

	THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBOURG
	SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TO:	Brent Larmer, Municipal Clerk/Manager of Legislative Services
FROM:	Krystal Christopher, Secretary
MEETING DATE:	Monday, November 15, 2021
SUBJECT:	Motion regarding the Town of Cobourg's 2022 Budget

The following Motion was adopted at the Wednesday, November 3, 2021 Sustainability & Climate Change Advisory Committee (SCCAC) Meeting:

Moved by F. Fernandes

WHEREAS the Sustainability and Climate Change Advisory Committee (SCEAC) submitted a motion to the Committee of the Whole meeting of Sept 13, 2021 that Council provide funds in its 2022 budget to hire a full-time Environmental Staff Expert (see attached Motion); and

WHEREAS Council at their September 20, 2021 meeting referred the hiring of a full-time environmental staff person to the 2022 Budget deliberations (See attached Council's Resolution); and

WHEREAS in their Operational Review Report KPMG found "The Town lacks a dedicated capability for environmental and energy efficiency strategies and as a result, may be exposed to increased utility and operating costs, as well as higher environmental emissions, due to the absence of sufficient capacity to identify and implement energy efficiency and other conservation projects"; and

WHEREAS KPMG recommended that Cobourg add to their staff complement a Manager of Infrastructure Planning and an Infrastructure Policy Analyst whose 'Responsibilities would include but not be limited to master planning, updating of development standards, assess management planning, GHG emission reduction and energy efficiency projects, active transportation planning and transit planning (SCEAC's bold); and

WHEREAS the SCEAC understands that Council will consider in the 2022 Budget discussions hiring a number of positions recommended by KPMG, including the Manager of Long-Range Planning and the Manager of Infrastructure Planning; and

WHEREAS all Cobourg departments would benefit from having an Environmental Expert work with them to ensure that a climate emergency mitigation and adaptation lens is applied to all their initiatives; and

WHEREAS Cobourg would benefit from having an environmental expert to work with the County to partner in climate emergency mitigation and adaptation initiatives to improve effectiveness and to maximize cost and staff resources;

NOW THEREFORE THE SCEAC strongly recommends that Council fund an environmental staff person in 2022, however, if Council decides against that position, then the SCEAC urges Council to ensure that environmental sustainability be emphasized in the roles and responsibilities of both the Manager of Long-Range Planning and the Manager of Infrastructure Planning.

Carried