

Minutes

Climate Action Advisory Committee Meeting
Municipality of West Grey
402 Grey Road 4, Durham, ON N0G 1R0
Jun 14, 2022 | 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
via Zoom

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

Staff: CAO Laura Johnston, Kodey Hewlett

Visitors: Linda Swanston, Manager, Climate Change Initiatives, Grey County
Lorelei Spencer; Manager, Planning, West Grey

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:**

Resolution 6-2022

Moved by: N. May Seconded by: J. Pelchat

That the minutes of the May 12 and 31, 2022 meetings be accepted as written and amended.

Disposition: Carried

5. **Grey County CCAP - Linda Swanston:** Presented a summary of the process and document: Grey's targets were discussed; 21 Community actions; 4 foundation pillars to reduce 40% of GHG emissions if followed; 5 key next steps to reduce 39% more
- Questions: How can muni get involved in the Grey County CCAP? Ans: Each muni will have their own best answer. Does Grey County know what is the carbon sequestration and storage capacity of their natural heritage features or in other words, the GHG emissions from destroying a natural wetland or mature woodland? Ans: No real work has been done to determine the carbon storage

capacity of Grey County's wetland, woodlands and meadows, but there are plans to improve inventory information on what it is worth. Agriculture - did Grey county connect with both traditional farmers and those practicing sustainable agriculture? Ans. the county worked only with Ag Services - so just got a general overall picture. Carbon sequestration - outdoor fires - how do they contribute to total GHG emissions? Ans: not part of current inventory, unknown for Grey County; Comment: there is a grant from ICLEI for more climate action volunteering. Green development standard - what are steps involved at county level? Ans: right now in planning stage - will issue a RFP for a coordination piece; in a 2-tier system implementation has to come from local municipalities - Planner Spencer - this is done through update of zoning by-law; What about provincial mandates? Ans: in recent years the Ontario government has not issued much on climate goals, way behind the federal goals. **Action:** Linda Swanston will share invitation for calculator workshop through her communication channels. Amanda Hutter in Bruce County was mentioned - she is working with developers, saving native species and putting back into development. Linda Swanston is looking for all and any new ideas so happy to hear about additional resources.

6. **Official Plan Update - Planner Lorelei Spencer**

There will be opportunities for more input, nothing will move until fall. There will be more outreach to community and solicitation for suggestions from CAAC. Best to keep comments separate from CAP comments. Timing of comments - new revised draft available, by fall, but comments will be accepted at any time.

Official Plan sub-committee discussion:

Recommendation: that we will hold a special meeting focussed on discussion of the OP instead of a sub-committee. The meeting will occur in early August with a 1-item agenda - date to be arranged. Comments from the committee will be sent to Planner Spencer by the end of August.

7. **Building Adaptable and Resilient Communities - Councillor Hamilton**

The consultant group ICLEI is the same group as are doing our Climate Action Plan. They would like to come and speak to us about the BARC program. Need to build resilient community that can thrive despite flooding, extra heat, extreme weather. BARC plan is a framework, similar to the Milestone program for Mitigation. Cost to join this program \$20k. At the July meeting they could come so that we could prepare recommendation by September.

Recommendation: that we invite ICLEI to come to talk to us about BARC.

8. **Communication: CAO Johnston** CAAC members should use Recommendation to council as a way to communicate with council. For communication with the public, the best way is for committee to create messages and then pass to the CAO for consideration/action. Some things can be shared

with county for extra wide communication. For education piece, need recommendations to council to work on education programs. For messages from individuals in the committee about events or education pieces, these need to come to Laura, with a copy to Lydia. **Action:** members to provide the CAO with information about events or opportunities for funding, or other climate related issues that would be interesting to the public. West Grey has seen success with social media platforms, and in particular, Facebook.

9. Items for Future Agenda

- a. wrap-up on workshop of June 28th - July 19th.
- b. official plan discussion – August (date to be determined)

10. Adjournment:

Recommendation: That we hereby adjourn at 8:12 p.m to meet again on Tuesday July 19th, 2022 at 6:30pm.