

## Minutes

Climate Action Advisory Committee Meeting

Municipality of West Grey

September 14, 2022 | 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Municipal Offices

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

Regrets: Sabrina Barlow

Staff: Laura Johnston, CAO, Sarah Hanson, Environment and Capital Projects Officer

1. **Call to order** Chair Lydia Dyck called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.
  2. **Introductions:** committee members and Sarah Hanson, Environment and Capital Projects Officer. Sarah spoke about her 11 years of service in environmental services at various municipalities.
  3. **Moment of silence**
  4. **Declaration of pecuniary interest:** None
  5. **Approval of August 23 Minutes:**  
**Motion to approve:** Nikki May moved, Eric Saunders seconded, Carried.
  6. **Discussion of communication/education opportunities about climate action for municipal staff:** workshops,  
Councillor Geoffrey Shea - Waste Recycling communication - opportunity for municipality to raise level of awareness through information packages developed by contractor. Eric - reminded everyone that we need to emphasize a circular economy.  
Lydia Dyck - committee is willing to do research, bring forward ideas, offer support to staff.  
CAO Laura Johnston - ICLEI is now working on a draft of the CAP; at the next meeting the CAAC need to provide recommendations for 2023 budget.
  7. BARC presentation
- Q. How do generally approach municipalities?

A. Usually they come to us. Or sometimes a presentation at conferences. Work with those who are interested. Two-year commitment to build networks and develop plan.

Q. What happens next? Do you have data around previous plans and their adoption/implementation rate?

A. Metrics are difficult. Numerous municipalities have reached five - monitoring actions for a plan.

Q. How is Thunder Bay doing?

A. Depends on commitment to actions.

Q. Are there contacts you can share to help us find out how cities are doing?

A. Yes - a couple

Q. What are your metrics for success? Do they include nature-based solutions?

A. It's your plan, so metrics are your choice. ICLEI can guide, but metrics can come from community. ICLEI are facilitators mainly.

Q. What is added value of BARC over a corporate mitigation plan?

A. Community climate adaptation plan: many members from community as well as corporation can be involved.

Q. Would the municipality deliver the plan?

A. Yes.

Q. What is municipal load?

A. Related only to costs for putting plan together. Did not talk about costs for implementation. Potential synergies with mitigation, climate action plan.

Q. BARC and mitigation are different. We are looking for hard outcomes. I'm not hearing about results. How do we get there.

A. Need a clear plan. Can do individual actions, but need cohesion. Perhaps CAAC could be a champion for the plan.

Q. CAP for corporation. How to get community involved.

A. Need to be effective in the "initiating" step. Ask community what impacts they see coming and how it can be adapted to. Community building exercise.

Q. Any ideas on which department in a municipality is best as lead group.

A. Doesn't matter, only that there is commitment to provide that group with resources and that group has commitment.

Q. Could you identify stakeholders.

A. Multiple ways to do this. A broad ask for interest, or making direct connections with orgs that can take action - eg. United Way, Conservation Authorities, etc. ICLEI will follow up on providing other community information/results. Geoff concerned that some overlap, also too much resource commitment for WG. Staff agree.

Q. What would it look like if we asked ICLEI to add on important parts of the adaptation? How could the municipality do this, even if incrementally?

A. Laura noted that maybe WG can lead by example; something for future consideration.

**8. Adjournment:**

**Recommendation:** That we hereby adjourn at 8:03 p.m. to meet again on Wednesday September 28, 2022 at 7 pm. Place TBA.

Moved by Lee, seconded by Nikki May, carried.