



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD NOVEMBER 8, 2023 AT 4:00 PM OKANAGAN LAKE ROOM (COUNCIL CHAMBERS) CITY HALL

PRESENT: Casey Bain, Youth Member
Jenn Comazzetto, SD22 Rep.
Stephanie Hendy, Community at Large Rep.
Barry Dorval, Educators, Prime & Secondary Rep., Chair
Councillor Guy, Council Appointed
Jenna Boone, Youth Member
Donna Bartel, Community at Large Rep.
Fawn Ross, Community Stewardship Rep.
Casey Neathway, Health and Social Services Rep.
Mayor Cumming
Jordan Hart, Business and Commercial Services Rep.

ABSENT: Sid Kwakkel, Educators, Post-Secondary Rep.
Patrick Riley, Okanagan Indian Band Rep.

STAFF: Kevin McCarty, Specialist, Climate Action
Jennifer Pounder, Records/Committee Clerk

ORDER The meeting was called to order at 4:01 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.*

**ADOPTION OF THE
AGENDA** Moved by D. Bartel, seconded by J. Hart:

THAT the agenda of the November 8, 2023 Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as amended:

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF THE
MINUTES** Moved by S. Hendy, seconded by F. Ross:

THAT the minutes of the August 30, 2023 Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting be adopted:

CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

COUNCIL UPDATE

Councillor Guy provided the following update on City Council business:

September 25, 2023 – Committee of the Whole Meeting

- BC Transit service expansion initiative for the next three years*, including:
 - New Route 10 (Middleton Mountain),
 - Statutory holiday service on routes 1-9,
 - handyDART expansion to provide Sunday and statutory holiday service; and
 - Weekday service improvements on routes 3, 5 and 9.

*These service expansions start in September, 2024.

October 10, 2023 – Regular Council Meeting

- ZON00395 – 3350 Okanagan Avenue: This will be a 25 lot subdivision. Every unit will be EV-ready and suite-ready. Also, each unit will be solar-ready, meaning a conduit will be installed from the basement into the attic large enough to contain both wiring for future rooftop solar panels and hot water tubing for a future rooftop solar hot water system.

October 23, 2023 – Regular Council Meeting

- Bruce Mol from Ribbons of Green Trails Society made a presentation on cycling routes in the city. He emphasized the importance of separated cycling lanes and links between route networks. This presentation will be valuable for the update to the Master Transportation Plan coming soon.

**DRIVE THROUGH BAN
SUBCOMMITTEE
UPDATE**

No update at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

ROUNDTABLE

Roundtable introductions were had.

**PERIODIC EMISSIONS
INVENTORY /
METRICS FOR
SUCCESS**

K. McCarty, Specialist, Climate Action, provided a presentation to the Committee (Attached to these minutes as “Attachment 1”).

The following questions / comments were received:

- It was suggested to look into how many tonnes of organic waste have been diverted from the landfill.
- Might be advantageous to request a hands-on audit of a garbage truck load and see how much organic waste is still being sent to the landfill.
- It was suggested we revisit providing a carbon calculator for individuals to assess their personal/family carbon footprints.

CLIMATE LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM UPDATE

K. McCarty provided an update on the Climate Leadership Symposium as follows:

- Kevin and Donna attended the Local Government Climate Leadership Symposium hosted by BC Climate Secretariat and the City of Kamloops. The event brought together local government climate specialists and other stakeholders to share best practices, learnings, and to connect/network with peers.

GO BY BIKE WEEK

K. McCarty provided an update on Go by Bike Week as follows:

- The fall Go by Bike Week results: 327 riders, 56 teams, 20 new riders, 16,606KM traveled, 1350 trips, and 3600 KGs of GHG savings.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

REQUEST FOR DELEGATION

Moved by S. Hendy, seconded by D. Bartel,

THAT a Request for Delegation be approved for a representative from the Climate Action Ripple Effect Summit (CARE), to appear before the Committee at a future date to be coordinated by the Committee Clerk;

CARRIED

CLIMATE QUEST EXHIBIT

The Science Center has a Climate Quest exhibit coming up in the near future. K. McCarty invited the Committee to attend. He will provide the Committee with the schedule.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Climate Action Advisory Committee is set for November 21, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by S. Hendy, seconded by D. Bartel:

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

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:


_____ Chair