

Sustainability and Climate Change Advisory Committee - 2021 Work Plan

Objective (<i>Identify objective to be achieved in 2020</i>)	Timeline (<i>Start and completion date</i>)	Actions and Resources (<i>Actions that will achieve the objectives; resources needed if any, and Committee lead if applicable</i>)	Partners or Stakeholders	Alignment to Committte Mandate and Cobourg's Strategic Plan.
1. Support other Advisory Committees to carry out their mandate through the lens of the Climate Emergency we are facing	Start date: January 2021; Completion: ongoing	1. Meet with remaining Advisory Committee to discuss the climate emergency we are facing, and invite them to work with the SCCAC to develop guidance on climate crisis measures to consider when fulfilling their mandate	Other Advisory Committees; relevent Town departments; Sustainable Cobourg	Committee mandate: The SCCAC shall provide advice and make recommendations to Council on additional measures to address climate change, including any plans, studies and initiatives related to the environment. Strategic Plan: the Town protects, preserves and promotes its natural assets....
		2. Assist in finding documents to support Advisory Committees to more fully uderstand the climate mitigation measures application to their mandate		
		3. Other support and collaborative activities resulting from meetings with Advisory Committees		
2. Launch program to incent citizens to act on the climate emergency	February 2021; Completion: May 2021	Brainstorm, document and launch programs that increase citizens' prority & urgency re the Climate Emergency and incent and recognize their participatioion	Sustainable Cobourg	Committee mandate: The SCCAC shall provide advice and make recommendations on educational and/or outreach to the public regarding climate change. Strategic Plan: the Town protects, preserves and promotes its natural assets....
3. Identify Funding sources to address and mitigate the Climate Emergency	February 2021; Completion: ongong	One committee member identify funding surces, recommend which funding to pursue, and lead the application process		Committee mandate: The SCCAC shall provide advice and make recommendations to Council on additional measures to address climate change, including any plans, studies and initiatives related to the environment. Strategic Plan: the Town protects, preserves and promotes its natural assets....
4. Provide Comment on Zoning By-Law Review	Start: March 2021; Completion: as per Zoning by-law schedule	Proactively identify change SCCAC feels are important to address climate emergency and present same to Planning Department and to Council	PDAC	Committee mandate: The SCCAC shall provide advice and make recommendations to Council on additional measures to address climate change, including any plans, studies and initiatives related to the environment. Strategic Plan: the Town protects, preserves and promotes its natural assets....
		Review draft revised zoning by-law and provide comment to Planning Department and Council		

5. Determine if there are ways to achieve more sustainable developments and buildings while awaiting ICSP and GDS	March 2021; Completion: end of 2021	Best case scenario is that ICSP and GDS will be complete in 2021 and implemented 2022. Thus, identify if there are ways developments/buildings can be made more sustainable in the meantime.	PDAC, Planning and Building Department	Committee mandate: The SCCAC shall provide advice and make recommendations to Council on additional measures to address climate change, including any plans, studies and initiatives related to the environment. Strategic Plan: the Town protects, preserves and promotes its natural assets....
6. Review relationship between density and sustainability; Educate on the relationship between density and climate change	March 2021; Completion: May 2021	Review documents discussing the relationship between density and the climate emergency.	PDAC	The SCCAC shall provide advice and make recommendations to Council on Environmental policy directions pursued by the Municipality, in addition the review of current or proposed Federal and Provincial policies, legislation and/or regulations relating to the environment. Strategic Plan: the Town protects, preserves and promotes its natural assets...
		Review Cobourg's Official Plan and Zoning By-law to understand variance from climate emergency appropriate densities		
		Develop a position on changes needed to Cobourg's density to reflect climate emergency		
7. Provide comment on drafts of the ICSP and GDS and assist with community consultation/outreach	As drafts of ICSP and GDS, and related products (e.g. RFP), become available for input	Review RFP for consultant to develop RFP/GDS and provide comment	Planning and Building Department	Mandate: promote the protection, maintenance and awareness of the environment within the community; Strategic Plan: The Town engages in strong, sustainable public private partnerships to improve the quality of life for everyone
		Provide comment on drafts of ICSP/GDS		
		Assist with community outreach and consultation		
8. Review relevant County initiatives to determine impact on Cobourg's ability to address the climate emergency, and recommend	Start date: now. Completion: ongoing	Monitor County activities and identify those that will have an impact on Cobourg addressing global heating - both through mitigation and adaptation		
		Prepare comment to Northumberland for consideration and endorsement by Council		
9. Assist with implementing Cobourg's Climate Action Plan	Start date: Early 2020; Completion date: ongoing	Assist with further developing, and advise on, Cobourg's Climate Action Plan	Environmental Officer; Sustainable Cobourg; Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority	Committee mandate: The SCCAC shall provide advice and make recommendations on educational and/or outreach to the public regarding climate change. Strategic Plan: the Town protects, preserves and promotes its natural assets....
		Support the Environmental Officer at outreach and consultation events		
10. Provide recommendations to Council re climate change adaptation strategies	Start Date: TBD	Review likely climate change impacts on Cobourg, climate change adaptations measures in place or under development; and what further adaptations measures could be considered for the future.	Planning Dept and Public Works	The SCCAC shall provide advice and make recommendations to Council on climate change impacts in the Town of Cobourg and ways to adapt to and mitigate these impacts

11. Review and response to all initiatives that have been referred to the SCCAC by Cobourg Council	Ongoing	Review documents on which Council has asked for SCCAC comment, and prepare a Motion containing SCCAC's comments, and a recommendation if applicable	As appropriate on a case by case basis	Committee Mandate: The SCCAC shall provide advice and make recommendations to Council on other related environmental and climate change matters as referred to the Committee by Council. Strategic Plan: the Town protects, preserves and promotes its natural assets...
12. Provide response to Delegations from Members of the public	Ongoing	Receive delegations from members of the public and provide appropriate response	As appropriate on a case by case basis	The SCCAC shall provide advice and make recommendations to Council on the identification of new or existing approaches or policies related to the protection, sustainability and enhancement of natural resources and systems within the Municipality. Strategic Plan: the Town protects, preserves and promotes its natural assets...