



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD MARCH 27, 2025 AT 4:00 PM OKANAGAN LAKE ROOM (COUNCIL CHAMBER)

PRESENT: Marie Vance, Science, Technology & Environmental Services Representative
Terry Dyck, Community Stewardship Representative
Valerie Holowach, Community at Large Representative
Matthew Kemp, Community at Large Representative
Casey Bain, Youth Member
Councillor Guy, Council Representative
Mayor Cumming

ABSENT: Fawn Ross, Health & Social Services Representative
Patrick Riley, Okanagan Indian Band Representative
Jen Comazzetto, School District 22 Board

STAFF: Kevin McCarty, Specialist, Climate Action
Sue Wood, Manager, Legislative Services
Peter Weeber, Chief Administrative Officer
Kathy Stogneff, Records/Committee Clerk

ORDER The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT *As Staff Liaison of the City of Vernon, and in the spirit of this gathering, I recognize the City of Vernon is located in the traditional territory of the Syilx people of the Okanagan nation.*

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA Moved by M. Vance, seconded by T. Dyck:

THAT the agenda of the March 27, 2025 Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as amended New Business "Election of Interim Chair" changed to "Election of Chair & Vice Chair."

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE CHAIR

There were three calls for nominations for Chair. V. Holowach accepted the nomination by Councillor Guy. No other nominations were put forward.

Moved by C. Bain, seconded by T. Dyck:

THAT V. Holowach be appointed as Chair for 2025.
CARRIED.

There were three calls for nominations of Vice Chair. Councillor Guy nominated F. Ross. No other nominations were put forward. Acceptance of the position will be confirmed at the next meeting as F. Ross was not in attendance.

Moved by M. Kemp, seconded by C. Bain:

THAT F. Ross be appointed as Vice Chair for 2025.

CARRIED.

**ADOPTION OF THE
MINUTES**

Moved by M. Vance, seconded by T. Bain:

THAT the minutes of the January 29, 2025 Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting be adopted:

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**COUNCIL BUSINESS
UPDATE**

Councillor Guy provided the Committee with an update on City Council business.

Following a question from the Committee, P. Weeber, Chief Administrative Officer, provided a letter addressed from the City to Harwinder Sandhu, Vernon-Lumby MLA, regarding the Vernon Farmers' Market rental fees at Kal Tire Place.

STAFF UPDATE

K. McCarty provided the Committee with a staff update on the 2025 climate action initiatives.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

**GREEN BUSINESS
COACHING SERVICES**

K. McCarty presented three proposals that were received for the delivery of coordinated coaching services for businesses or nonprofits to enhance green business practices and requested feedback from the committee.

NEXT MEETING

Recruitment for committee member vacancies will close on April 4, 2025. Following Council appointments, the Chair will call a special

meeting to address new Committee member orientations and to consider the establishment of sub-committees.

The next regular meeting for the Climate Action Advisory Committee is tentatively scheduled for May 28, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

 Chair