



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

**Thursday, January 9, 2020, 9:00 a.m.
Olde Town Hall - Verity Room**

Members Present: Marissa Vaughan, Council Representative
Tim Cumming, ABCA Representative
Steve Boles, External Representative
Ryan Munn, External Representative

Member Regrets: Angela Willert, Huron Perth Public Health Representative
Alyssa Keller, External Representative

Staff Present: Justin Finkbeiner, Administrative Assistant
Stacey Jeffery, Climate Change Officer/Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

Chair, Steve Boles called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Agenda

Moved: Marissa Vaughan

Seconded: Ryan Munn

**That the Climate Change Adaptation Advisory Committee approves the
Agenda for January 9, 2020, as presented.**

Disposition: Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and the General Nature thereof

None

4. Minutes

Moved: Marissa Vaughan

Seconded: Tim Cumming

That Climate Change Adaptation Advisory Committee adopts the minutes of December 5, 2019, as presented.

Disposition: Carried

5. Business to be Discussed

5.1 Committee Meeting Time

The Committee discussed changing the meeting time to the afternoon in order to accommodate members that cannot attend morning meetings. The meeting dates would remain unchanged. The Committee discussed the importance of allowing all current members of the committee to participate and agreeing upon a mutual time to meet.

Moved: Marissa Vaughan

Seconded: Tim Cumming

That Climate Change Adaptation Advisory Committee change the meeting time for the first Thursday of the month, until June 4, 2020 to meet at 4:00 p.m.

Disposition: Carried

5.2 Committee Milestones and Tasks

Stacey Jeffery provided an overview of the committee milestones and tasks as they relate to the project timeline.

5.3 Impact Statements

5.3.1 Committee Input and Review

Staff compiled a list of impact statements identified as important to the committee members via email prior to the meeting (attached as Schedule A).

A total of 38 impacts from the list of 74 impacts were presented. The Committee discussed the impact statements and narrowing down the list to a manageable number to move to the risk and vulnerability assessment phase. Member Vaughan discussed the importance of focusing on impacts that the Municipality has jurisdiction over. Direction was provided to staff to synthesize/combine the impact statements that are similar in nature to avoid duplication and to narrow down the list of impacts.

Chair Boles discussed the absence of agricultural impacts in the list. Discussion around inclusion of what is within the municipality's jurisdiction is priority for the strategy, however, although agriculture isn't directly stated, some impact statements do capture the overall impact to agriculture. Member Vaughan discussed other priority impacts related to reducing our impact into climate change (i.e. waste management, greenhouse gas emissions, green technology) that were discussed but may be outside the scope of the climate change adaptation strategy are also being documented. Stacey confirmed that all information gathered through staff, Council, Committee and public consultation is extremely valuable and will be documented. If the information is outside of the municipality's jurisdiction, the appropriate agency will be informed of the concern from the community, as part of the project.

Member Cumming noted correspondence summarizing viewpoint of some ABCA staff members related to impacts. Staff to circulate Tim Cumming's notes to the members of the Committee, for information.

5.3.2 Public and Stakeholder Input and Review

The Committee discussed that the initial public survey gathered information regarding the impacts to South Huron and identified what is most important to the community. Based on the public survey findings, the general consensus was the need for education surrounding climate change and related topics is most important and should be addressed through action planning.

Discussion around the potential for South Huron to host an information session/forum with experts from relevant sectors (such as the municipality, conservation authority, waste management, agriculture, insurance, engineering, etc.) to provide residents with the education related to climate change, impacts on South Huron and actions residents can take.

5.4 Risk Assessment

5.4.1 Committee and Public/Stakeholder Input Discussion

Staff will provide the committee members a list of the impact statements once they have been synthesized/combined further and the template to begin assigning scores within the risk assessment. It was discussed that the committee members will complete the risk

assessment for the impact list individually and provide to staff for discussion at next meeting. Member Vaughan discussed that there may be cases where the committee members are unsure of a score and it was advised that if members came across this, to leave the scoring blank rather than speculate.

The Committee discussed that the involvement of staff in the risk assessment is valuable given staff expertise. Staff to coordinate a round table workshop with staff to complete the risk assessment. If plausible, completion of this prior to February 6th meeting for comparison with committee risk assessment.

The committee discussed public consultation into the risk assessment. Member Munn discussed that the initial public survey provided public input into impacts and priorities. Member Cumming discussed the importance of communication to the public on what we heard through public consultation and what has been completed to date. It was discussed that general public involvement may come after the risk assessment has been completed by the committee and staff given the complexity of the assessment. Once the risk assessment is completed, the public may be consulted through a simplified presentation of the risk assessment with the opportunity to agree/disagree and provide any overall comments. Public consultation to be further discussed once the risk assessment from committee and staff is completed.

5.5 Discussion of Appointment of Chair and Co-Chair

The committee asked to defer this item and include to February 6, 2020 meeting agenda.

5.6 Climate Change Adaptation Strategy Vision

The Committee asked to defer this item to be included in the February 6, 2020 meeting agenda.

6. Correspondence

None

7. Other Business

None

8. Adjournment

Moved: Marissa Vaughan

Seconded: Tim Cumming

That Climate Change Adaptation Advisory Committee hereby adjourns at 10:30 a.m., to meet again on February 4, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the Verity Room - Olde Town Hall, or at the Call of the Chair.

Disposition: Carried

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