



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Patti Bridal, Chief Administrative Officer **FILE:** 5280-01

**PC:** Terry Barton, Director, **DATE:** October 15, 2024  
Planning and Community Services  
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**FROM:** Kevin McCarty, Specialist, Climate Action

**SUBJECT:** **CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AND TRANSPORTATION PLAN STATUS UPDATES**

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At its meeting of September 25, 2024, the Climate Action Advisory Committee (CAAC) passed the following recommendation:

*THAT the Climate Action Advisory Committee recommends that City Council direct City Administration to provide the Climate Action Advisory Committee with regular, detailed updates on the status of the Official Community Plan and Transportation Plan renewal process.*

Background:

The CAAC Terms of Reference include the following objectives:

- 2.1 Review and provide recommendations for Council's consideration regarding climate change mitigation and adaptation programs, initiatives and goals with due consideration of City policies and plans.
- 2.2 Review and provide recommendations for Council's consideration regarding greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets, implementation strategies and initiatives, with potential consideration for future inclusion in the Official Community Plan or alternative strategic plans.

The Climate Action Plan and 2023-2026 Council Strategic Plan include the following goal and action:

Governance Goal 1, Action 1: embed considerations from the Climate Action Plan into all existing and new policy and bylaws.

The Local Government Act of BC – Division 4 – Official Community Plan states:

- (3) An official community plan must include targets for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the area covered by the plan, and policies and actions of the local government proposed with respect to achieving those targets.

At its meeting of May 29, 2024, the CAAC created a subcommittee to draft recommendations for Council regarding the embedment of the Climate Action Plan goals, actions, and targets into the Official Community Plan (OCP) and Transportation Plan (TP) revisions. Therefore, the CAAC is recommending that regular updates from City Administration be provided to CAAC committee members to keep them informed on the status of the OCP and TP renewal processes to enable them to develop recommendations for Council consideration.


Administration recommends following the engagement processes outlined in the "Engagement Strategy and Communications Plan for the Joint Review of the Official Community Plan and Transportation Plan," endorsed by Council at its meeting of March 25, 2024 (Attachment 1). As well as the supplemental information titled "Engagement Strategy: Community Groups List," that Council received for information at its meeting of April 8, 2024 (Attachment 2). The process outlined for council committee engagement states that OCP/TP engagement will be conducted within regular Committee agendas. Committee members can also participate in public surveys, open houses, and community events to provide input on the OCP/TP review process.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT Council receive for information the Memorandum titled "Climate Action Advisory Committee Official Community Plan and Transportation Plan Status Updates," dated October 15, 2024 and respectfully submitted by the Specialist, Climate Action;"

AND FURTHER, that Council direct Administration to continue following the Council endorsed engagement plans, adopted on March 25, 2024, as outlined in the "Engagement Strategy and Communications Plan for the Joint Review of the Official Community Plan and Transportation Plan" and the supplemental "Engagement Strategy: Community Groups List," that Council received for information at its meeting of April 8, 2024.

Respectfully submitted:

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Kevin McCarty  
Specialist, Climate Action

Attachment 1 - Engagement Strategy and Communications Plan for the Joint Review of the Official Community Plan and Transportation Plan.

Attachment 2 - Engagement Strategy: Community Groups List.

Approved for the Agenda by the CAO 