

	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, April 19, 2021
SUBJECT:	Motion to continue the Environmental Officer position

The following Motion was adopted at the Wednesday, April 7, 2021 Sustainability & Climate Change Advisory Committee (SCCAC) Meeting:

Moved by Member T. Pitts

WHEREAS the Sustainability and Climate Change Advisory Committee (SCCAC) has learned that the position of Environmental Officer ends May 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS this position has supported Cobourg to address the climate emergency, including providing Cobourg with a Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS a number of environmental initiatives within Cobourg's Climate Action Plan and related to Cobourg's Climate Emergency Declaration have been initiated for which the expertise of an environment expert is needed to assist existing Cobourg staff to implement; and

WHEREAS the need to address the Climate Emergency is ever more urgent as time moves on and additional actions must be implemented; and

WHEREAS we have seen how governments respond to an emergency through their response to COVID:

- businesses were shut down within days; some lost forever;
- people lost their jobs; increase in food bank use in our country; other countries experiencing increased starvation;
- people being isolated; families not being with loved ones when they die;
- children losing valuable school years; increase in drug overdose; increase in mental health issues;

WHEREAS global heating is **an emergency of a worse scale than the pandemic**; it will have **way more severe and long lasting consequences**; people are already dying from global heating; and

WHEREAS there is a relationship between environmental destruction and an increase in pandemics and in resilience to pandemics;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the SCCAC Recommends that Cobourg:

- immediately work on having this shared Environmental Officer position extended until Cobourg's Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) is completed

Carried