



**The Corporation of The Town of Cobourg
Sustainability and Climate Change Advisory Committee
MINUTES**

**January 6, 2021, 2:00 p.m.
Electronic Participation**

Members Present: Minnie de Jong, Chair
Anthony Pitts, Vice-Chair
Councillor Adam Bureau
Marius Marsh
John Vickers
Warren McCarthy

Staff Present: Krystal Christopher, Deputy Clerk
Judy Smith, Environmental Officer, County of Northumberland

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Minnie de Jong, called the Meeting to Order at 2:01 P.M.

2. TRADITIONAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair, Minnie de Jong, recited the Traditional Land Acknowledgement statement.

3. APPROVAL/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Councillor Adam Bureau advised Dale Randall has resigned from the Committee.

Moved by Councillor Adam Bureau

THAT the Agenda dated January 6, 2020 be approved as presented.

Carried

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

There were no Declarations of Interest Declared by Committee Members.

5. **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE OFFICERS**

Member, Anthony Pitts, nominated Minnie de Jong as Chair of the Sustainability and Climate Change Action Committee.

Member, Minnie de Jong, nominated Anthony Pitts as Vice-Chair of the Sustainability and Climate Change Action Committee

Moved by Anthony Pitts, Vice-Chair

THAT Minnie de Jong be elected as Chair of the Sustainability and Climate Change Action Committee.

Carried

Moved by Minnie de Jong, Chair

THAT Anthony Pitts be elected as Vice-Chair of the Sustainability and Climate Change Action Committee

Carried

6. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Anthony Pitts, Vice-Chair

THAT the minutes dated December 2, 2020 be adopted as presented/amended.

Carried

7. **DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

8. **COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE**

9. **REPORTS**

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

10.1 Cobourg's Climate Action Plan

The SCCAC engaged in a discussion regarding Cobourg's Climate Action Plan prepared by Judy Smith, Environmental Officer, Northumberland County. Members spoke to how the committee could assist with having targets and actions implemented expeditiously. Members provided

comment and raised questions regarding the Climate Action initiatives as outlined in the plan, to which J. Smith responded.

10.2 Presentation to Two Advisory Committees

Chair, Minnie de Jong, spoke to the presentations to be made to the Planning and Development Committee (PDAC) and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC). M. de Jong noted the minor changes made to the PDAC presentation that will take place on February 2, 2021. M. de Jong noted that Members, Warren McCarthy and John Vickers will be presenting to PRAC on February 2, 2021.

SCCAC Members engaged in a discussion regarding the next committee(s) for which to prepare presentations and the SCCAC Committee members to prepare the draft presentation(s) for review at the Feb 3, 2021 SCCAC meeting. Members, Warren McCarthy and Anthony Pitts, agreed to present to the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) in February.

10.3 Revisions to the SCCAC Terms of Reference (TOR)

SCCAC members engaged in a discussion regarding the proposed revisions to the Terms of Reference.

Moved by John Vickers

WHEREAS the Sustainability and Climate Change Advisory Committee (SCCAC) has reviewed their Terms of Reference; and

WHEREAS the SCCAC feels that it could benefit from having advisors as SCCAC representatives from specific organizations or institutions, and/or an expert on climate emergency and adaptation strategies;

- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the following changes to the Terms of Reference for the SCCAC, namely that:
- A representative from Ganaraska Regional Conservation Authority be approved as a member of the SCCAC, in the role of an advisor, with no vote; and that
- A representative from Sustainable Cobourg, chosen by Sustainable Cobourg, be approved as a member of the SCCAC, in the role of an advisor, with vote; and that

- Two student representatives from Cobourg Collegiate Institute (CCI) and/or St. Mary's be approved as a member(s) of the SCCAC, in the role of an advisor, with vote; and that
- An optional outside expert who is deemed helpful in formulating recommendations on sustainability/climate change matters, as determined by the SCCAC, be approved as a member of the SCCAC, in the role of an advisor, with no vote.

Carried

10.4 Annual Report and Work Plan

SCCAC members engaged in a discussion regarding the next steps and actions for the SCCAC work plan. Members provided suggestions on the initiatives the committee should undertake. Members agreed to review and provide suggestions prior to the distribution of the February 3, 2021 agenda.

Krystal Christopher, Deputy Clerk/ Secretary, advised she will report back to the committee on the next steps.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

John Vickers, Member, spoke to federal/provincial grant programs and funding available to assist with climate change and sustainability initiatives.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Adam Bureau

THAT the meeting adjourn (3:57 PM)

Carried

13. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 3, 2021