019 and January 9, 2020.

Disposition: Carried

7. <u>Business to be Discussed</u>

7.1 Update on Municipal Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

Stacey Jeffery provided the committee with an update on the municipal climate change adaptation strategy and work completed to date.

Discussion around committee input into vision statement. Discussion was had to move the visioning exercise to February meeting to ensure the members have background information of the project.

Staff requested to provide the Committee with more information in regards to the committee input timelines as they fit within the project timelines. Public survey responses to be distributed to members.

Mayor George Finch and Justin Finkbeiner left the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

7.1.1 Impact Statements

Impact statements from climate change developed through staff and public consultation were provided to the Committee.

Discussion around providing the impact statements with more identifiers (including likelihood/probability and sort the impacts in themes) to provide more context. Impact statements to be reviewed by committee and selection of the committee's top 10 impacts to ensure input into the risk and vulnerability assessment is adequate.

Staff was requested by the Committee to provide public online opportunity to rank impacts within theme categories and simplify impact statements. Discussion of public consultation will occur at the January 9, 2020 meeting.

Staff to provide committee members with the impacts with more context (likelihood and in themes) to the committee for selection of top 10 impacts.

7.2 Committee Meeting Schedule

Committee meeting schedule was discussed. It was recommended that meeting dates to be set every month for the next 6 months given the timeline of the climate change adaptation strategy.

Monthly meetings for the first 6 months to occur on the first Thursday of every month for January to June (with the exception of the January meeting to be second week of January). Meeting duration to be maximum 1.5 hours and be monitored by the Chair.

The following meeting dates were discussed: January 9, 2020; February 6, 2020; March 5, 2020; April 2, 2020; May 7, 2020; and June 4, 2020.

Discussion around committee meetings to be held during business hours instead of after-hours to accommodate members. The committee meetings subsequently to be held at 9:00 a.m in the Verity Room - Olde Town Hall.

7.3 Latornell Conservation Symposium (Tim Cumming)

Member Tim Cumming discussed his attendance at the 26th annual Latornell Conservation Symposium (November 19 to 21, 2019). The focus of this years' symposium was "Currents of Change" which focused on climate change adaptation which will provide insight into committee work.

Summary of relevant Latornell materials to be distributed to members for information purposes.

8. <u>Correspondence</u>

None

9. Other Business

None

10. Adjournment

Motion: CCAAC 03-2019 Moved: Tim Cumming

Seconded: Marissa Vaughan

That Climate Change Adaptation Advisory Committee hereby adjourns at 8:46 p.m., to meet again on January 9, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Verity Room - Olde Town Hall, or at the Call of the Chair.

Disposition: Carried