



## THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

### **MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2022 COUNCIL CHAMBERS (OKANAGAN ROOM) CITY HALL**

**PRESENT:** VOTING:  
Barry Dorval  
Donna Bartel  
Ed Wilson  
Jenn Comazzetto  
Jeremy Fyke  
Mary Stockdale (Chair)  
Mayor Cumming (Alternate)

**ABSENT:** Brian Guy, Business and Commercial Services Rep.  
Colleen Marchand, Okanagan Indian Band Rep.  
Nia Hill, Youth Member  
Alan Gee, Seaton Secondary Teacher & Support for Youth

**DELEGATION:** Jo de Vries, Founder, CEO, Fresh Outlook Foundation  
Sierra Peters, SWOBA Mentor, CARE Planning Assistant

**STAFF:** Brendan Riome, Climate Action Implementation Coordinator  
Jennifer Pounder, Committee Clerk  
Kim Flick, Director, Community Infrastructure and Development Services  
Laurie Cordell, Manager, Long-Range Planning & Sustainability

**ORDER** The meeting was called to order at **4:02 p.m.**

**LAND  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT** *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.*

**ROUND TABLE  
INTRODUCTIONS**

Round table introductions were conducted and new members and staff were welcomed by the Chair.

**ADOPTION OF THE  
AGENDA**

Before the adoption of the agenda the chair requested that the agenda be varied to review the delegation presentation at the start of the meeting. The committee also received an ontable memo provided by Brendan Riome, Climate Action Implementation Coordinator, that was added as information supplemental to the Delegation Presentation.

Moved by B. Dorval, seconded by E. Wilson:

THAT the agenda of the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting for August 24, 2022, be adopted, as amended:

**CARRIED**

*The agenda was varied*

**ADOPTION OF THE  
MINUTES**

Moved by B. Dorval, seconded by J. Comazzetto:

THAT the minutes of the June 22, 2022, Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED****DELEGATION  
PRESENTATION**

**J. de Vries, Founder, CEO, Fresh outlook Foundation, and S. Peters, SWOBA Mentor, CARE Planning Assistant**, were in attendance and provided an overview of the Climate Action Ripple Effect (CARE) project.

- S. Peters gave a brief overview of her experience with various projects she has worked on in the past.
- J. de Vries gave an overview of the CARE project:
  - CARE involves a kick-off event on September 20, project creation during October and November, and the Summit is on December 1, 2022. This is the second year this event has occurred.
  - Last spring more than 120 students created 32 projects and events that ranged from beekeeping and

hydroponics, to a solar-powered robot and high school solar power plan.

- These projects provide hands-on, community-focused, multi-faceted learning opportunities for teachers, students, and community participants.
- The CARE planning team is using what was learned last semester to build opportunities for greater student learning and growth along with enhanced community engagement and climate-action outcomes.

The following comments were made:

- The Committee asked if CARE has approached School District 22 regarding being placed on their Trustee Meeting agenda. J. de Vries confirmed she is in contact with the School District 22.

*K. Flick arrived at 4:29 p.m.*

- The Committee wanted to confirm the reason for presenting to this Committee was for the ripple-effect. J. de Vries confirmed they are trying to increase the ripple-effect to younger society and believes the only way to do that is public outreach and engagement.

*Committee Member S. Eamon arrived at 4:37 p.m.*

- The Committee asked what the envisioned on-going relationship between the Fresh Outlook Foundation and CARE with this Committee looks like. J. de Vries confirmed she wants to put in the effort this year to be involved on a greater level. She considers the Fresh Outlook Foundation role pivotal and wants to see the program get bigger and better, powerful and impactful.
- The Committee wanted to confirm the initial request for funding was in the amount of \$25,000.00 and has since been amended to \$12,500.00. J. de Vries confirmed this to be correct.

Moved by **B. Dorval**, and seconded by **J. Comazzetto**:

THAT the Climate Action Advisory Committee recommend to Council to provide up to \$12,500.00 to support the 2022 Climate Action Ripple Effect Youth Summit to School District 22

as outlined in the memorandum titled "Funding Request for 2022 Climate Action Ripple Effect Youth Summit" dated August 23, 2022 and respectfully submitted by the Climate Action Implementation Coordinator.

AND FURTHER that the Climate Action Advisory Committee recommends that \$2,500.00 of the funding be held back subject to the receipt of a final report and funding sustainability plan.

**CARRIED**

*J. de Vries and S. Peters left the meeting at 5:23 p.m.*

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**TEAM REPORTS**

- **Metrics and Reporting:**
  - J. Fyke advised this item is on hold until further notice.
- **Community Engagement:**
  - Group had a meeting. Talking about priorities, ie. branding, website, revamping ambassador program, youth summit. There was not a lot decided, just got to know each other.
- **Youth Engagement:**
  - B. Dorval advised he will be unavailable until December, 2022. J. Comazzetto will be taking over lead on this team until his return.
- **Fundraising:**
  - No new information since last CAAC meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**CLIMATE ACTION  
IMPLEMENTATION  
COORDINATOR,  
UPDATE / ROLE**

B. Riome provided an overview of the duties of his role as Climate Action Implementation Coordinator and an overview of his proposed workplan:

- Priorities were identified by Administration from the workshops and workplan to be focused on for the fall

- Plan and implement general engagement for the Climate Action plan.
- Determine metrics and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to measure the success of implementation.
- Develop and roll out Neighborhood Resilience Kits to engage with the community on climate change and emergency preparedness.
- Formalize the Climate Ambassador Program as a City of Vernon program.
- Initiate integration of the CAP with City of Vernon internal policies, procedures, and operations.
- Formalize ambassador program and undertake a broad call for ambassadors.
- Specific actions to support these priorities:
  - Hire a consultant to rebrand the Climate Action Plan.
  - Update the climate section on the City of Vernon website to make it more understandable and a trusted source of information for the public.
  - Review City grant programs to determine if they can be improved to increase utilization.
  - Determine resiliency metrics to measure intangible progress.
  - Investigate metrics for building performance for the corporate portfolio as well as the community.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- K. Flick and S. Knuhtsen will be attending meetings for the next 3 months to provide continuity.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** Moved by B. Dorval, seconded by J. Fyke:

THAT the meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

The meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

 Chair