



Minutes

Climate Action Committee
Friday, April 30, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.
Virtual Meeting

Present: B. Falco, Councillor Hamilton, N. May, E. Murray, L. Papineau, E. Saunders, Councillor Shea

Staff present: CAO L. Johnston, Clerk G. Scharback

1. Call to order

Clerk Scharback called the meeting to order at 9:46 a.m.

2. Review role of chair, vice-chair and recording secretary

Clerk Scharback provided an overview of the role of a committee chair, vice chair and recording secretary. She advised that further training will be provided to these positions for all committees of council.

3. Elect Committee Chair, Vice Chair and Recording Secretary

Clerk Scharback called for nominations from the floor a first, second and third and final time for the position of chair, vice-chair and recording secretary.

Resolution: 01-2021

Moved: N. May

Seconded: L. Papineau

That Bev Falco is hereby appointed chair of the Climate Action Committee.

Disposition: Carried.

Resolution: 02-2021

Moved: L. Papineau

Seconded: B. Falco

That Eric Saunders is hereby appointed vice-chair of the Climate Action Committee.

Disposition: Carried.

Resolution: 03-2021

Moved: B. Falco

Seconded: E. Saunders

That Nikki May is hereby appointed recording secretary of the Climate Action Committee.

Disposition: Carried.

Bev Falco assumed the role of chair at this time.

4. Declarations of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof

None.

5. Terms of Reference

Resolution: 04-2021

Moved: N. May

Seconded: L. Papineau

That the Climate Action Advisory Committee hereby recommends to West Grey council that the draft committee Terms of Reference be approved, as amended.

Disposition: Carried.

6. Clerk G. Scharback – Review legislative requirements

Clerk Scharback provided an overview of Municipal Act provisions regarding transparency, accountability and closed sessions noting that following the posted agenda is a key factor in transparency. She reviewed the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act provisions regarding conflicts and declarations of pecuniary interest. The West Grey procedural bylaw was provided to committee members, Clerk Scharback reviewed provisions directly related to committees including quorum, voting and meeting procedures.

7. 2021 Meeting schedule

Resolution: 05-2021

Moved: L. Papineau

Seconded: E. Saunders

That the 2021 regular meetings of the Climate Action Advisory Committee shall be held on the second Tuesday of every month at 10 a.m., or at the call of the chair.

Disposition: Carried.

8. CAO Johnston - Review of West Grey Climate Change Actions to Date

CAO Johnston advised of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, (FCM), Partners for Climate Protection program that West Grey is taking part in. She noted that Councillor Hamilton is the West Grey champion for the program. She also advised that Grey County has created a climate action task force and a new climate change coordinator contract position. This position will work on a county wide climate action plan and there will be an opportunity for this committee to contribute to the West Grey portion of the plan. CAO Johnston noted that the Grey County CAOs have committed to working together to provide consistency. It was noted that council has identified the creation of a climate action plan as one of four key priorities for 2021 and has committed \$50,000 in the budget for that purpose.

She clarified that the West Grey Official Plan, (OP), currently being updated is for Durham and Neustadt and the Grey County OP covers all other lands in West Grey.

Resolution: 06-2021

Moved: L. Papineau

Seconded: E. Saunders

That the Climate Action Advisory Committee hereby amends the agenda by adding a recommendation to council regarding the Official Plan.

Disposition: Carried.

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Resolution: 07-2021

Moved: L. Murray

Seconded: L. Papineau

That the Climate Action Advisory Committee hereby recommends to West Grey council that

Whereas the Official Plan is a document that's purpose is to provide a long-term strategy for managing growth and development within Durham and Neustadt to the year 2026. The goals, objective and policies contained in this Official Plan are intended to guide the decisions of the public authorities and private interests in order to maintain livable and attractive communities; and

Whereas the Municipality of West Grey is always struggling to balance the costs of building and maintaining infrastructure with other obligations,

We recommend that West Grey Council require that the updated Official Plan for the Municipality contain policies which specify the protection, retention and incorporation of natural infrastructure into all points of the planning process.

Disposition: Carried.

9. Items for future agendas

Members noted the following topics for future agendas:

- Review mandate and members roles;
- Invite planner to delegate on the OP process;
- Burn bylaw, waste management burning procedures, wood furnaces

10. Next meeting date

May 11, 2021 at 10 a.m.

11. Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Chair B. Falco

Recording Secretary G. Scharback