

	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, December 6, 2021
SUBJECT:	Motion regarding Climate Adaptation Plan

The following Motion was adopted at the Wednesday, December 1, 2021 Sustainability & Climate Change Advisory Committee (SCCAC) Meeting:

Moved by M. Marsh

WHEREAS in December 2019, Cobourg Council officially declared a Climate Emergency, conveying its recognition that we are facing an unprecedented crisis; and

WHEREAS serious consequences of climate change are already manifesting themselves, and will become more serious in the future; and

WHEREAS it is far more economical to plan ahead and be prepared for the damaging effects of climate change than to react to climate change events as they happen; and

WHEREAS other communities, such as the Region of Durham, have prepared climate change adaptation plans from which Cobourg can learn ; and

WHEREAS many of the likely dangers and problems arising from climate change are regional in nature and can be better planned for at a regional level than at the level of the Town of Cobourg; and

WHEREAS although the County will have finalized their 2022 budget by the time it receives the recommendation resulting from this Resolution, the urgent situation we are facing due to the Climate emergency requires that adaptation measures be implemented immediately and that the County find funds to enable this to be done;

NOW THEREFORE the SCEAC recommends that Council direct staff to write a letter to the County on behalf of Council to encourage the County of Northumberland to develop a climate change adaptation plan beginning early in 2022, and find the funds to do so

either from the County 2022 budget and/or grants or loans from various organizations such as the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Carried