



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

**Thursday, October 8, 2020, 4:00 p.m.
Remote Electronic Meeting**

Members Present: Marissa Vaughan, Council Representative
Tim Cumming, Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority
Alyssa Keller, External Representative
Steve Boles, Chair/External Representative
Ryan Munn, External Representative

Members Absent: Jessica Thompson, Huron Perth Public Health

Staff Present: Stacey Jeffery, Climate Change Officer/Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

Chair Boles called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

2. Agenda

Motion: CCAAC 15-2020

Moved: Marissa Vaughan

Seconded: Alyssa Keller

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

Disposition: Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and the General Nature thereof

None noted.

4. Minutes

Motion: CCAAC 16-2020

Moved: Ryan Munn

Seconded: Marissa Vaughan

That Climate Change Adaptation Advisory Committee adopts the minutes of March 05, 2020 as printed and circulated.

Disposition: Carried

5. Business to be Discussed

5.1 Final South Huron Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

S. Jeffery provided a summary of the final South Huron Climate Change Adaptation Strategy. Member Vaughan provided a summary of South Huron Council adoption of the final strategy. The final strategy document is available and will be distributed to staff, Council and members of the Committee. It was discussed that the project has gained attention from the local media, other government jurisdictions in Ontario and Quebec and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) through their social media outlets.

S. Jeffery reviewed relevant webpages on SouthHuron.ca and the revamped climate change pages highlighting the following pages: Climate Change, Community Guide to Climate Change, and Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Strategy. It was discussed that the project roll out was planned in a way to provide the community with information to encourage local action. Members of the Committee are encouraged to provide staff with any relevant resources to be added to the pages.

Chair Boles provided comments on the revamped pages and the information included is very beneficial for the project.

5.2 Committee Workplan for 2020

S. Jeffery provided a general overview of action planning for 2020 and 2021.

- Action 2.1 entails hosting a community forum or similar format. The Committee was identified as the lead for this action item. It was noted that this action item is included in the 2021 municipal budget with a dollar amount of \$1500.00. Discussion around the uncertainty of planning an in-person forum and whether or not the Committee would be in a position to action the item based on current

circumstances. Member Vaughan discussed that the Committee can still plan who might attend and what information and topics they are most interested in. Chair Boles asked for clarification on how much detail and planning should go into this item. S. Jeffery discussed that the Committee can still engage in planning which includes scoping of topics that are of most interest to the community. Staff to provide the Committee with the community survey results and potential topics of interest for the forum.

- Action 2.2 entails a briefing program for staff and Council. The Committee plays a support role in this action item to provide any relevant information from their respective expertise that may be of interest to the Municipality. This could include scientific papers, videos, case studies, local examples, etc. Member Cumming would like to see this action include actions (with commitments) and not only focused on information. No cost is associated with this action items and can be executed by municipal staff.
- Action 2.3 entails community challenges related to climate change resilience. The Committee plays a support role in this action item to help create the challenges. For example, have the community showcase flood protection on private property or bike to work/school for a chance to win a prize. Execution of this action item can be completed by municipal staff. It was noted that this action item is included in the 2021 municipal budget with a dollar amount of \$200.00 for challenge prizes. Member Cumming discussed there may be a potential for the challenges to link to existing programs in the area such as the Jessica's House rain garden or stormwater stroll in Bayfield. Member Cumming provided an overview of a communication strategy and the importance of identifying what success looks like for each action item. S. Jeffery provided information regarding ensuring that each action item has a communication plan to ensure audience and success is measured.
- Action 2.4 entails showcasing municipal initiatives to the community that are related to adaptation. The Committee plays a support role in this action items to help reach a broader audience through creative channels of delivery. No cost is associated with this action item and can be executed by municipal staff.
- Action 3.3 entails the creation of a voluntary 'check in with a neighbour program' for South Huron during extreme weather events. S. Jeffery

provided background on the South Huron Telecheck Program that was created during COVID to provide community members with extra support. Committee to discuss details of the program and deciding criteria for when the program would be utilized. Member Vaughan discussed the need to connect with the County of Huron (Social Services) for this action item and to ensure there is no overlapping from their adopted adaptation strategy or other supports offered through social services. Staff to bring this information back to the Committee at the next meeting. Member Vaughan discussed what resources for the community and the need for the action to potentially work both ways in having a line for individuals to call or for volunteers to call individuals during extreme weather events. Committee to further discuss this item at next meeting. No cost is associated with this action item.

Chair Boles inquired about how the action items are embedded within the municipal budget. Member Vaughan provided the Committee with an overview of the budget process for the municipality. It was discussed that there is preference for the budget for the climate change to be highlighted when it is presented to be able to summarize what kind of resources the municipality is putting towards climate change.

5.3 Committee Terms of Reference

S. Jeffery provided an overview of the current Committee Terms of Reference and that the Committee shall meet a minimum of six (6) times per annum. Discussion between Members regarding meeting schedule and Committee workplan. It was agreed upon that the Committee will meet one more time in 2020 to discuss the action plan and revisit the Terms of Reference, if an amendment is required. Staff to send out a poll to determine next meeting date for November or December.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Resolution from September 8th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting Re: Final South Huron Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

Record for the Committee that Council adopted the strategy to the September 8, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

6.2 Correspondence from Jessica Thompson, Huron Perth Public Health

It was discussed that the Huron Perth Public Health (HPPH) priorities have shifted and the representative could not attend the meeting but

would like to be included in the Committee and kept informed of the work of the Committee. Member Vaughan asked for clarification of the representative's intentions. It was discussed that staff will reach out to the HPPH representative to provide an update on the meeting discussions and inquire if they are able to attend the next electronic meeting for idea generation and provide input in to the action items from the perspective of public health.

7. Other Business

None noted.

8. Adjournment

Motion: CCAAC 17-2020

Moved: Tim Cumming

Seconded: Marissa Vaughan

That Climate Change Adaptation Advisory Committee hereby adjourns at 5:15 p.m., to meet again on November 26, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. or at the Call of the Chair.

Disposition: Carried