



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

March 3, 2021, 2:00 p.m.
Electronic Participation

Members Present: Minnie de Jong, Chair
Anthony Pitts, Vice-Chair
Councillor Adam Bureau
Marius Marsh
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 ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATEMENT

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

3. APPROVAL/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Chair, Minnie de Jong, noted the following additions to the agenda:

- Brookside Youth Facility Closure and land usage
- Councillor Bureau's response to Citizen's request - Car Idling Bylaw
- Partnering with the Art Gallery of Northumberland
- Canadian Clean Air Partnership Webinar

THAT the Agenda dated March 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

THAT the minutes dated February 3, 2021 be adopted as presented

Carried

6. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

7. COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

8. REPORTS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Debrief on Work with Other Committees

Members, Warren McCarthy and Tony Pitts, provided comments on the presentation made to the Transportation Advisory Committee.

Suggestions were made by members of the Transportations Advisory Committee (TAC) following the presentation and SCCAC members agreed to report back. Chair, Minnie de Jong, agreed to prepare and draft an interim response to TAC for consideration at the next SCCAC meeting.

Members of the Committee engaged in a discussion regarding the presentation made to the Planning and Development Advisory Committee (PDAC) and spoke to density, sustainability, a carbon footprint calculator and whether sidewalks are needed. Members provided comments on how to provide input to the Committee of the Whole (COW) and Regular Council on Agenda Items so that Council has the benefit of a climate emergency position. Members, Councillor Bureau and W. McCarthy agreed to prepare a written proposal for the next SCCAC meeting on how this can be accomplished. Chair, Minnie de Jong, agreed to send an interim response to TAC and prepare a full draft final response to TAC for consideration at the next SCCAC meeting.

9.2 SCCAC Proposed Terms of Reference

Members engaged in a discussion regarding the Terms of Reference and spoke to proposed changes. Members provided comments and feedback on having an outside expert, youth representative and a Sustainable Cobourg representative as part of the committee.

9.3 DBIA Street Beautification

Committee Members provided comments and feedback regarding the DBIA street beautification. Councillor Bureau will take the input from the committee back to the DBIA.

9.4 SCCAC Position on Development Density Levels for Cobourg

Committee members engaged in a discussion regarding appropriate density levels for Cobourg. Members agreed that the committee wanted to see higher density development in Cobourg and should develop a recommendation as to what kind of density Cobourg should achieve.

9.5 SCCAC Work Plan 2021 and Annual Report for 2020

Committee members engaged in a discussion regarding suggested changes and actions for the SCCAC work plan, Annual Report and draft Presentation to Council. Members provided suggestions on the initiatives the committee should undertake and made changes to several action items. Members agreed to review further the draft presentation to Council. Krystal Christopher, Recording Secretary, was directed to submit the Work Plan and Annual Report to the next Committee of the Whole Meeting.

9.6 Inviting Derik Paul of Lakefront Utilities to an SCCAC Meeting

Committee members agreed to give thought to inviting Derik Paul to a SCCAC meeting including what the committee would like to hear or propose to Derik. Members agreed to discuss further at the next SCCAC meeting.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10.1 Outstanding Items

Brookside Youth Centre

Committee members agreed to discuss this matter at the next SCCAC meeting. Members noted the process for the province to dispose of land takes time, however, the committee agreed to be developing their proposal on what the land could be used for.

Councillor Bureau's response to Citizen's request - Car Idling Bylaw

Members engaged in a discussion regarding the enforcement of a car idling bylaw and composting for condo owners. Judy Smith, Environmental Officer, noted that Cobourg had elected to go the educational route instead of enforcing the bylaw. Member, Marius Marsh, noted most waste

pick-up in condominiums are done by private companies and it is the decision of the condo corporation.

Canadian Clean Air Partnership Webinar re Integrating Global Warming in the Official Plan

Chair, Minnie de Jong, and Member, Marius Marsh, noted they had registered for the webinar, have access to board information and received follow up material from the webinar (presentation and video).

Partnering with Northumberland Art Gallery

Councillor Bureau spoke to an invitation received from the Art Gallery of Northumberland to partner with the SCCAC for an event. The committee agreed to consider the invitation and develop a proposal for outreach to the community on the climate emergency.

10.2 Topics for April 7, 2021 SCCAC Meeting

Members identified possible topics for April 7th, 2021 Meeting

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Adam Bureau

THAT the meeting adjourn (4:20 PM)

Carried

12. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, April 7, 2021