

Minutes

Climate Action Advisory Committee Meeting

Municipality of West Grey

September 28, 2022 | 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Durham Community Centre

Members Present: Lydia Dyck, Liz Murray, Lee Papineau, Jessica Pelchat, Eric Saunders, Nikki May,

Regrets: Sabrina Barlow, CAO Laura Johnston, Councillor Beth Hamilton, Councillor Geoffrey Shea,

1. **Call to order** Chair Lydia Dyck called the meeting to order at 7:12pm.
2. **Moment of silence**
3. **Declaration of pecuniary interest:** None
4. **Approval of September 14 Minutes:**
Motion to approve: Jess moved, Eric Saunders seconded, Carried.
5. **Discussion on BARC presentation:** committee members offered to research overlaps/synergies between adaptation and mitigation so that the final CAP has community/corporate adaptation actions as well as mitigation actions. The group would focus on bringing forward actions that cover both adaptation and mitigation at no extra cost: eg. protecting natural areas as carbon storage, and as flood control; retrofits that reduced energy use and increased resilience to climate extremes.
6. **Recommendations for action**
Action: Lydia will reach out to Laura about meeting with Sarah to explore ideas about where the committee can provide resources and support
Action: Lydia will talk to Laura and request an opportunity to delegate to council: to summarize what we've accomplished, who we are, and how we can move forward as a working advisory committee; what we can offer to West Grey. In response to the last session where resource limitations were declared, we are proposing that as a committee, we could provide additional resources from among our collective skills. We have skills in communication and a good knowledge of climate action, such that we could provide resources to research background information for climate action priorities, and assist with methods for reaching the community so that the residents are more engaged.

If we cannot get time with a delegation or slides, email this information in to Laura in a formal letter.

7. **Reflections from this year:** committee worked well together, we've achieved a number of goals - the OP review, the CAP review, the Carbon Calculator workshop. Eric suggested a name change for the committee so that people have a better idea of what we do. Eric has expressed some frustration about zoom meetings. Lee - nice to learn from Beth, Laura and Geoffrey and the rest of the committee the possibilities that exist., Liz - feels the committee has a finally found a solid foundation. Lydia felt that she needed more onboarding - WG needs to improve. Overall the group agrees that we have lots of passion for climate action in West Grey. Several members felt that we would like to be more of a working committee so that we can be more effective.

Recommendation:

We recognise the resource limitations among WG staff. To ensure that they are successfully implementing the CAP, we would like to form a working advisory committee to provide free research/resource to support staff wherever they may need it.

8. **Goals/next steps:**

- research adaptation and support creation of an adaptation plan, or see the adaptation actions incorporated in the CAP that is being developed now.
- work for better communication between the municipality and the residents
- we want our community to be resilient, community will need local food systems, local energy systems
- would like to encourage local business to become more active participants in climate action.
- we would like to host three events per year - one of which we give out green awards to local businesses, engaging community.

9. **Adjournment:**

Recommendation: That we hereby adjourn at 8:48 p.m.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Nikki, carried.