



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

**Thursday, November 26, 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, Vice-Chair, External Representative

Member Regrets: 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 4:00 p.m.

2. Agenda

Addition of Agenda Item: Appointment of Vice-Chair

Motion: CCAAC 18-2020

Moved: Marissa Vaughan

Seconded: Tim Cumming

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

Disposition: Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and the General Nature thereof

None noted.

4. Minutes

Two (2) minor amendments to the October 8, 2020 meeting minutes:

- Correction of Chair Boles name under Item 1.0 Call to Order; and
- Change "perspective" to "respective" in Item 5.2 Committee Work Plan for 2020.

Motion: CCAAC 19-2020

Moved: Ryan Munn

Seconded: Alyssa Keller

That Climate Change Adaptation Advisory Committee adopts the minutes of October 8, 2020 as amended.

Disposition: Carried

5. Appointment of Vice-Chair

Member Keller and Member Munn were nominated for the appointment of Vice-Chair.

Member Keller declined the nomination. Member Munn accepted the nomination.

Motion: CCAAC 20-2020

Moved: Marissa Vaughan

Seconded: Tim Cumming

That the Climate Change Adaptation Advisory Committee appointments Member Munn as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

Disposition: Carried

6. Business to be Discussed

6.1 Committee Work Plan for 2020/2021

S. Jeffery provided a general overview of the two action items that the Committee is assigned as the lead. A draft work breakdown structure has been created by staff in order to help define the scope and tasks associated with each action item. This document is a working document to be updated and changed by the committee, as required.

Discussion re: Action 2.1 (Community forum)

S. Jeffery reviewed the description for Action 2.1 with the Committee and noted resources provided to give an idea of similar community

forums/conferences recently executed. With the uncertainties, hosting option is unknown at this point but can be considered in more detail in 2021.

Member Boles ask for clarification on the details of Action 2.1 on potential hosting options. S. Jeffery clarified that with current uncertainties, the hosting option tasks allows for the action to be carried out either in person or virtually (one day or multiple days). Discussion about hosting option can be discussed in 2021. Member Boles also asked how will the Committee gauge interest from the public and topics that may be of interest. S. Jeffery provided a brief overview of the document provided to the Committee that summarizes the public survey findings from the development of the adaptation strategy. A summary of the survey included a range of demographics from the community (youth, residents, business owners). Particularly, it was noted that youth is a target audience and should be brought into the community conversation.

Timing for the community forum was discussed. It was noted that the Committee will check to ensure there isn't a conflict with other municipal and community event dates. Early 2021 may still pose some challenges for hosting. Member Cumming can provide a list to the Committee of special themed days to potentially link to the forum.

It was clarified that the nature of this action item is focused on public awareness and education on selected topics related to climate change. It was also discussed that the Committee will be the lead in planning and executing Action 2.1.

Chair Boles left the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Member Munn assumed Vice-Chair role at 4:35 p.m.

Member Vaughan suggested to approach the action item by start discussing potential topics that the community will benefit from learning more about. The following topics were brought forth by Member Vaughan as potential topics of interest for Action 2.1 and discussed in detail by the committee members:

- Agriculture: understanding of run off from extreme rainfall events
 - May include information on how the water moves on the landscape, drains, highlighting case studies (innovative solutions), context and framing to ensure we are linking to climate change and structure the discussion around innovative solutions.
 - Member Munn expressed interest in researching this topic further.

- Energy Efficiency, Green Buildings and Green Technology
 - May include information on net zero/passive house standards for new or upgrades to existing buildings, highlighting programs available to residents/businesses, green technologies on private property.
 - Member Vaughan expressed interest in researching these topics further.
- Flooding hazards
 - May include information on onsite private property naturalization on flood control, insurance perspectives.
 - Member Boles will be consulted if he has interest in researching this topic further.
- Natural Assets
 - May include information on identifying natural assets (beyond municipally owned assets) and the value, tree plantings, rain gardens, forest management, wetland, riparian area stewardship, onsite private property naturalization on flood control.
 - Member Cumming expressed interest in researching this topic further.
- Regional Perspectives/Partners
 - May include information on drainage pilots in Huron County, Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation conference series, Eco-Exeter initiatives, and potential partners.
 - Member Boles will be consulted if he has interest in researching this topic further.

Member Keller brought forth the following topic:

- Waste Reduction
 - May include information regarding what is recyclable through Bluewater Recycling Association, backyard composting.
 - Member Keller expressed interest in researching this topic further.

S. Jeffery will provide Committee with some potential guest speakers from various organizations/case studies for each topic.

Discussion re: Action 3.3 (Check in with your neighbour program)

S. Jeffery provided a brief overview of Action item 3.3 and let the Committee know that she did reach out to Huron County and the Huron Perth Public Health to inquire about similar programs or partners in the region but did not receive a response prior to the committee meeting. An

update will be provided at the next meeting. Member Vaughan discussed that it would be ideal to explore the option of having two way communication (Volunteers call out and individual calls in) instead of just one way communication (volunteers call out to individual). It was also discussed the preference to partner with other organizations that may already have similar programs created.

7. Correspondence

7.1 Summary of Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) 2020 Sustainable Cities Conference

S. Jeffery provided a summary of the SCC and the topics discussed throughout the conference, for information. Some of the resources may relate to the community forum.

S. Jeffery left the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

8. Other Business

The committee members discussed future meeting schedule based on discussion on item 6.1 Committee Work Plan for 2020/2021. Discussion between Members regarding the next scheduled meeting. It was agreed upon that the Committee will meet late January or early February of 2021. Staff to send out a poll to determine meeting date with the potential dates being January 21, January 28 or February 4, 2021.

9. Adjournment

Motion: CCAAC 21-2020

Moved: Tim Cumming

Seconded: Alyssa Keller

That Climate Change Adaptation Advisory Committee hereby adjourns at 5:10 p.m., to meet again on February 4, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. or at the Call of the Chair.

Disposition: Carried