



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

February 3, 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

Staff Absent: Brent Larmer, Municipal Clerk / Manager of Legislative Services
Judy Smith, Environmental Officer, County of Northumberland

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Minnie de Jong called the Meeting to Order at 2:00 P.M.

2. TRADITIONAL LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATEMENT

Chair, Minnie de Jong, recited the Traditional Land Acknowledgment Statement.

3. APPROVAL/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Chair, Minnie de Jong, noted the addition of a document regarding the Toronto Green Standard from member, Warren McCarthy.

Moved by Councillor Adam Bureau

THAT the Agenda dated February 3, 2021 be approved as amended.

Carried

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS

There were no Declarations of Interest Declared by Committee Members.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Anthony Pitts, Vice-Chair

THAT the minutes dated January 6, 2021 be adopted as presented.

Carried

6. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

7. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

8. REPORTS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Debrief on Actions from January 6, 2021 Meeting

SCCAC proposed changes to Terms of Reference (TOR)

Councillor Adam Bureau provided comments on the reasons the motion was withdrawn at the Committee of the Whole meeting on January 25, 2021 noting concerns were raised from Members of Council. Councillor Adam Bureau advised the following:

- Judy Smith, Cobourg's Environmental Office, attend the SCCAC as an advisor. Therefore, a further advisory may not be required.
- The GCRA board should be consulted to seek interest in having a representative on the SCACC. Councillor Bureau noted that Councillor Nicole Beatty is a member of the GCRA board.
- Cobourg has established a Youth Council to advise on matters involving youth. The appointment of high school students has raised concerns as the committee meetings take place during school hours.
- Sustainable Cobourg should be consulted on whether they would like to have a representative on the Committee. Member, Warren McCarthy, advised that Sustainable Cobourg saw his role as that of a citizen on the SCCAC and Sustainable Cobourg would like a designated representative on the SCCAC.

Green Development Standard

Chair, Minnie de Jong, provided comments on the correspondence sent to the committee that summarized what can/cannot be mandated by Green Development Standard.

Debrief on Presentation to PRAC

Members, John Vickers and Warren McCarthy provided comments on the presentation made to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. J. Vickers and W. McCarthy spoke to the Town's tree planting program and the budget allocated for the program. J. Vickers and W. McCarthy noted questions were raised regarding sports fields as it relates to sustainability and costs associated with electric cars.

Debrief on Presentation to PDAC

Chair, Minnie de Jong, and member, Marius Marsh, provided comments on the presentation made to the Planning and Development Advisory Committee. M. de Jong noted that the discussion on the presentation will take place at the next PDAC meeting.

9.2 Draft Presentation to Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

Committee Members engaged in a discussion regarding the draft presentation to the Transportation Advisory Committee. Suggestions and comments were provided by committee members on the presentation's format and wording.

9.3 SCCAC Work Plan

Committee members engaged in a discussion regarding suggested changes and actions for the SCCAC work plan. Members provided suggestions on the initiatives the committee should undertake. Members agreed to review the final draft work plan at the next meeting on March 3, 2021.

9.4 Invitation from Lakefront Utilities to participate in a group meeting

Chair, Minnie de Jong, spoke to the invitation received from Lakefront Utilities to participate in an environmental focus group. Members, Marius Marsh and John Vickers volunteered to participate.

Warren McCarthy provided comments on inviting Derik Paul, Lakefront Utilities, to make a presentation to the Committee.

9.5 Revisions to the SCCAC Terms of Reference (TOR)

The discussion with this item took place with item 9.1.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1 Outstanding Items

10.2 Topics for March 3, 2021 SCCAC Meeting

Committee Members provided comments on higher density developments in the Town to mitigate negative environmental effects and identifying the appropriate municipal development density. Members noted this discussion will contribute to the draft SCCAC 2021 Work Plan objectives.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Anthony Pitts, Vice-Chair

THAT the meeting adjourn (3:47 PM)

Carried

12. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, March 3, 2021