

CITY OF VERNON
MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 8, 2025, 4:00 p.m.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER
3400 30 Street, Vernon BC

Members Present: Councillor Guy, Council Representative
C. Neville, Business and Commercial Representative
F. Ross, Health & Social Services Representative
J. Comazzetto, School District 22 Representative
M. Vance, Science, Technology & Environmental Services Representative
M. Stockdale, Educators - Primary and Secondary Representative
M. Kemp, Community at Large Representative
S. Juniper, Educators - Post Secondary Representative
T. Dyck, Community Stewardship Representative
V. Holowach, Community at Large Representative

Members Absent: C. Bain, Youth Member
P. Riley, Okanagan Indian Band Representative

Administration Present: K. McCarty, Staff Liaison

Also Present: Mayor Cumming
S. Wood, Corporate Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair V. Holowach called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.

As Chair of the City of Vernon's Climate Action Advisory Committee, 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.

2. AGENDA

Moved by: M. Kemp, Community at Large Representative
Seconded by: J. Comazzetto, School District 22 Representative

THAT the Climate Action Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda of May 8, 2025 be adopted with the addition of Item 6.1 Information Items: Update on Sustainability Grants.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by: T. Dyck, Community Stewardship Representative
Seconded by: M. Kemp, Community at Large Representative

THAT the Climate Action Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.a Vice Chair Appointment Confirmation

F. Ross formally accepted the position of Vice Chair.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.a Orientation of New Members

K. McCarty provided an orientation to the new Committee members and they executed their oaths with the Corporate Officer.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

6.a Update on Sustainability Grants

K. McCarty informed the Committee that the spring intake of the Sustainability Grants will be opened on May 15, 2025 with a submission deadline of June 15, 2025.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.b Consideration of Sub-Committees

Moved by: M. Vance, Science, Technology & Environmental Services Representative

Seconded by: M. Kemp, Community at Large Representative

THAT the Climate Action Advisory Committee create the following Sub-Committees:

1. Communication and Outreach

Support the development and implementation of a community outreach and communication strategy.

2. Official Community Plan

Review the draft updates to the City's Official Community Plan (OCP) and identify opportunities to integrate the Climate Action plan (CAP) goals with the update to the OCP.

3. Metrics and Reporting

Help staff prioritize climate metrics and discuss how to track performance and share the CAP implementation results.

4. Climate Action Plan Update

Review the current Climate Action Plan and suggest goals for the future plan.

5. Development Proposal at 580 Commonage Rd

This development application was referred to the Committee by Council for their review and feedback;

AND FURTHER, that the Sub-Committees be reviewed at the first meeting of each year to determine if they are still necessary

CARRIED

Moved by: M. Kemp, Community at Large Representative

Seconded by: C. Neville, Business and Commercial Representative

THAT Administration provide the Committee with the notes from the 2024 Sub-Committees for their review.

CARRIED

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Climate Action Advisory Committee is scheduled for May 28, 2025 at 4:00 pm.

8. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee adjourned at 5:33 pm.

Chair