

	THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBOURG
	ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT AND WORK PLAN
TO:	Mayor and Council Members
FROM: TITLE	Minnie de Jong Chair, Sustainability and Climate Change Advisory Committee
DATE OF MEETING:	Committee of the Whole – October 15, 2019
SUBJECT:	Sustainability and Climate Change Advisory Committee – Annual Report and Work Plan
REPORT DATE:	September 4, 2019

1.0 MEMBERSHIP

Minnie de Jong; Gigi Ludorf-Weaver, Vice Chair; Councillor Adam Bureau; Antony Pitts; Judy Smith; Marius Marsh; Gillian Berridge Kassela

2.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Since its first meeting in May 2019, the Committee submitted 4 Motions to Council reflecting Committee initiatives, and submitted one Motion to Council in response to a request from Council to provide comment on an OPA/Rezoning application.

3.0 MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee has met each month with the first meeting occurring on May 8, 2019, meaning six meetings have been held during the period covered by this Annual Report.

4.0 COMMITTEE PURPOSE

To promote the protection, maintenance and awareness of the environment within the community, and to provide advice concerning environmental and climate change policy, planning and sustainability.

5.0 HIGHLIGHTS/ ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. The passing by Council of three SCCAC motions:
 - a. that safe drinking water and sanitation services are fundamental a fundamental human right
 - b. banning or phasing out of the sale of bottled water in municipal facilities and municipal events
 - c. Include in the 2020 budget the cost of installing two outside water bottle filling stations
2. Providing the Town with a Motion containing SCCAC comments on the East Village Phase 5 OPA/Rezoning application

6.0 FUTURE GOALS/OBJECTIVES

1. Subject to Council decision to move forward on developing an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP), provide comment on drafts and assist with community outreach
2. Assist with implementing Cobourg's Climate Action plan
3. Support other Advisory Committees to carry out their mandate through a Climate Emergency lens
4. Provide comment on initiatives referred to the SCCAC by Cobourg Council.
5. Provide appropriate response to delegations from members of the public

7.0 PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Subject to approval of the Sustainability and Climate Change Advisory Committee's 2020 Work Plan, in 2020, assist the Environmental Officer with consulting on Cobourg's Climate Action Plan.

8.0 EDUCATION

Subject to approval of the Sustainability and Climate Change Advisory Committee's 2020 Work Plan, in 2020 assist the Environmental Officer with consulting on Cobourg's Climate Action Plan.

9.0 TERMS OF REFERENCE AMENDMENTS (IF APPLICABLE)

N/A

10.0 2020 BUDGET ITEM RECOMMENDATIONS (IF APPLICABLE)

To provide the necessary resources for the Planning Department to undertake the development and implementation of an Integrated Community Sustainability Plan.

11.0 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

In these first six months the Committee has developed a better understanding of the Town processes, which will assist it in its future endeavors. The Committee is now focussing its efforts on identifying and supporting the implementation of initiatives to assist the Town of Cobourg to take the necessary action to address the Climate Emergency we are facing.

12.0 COMMUNICATION RESULTS

Minnie de Jong, Chair, Sustainability and Climate Change Advisory Committee
Robyn Bonneau Secretary, Sustainability and Climate Change Advisory Committee

13.0 ATTACHMENTS

Sustainability and Climate Change Advisory Committee – 2020 Work Plan