



Draft Minutes

Climate Action Advisory Committee Meeting
Municipality of West Grey
402 Grey Road 4, Durham, ON N0G 1R0
April 12, 2022 | 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Virtual meeting

Members present:

Lydia Dyck, Nikki May, Elizabeth Murray, Lee Papineau, Eric Saunders, Sabrina Barlow

Councillor Beth Hamilton

Member regrets: Jessica Pelchat, Jen Williamson, Councillor Geoff Shea

Staff present:

Laura Johnston, Chief Administrative Officer

1. Call to order

- a. Chair L. Dyck called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Declaration of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof

- a. None

3. Approval of minutes

Resolution 3-2022

Moved by: N. May

Seconded by: E. Saunders

That the minutes of the March 12, 2022 meeting be accepted as written.

Disposition: Carried

4. Update from CAO Laura Johnston

4.1 CCAP Process: how and when the committee can comment as well as West Grey's connection to Grey Cty CCAP

- a. The draft Climate Action Plan was presented to council on Apr 5th. Council is supportive. ICLEI is putting together a community survey. CAAC may not see the questions ahead of time but CAO Johnston will try to share them if possible.. Timeline of plan is to finalize the draft CCAP in 2nd quarter and take to council in the fall.
- b. Council has approved an Environmental Officer position to start in Sept.

(2) April 12, 2022

Budget discussions will be in July Aug, that's when the CAA Committee will be able to say what actions they think are important for budget process.

5. Lydia Dyck: Committee Mandate overview

Mandate: - help develop a feasible climate action plan. Support education and stewardship in the community. Build and support connections to other groups in community; regularly advise council on what we think is important. **Action:** Laura/Beth will send a copy of the mandate for the committee so everyone can review and discuss. **Action:** Beth will send out a copy of the original list of actions that the Sustainability Committee were trying to work on.

6. Nikki May: Carbon Footprint Workshop

Nikki presented the idea of doing an educational carbon footprint workshop by Zoom for West Grey residents. The workshop would be about an hour long and there would be introductions from a WG staff or a councillor followed by a panel discussion. The panel members would be leaders in the community and they would discuss their experience with a carbon footprint calculator that is available free online, how it made them feel to see where they stood in relation to others, and what they thought they could do to reduce their carbon footprint. There would be an overview of the carbon footprint calculator presented by Odette Bartnicki to educate people on how to do the self-measurement, and suggestions for what people can do to reduce their Greenhouse gas emissions. The committee would work with staff to invite as many residents of West Grey as possible.

6.1 Recommendation to Council

Resolution 4-2022

Moved by: N. May

Seconded by: L. Papineau

MOTION:

That council approves the proposal from the West Grey Climate Action Advisory Committee for the Municipality of West Grey to host a free Carbon Footprint Calculator Workshop for members of the public; and further

That council directs staff to work with the members of the Climate Action Advisory Committee regarding public promotion of the event, coordinating guest panelists, and managing the technology requirements for the zoom meeting workshop.

Disposition: CARRIED.

(3) February 9, 2022

7. Discussion of ICLEI's presentation on WG CAP

Several questions regarding clarification of the goals on pages 37 and 38 were asked. **Action:** Laura will take them to ICLEI or discuss with Linda depending on the question.

Action: committee members to send questions about ICLEI presentation to Laura, so she can share with ICLEI.

8. Adjournment

Recommendation: That we hereby adjourn at 8:34 p.m to meet again on Tuesday May 10, 2022 at 7pm.

Citizen Engagement in Climate Change Action: Carbon Footprint Calculator Workshop

I propose that the West Grey Climate Action Advisory Committee organise a workshop for leaders and residents of West Grey (and others who may be interested) to focus on individual climate action. This workshop would allow participants to measure their personal carbon footprints based on the Project Neutral Carbon Calculator. Individuals take a short online survey to determine an estimate of their personal carbon footprint. The workshop would encourage a variety of simple strategies that individuals can implement to reduce their carbon footprints.

Invitations to participate would be sent out to the community through:

- the West Grey municipal website
- the public library system
- local social media
- print media where feasible
- direct email where known.

Groups such as the Horticulture Society, local churches, the Saugeen Nature club, Rotary and Kinsmen clubs, and any other community groups could be contacted to see if they would share the invitation to the event within their membership.

Leaders such as the Mayor and councillors, business people, representatives from local agriculture groups and other sectors of our community could be included.

The agenda for a 1-hour session would include:

- a member of Council or a municipal staff member to talk about what West Grey has and is doing to address climate change
- Odette to give a basic overview of climate change and potential local issues and how individual actions can account for 45% to 60% of greenhouse gas emissions
- A panel of 5-7 cross-sectoral leaders, including the Mayor and/or a councillor, a business leader, an agriculture leader, and other community influencers, each having completed the carbon footprint calculator to discuss the impact of the calculator and what they might do personally and professionally to reduce carbon emissions
 - The committee will develop a short list of questions to prompt discussion (to be provided to panelists who agree to participate in advance)
- A 10 minute presentation by Odette Bartnicki talking about how an individual can work with the Carbon Footprint calculator to reduce their own carbon footprint

Reference

<https://app.projectneutral.org/>