



Council report

Meeting date:	April 6, 2021
Title:	Proposed Climate Action Advisory Committee
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Reviewed by:	L. Johnston, CAO

Recommendation

That council hereby approves the proposed amalgamation of the current Sustainability Committee, Climate Action Committee and Waste Reduction Committee to establish a West Grey Climate Action Advisory Committee; and

That the following members of the existing committees be appointed to the committee:

- Bev Falco – Public
- Nikki May - Public
- Elizabeth Murray – Public
- Eric Saunders - Public
- Lee Papineau – Public
- Beth Hamilton - Councillor
- Geoffrey Shea – Councillor

Executive summary

The review of committees of council structure and mandates has provided an opportunity to consider options for moving forward with existing committees as they are, as revised committees with updated terms of reference or as community groups that are better suited to serve the community outside of committee of council requirements.

Background and discussion

The council representatives on the West Grey Sustainability, Waste Reduction and Climate Action committees have met with staff to discuss options for moving forward with a focused and effective committee structure, as part of the committees of council review process. Staff invited members of the three committees to join a discussion regarding a proposal to request that council consider merging these committees into one, with a revised terms of reference. All members were contacted; however, some members indicated that they were no longer interested in serving on a committee of council.

The current structure includes strong linkages between the mandates for these three committees. Realigning them into one committee allows for one strong, effective committee to



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move forward as a Climate Action Advisory Committee.

Draft terms of reference, attached hereto for council's review, have been reviewed by staff and members of the existing committees.

Should council deem it appropriate to realign the three committees into one, the committee members will be advised and may proceed with a first meeting to elect a chair, vice-chair and secretary, as well as make a recommendation to council to approve a final version of the terms of reference.

Legal and legislated requirements

Municipal Act 2001, as amended.

West Grey Appointment Bylaw No. 72-2020

Financial and resource implications

None.

Staffing implications

None.

Consultation

CAO

Committee members

Alignment to strategic vision plan

Pillar: Work Together

Goal: Listen and empower

Strategy: Review committee of council structure

Attachments

Draft Terms of Reference for Proposed Climate Action Advisory Committee

Next steps

Realigned committee meets, terms of reference approved by council, changes included in next update of appointment bylaw.

Respectfully submitted:

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