

	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:	Wednesday, May 5, 2021
SUBJECT:	Motion to change the committee's name to the 'Sustainability and Climate Emergency Advisory Committee' (SCEAC)

The following Motion was adopted at the Wednesday, May 5, 2021 Sustainability & Climate Change Advisory Committee (SCCAC) Meeting:

Moved by Member W. McCarthy

WHEREAS in December 2019, Cobourg Council officially declared a Climate Emergency, conveying its recognition that we are facing an unprecedented crisis requiring unprecedented climate mitigation measures; 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 global heating is **an emergency of a worse scale than the pandemic**; it will have **way more severe and long lasting consequences**; and

WHEREAS, according to April's 'Scientific American' - "We are living in a Climate Emergency, and we're going to say so. It's time to use a term that more than 13,000 scientists agree is needed. Why "emergency"? Because words matter." - - *Scientific American* has agreed with major news outlets worldwide to start using the term "climate emergency" in its coverage of climate change.

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/we-are-living-in-a-climate-emergency-and-were-going-to-say-so/>

NOW THEREFORE THE SCCAC Recommends that Cobourg immediately approve the SCCAC's recommendation to change the Committee's name from the 'Sustainability and Climate Change Advisory Committee' to the 'Sustainability and Climate Emergency Advisory Committee' (SCEAC).

Carried