

Minutes

Climate Action Advisory Committee Meeting
Municipality of West Grey
402 Grey Road 4, Durham, ON N0G 1R0
May 31, 2022 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Durham Arena Hall

Members Present: Lydia Dyck, Liz Murray, Lee Papineau, Jessica Pelchat, Eric Saunders, Councillor Geoffrey Shea, Councillor Beth Hamilton, Nikki May

Regrets: Sabrina Barlow

1. **Call to order** Chair Lydia Dyck called the meeting to order at 6:36pm.
2. **Moment of silence**
3. **Declaration of pecuniary interest:** None
4. **Approval of minutes:** deferred to next meeting
5. **Carbon Footprint Workshop:** it was agreed that all 7 councillors would be invited to the panel + Cory Eichman; biodynamic farmer and Tim Dyck, merchant. **Action:** Beth Hamilton to talk to Laura Johnston about formally inviting councillors and explaining what is required. **Community Invitations:** We need to spread the word widely. **Action:** all CAAC members send a list of community groups they are involved in to Nikki. An invitation will be issued to each group to pass on to their own members. This will protect the privacy of group members.
6. **Survey Results on Committee Focus**
Three key items were discussed
 - awareness building about climate change in community, council and staff
 - emphasizing the importance of a climate lens in the Official Plan
 - recommending to council that West Grey start an adaptation plan, join BARC

Our Mandate - part of it is to educate public and municipal councillors and staff,

Action: Chair Lydia Dyck to approach CAO Johnston about how to effectively bring sustainability/climate lens education to staff. Propose an initial workshop on the overall climate issues and then brainstorm the needs for other topics based on what staff needs to learn.

Action: Do a survey of municipal staff to find out how much they understand about a series of topics that relate to climate change and how its effects will change how they need to do their work/job. Staff members will have ideas of what needs to be covered and what would be most effective. EG. Walter Jehne on the soil carbon sponge for a lunch and learn. Committee wants to emphasize that suggestions for topics come from staff. CAP is coming out in fall, dovetail workshop with that introduction - maybe September or December.

Proposed Agenda item regarding:

Official Plan - The committee recommends that a sub-committee be formed to work on understanding what an OP with a climate lens looks like in order to provide knowledgeable comments throughout the OP update process. Does this need to be a formal recommendation to council or may we form the sub-committee as we did for the Carbon Footprint workshop?

Proposed Agenda item for next meeting:

Action: Beth Hamilton to put together a proposal regarding an adaptation plan for West Grey. Discuss a recommendation to council to start an adaptation plan, join BARC. Have a delegation from BARC come to council and explain what this looks like.

Perhaps we should survey the community on what they see as priorities for this committee to focus on. Need to understand how West Grey communicates with the residents. Is it only website, letter in the taxes, through email list? Knowing this would help us understand how we can reach out to the public.

Action: Invite Sile to a meeting to spend 15 minutes talking to us about how the municipality communicates with the residents in West Grey.

7. **Adjournment:**

Recommendation: That we hereby adjourn at 8:31 p.m to meet again on Tuesday June 14th, 2022 at 6:30pm.

Minutes were approved at the June 14, 2022 meeting.

