

## **Minutes**

Climate Action Committee  
Tuesday, May 11, 2021 – 10 a.m.  
Virtual Meeting

Present: B. Falco, Chair; Councillor Hamilton L. Murray, L. Papineau, E. Saunders, Councillor Shea; Nikki May

Staff present: L. Johnston, CAO; L. Spencer, Planner

1. Call to order  
Bev Falco called the meeting to order at 10:06am
2. Declarations of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof  
None
3. Delegation – Planner L. Spencer re: West Grey Official Plan

Members of the committee spoke with Planner Spencer about

- a. Looking at the OP with a climate lens
- b. Incorporating natural infrastructure into all relevant aspects of the plan
- c. Considering the issue of air pollution from outdoor fires
- d. A better way of doing things – planning for places where people can thrive
- e. How can we work together and how do the various levels of government and agencies work together.
- f. Can Green Development Standards as adopted by Halton Hills and promoted by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities be incorporated into the OP?

Planner Spencer responded by saying we should all look at the PPS and that West Grey planning is constrained by the County OP and the PPS. She also mentioned that the County has asked West Grey to refrain from going ahead with the OP update until after the Growth Management Plan has been finalised with the Province. There will be a public engagement process when the time comes.

**Action:** N.May will compile suggestions for incorporating the utilization of Natural Infrastructure into the Official Plan and send to Planner Spencer with copies to all committee members.

4. Minutes from the Previous Meeting

**Resolution 08-2021:**

**Moved: L. Papineau**

**Seconded; L. Murray**

That the Climate Action Committee hereby adopts the minutes of April 30, 2021, as circulated.

**Disposition: Carried**

## 5. Business items

### 5.1 Committee Mandate Discussion

**Action:** E. Saunders and L. Murray will work on an Education Plan

**Action:** L. Papineau will investigate air pollution and bring findings back to committee

**Action:** Councillor Hamilton and CAO Johnston are working on a plan and timeline to develop a climate action plan. N. May will assist by reviewing other CA plans and feed information to them.

Members of the committee may provide information and research to others where it fits their focus.

## 6. New business

### 6.1 Notice of Motion - Request to Send Recommendation to Council

#### **Resolution 09-2021**

**Moved by: B. Falco**

**Seconded by: E. Saunders**

Whereas the Council of West Grey unanimously declared a Climate Crisis in 2019; and  
Whereas the current Official Plan was created prior to the Climate Crisis declaration;  
and

Whereas per the existing Official Plan the Municipality of West Grey Official Plan has been designed to conform to the County of Grey Official Plan. In the event of a conflict between these two documents, the County Official Plan shall prevail, as mandated in The Planning Act(R.S.O. 1990).That notwithstanding, the Municipality of West Grey Official Plan (2) April 30, 2021 *may be more restrictive* than the County of Grey Official Plan, in which case the more restrictive policies shall prevail;

The West Grey Climate Action Advisory Committee recommends that the West Grey Official Plan revisions include Climate Change best practices throughout.

**Disposition: Carried**

## 7. Adjournment

Recommendation:

That we hereby adjourn at \_\_12:03 p.m. to meet again on June 8 at 10 a.m.