



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF VERNON

MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD JULY 31, 2024 AT 4:00 PM OKANAGAN LAKE ROOM (COUNCIL CHAMBER)

PRESENT: Buffy Baumbrough, Science, Technology and Environmental Rep.
Barry Dorval, Educators & Educational Inst., Primary & Sec. Rep.
Stephanie Hendy, Community at Large Rep.
Casey Bain, Youth Member
Councillor Guy, Council Appointed
Jordan Hart, Business & Commercial Services Rep.
Casey Neathway, Health and Social Services Rep.
Donna Bartel, Community at Large Rep.
Jenn Comazzetto, SD22 Rep.
Jenna Boone, Youth Member

ABSENT: Sid Kwakkel, Educators & Educational Instit., Post Secondary Rep.

STAFF: Kevin McCarty, Specialist, Climate Action
Caitlyn Wiltsie, Environmental Planning Assistant
Wes Brassard, FireSmart Coordinator
Andrew Lannon, FireSmart Team Member
Jennifer Pounder, Records/Committee Clerk

ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

As Chair of the City of Vernon's Climate Action Advisory Committee (CAAC), and in the spirit of this gathering, I recognize the City of Vernon is located in the traditional territory of the Syilx people of the Okanagan nation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved by B. Baumbrough, seconded by J. Comazzetto:

THAT the agenda of the July 31, 2024 Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

Moved by B. Baumbrough, seconded by C. Neathway:

THAT the minutes of the June 26, 2024 Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

COUNCIL UPDATE

Councillor Guy provided the Committee with an update on City Council business.

STAFF UPDATE

K. McCarty, Climate Action Specialist, provided the Committee with a staff update.

DRAFT TREE PROTECTION BYLAW

C. Wiltsie, Environmental Planning Assistant, provided an overview of the draft Tree Protection Bylaw for members absent at the last meeting, as well as an update on items changed since last meeting.

Moved by J. Comazzetto, seconded by S. Hendy:

THAT the Climate Action Advisory Committee (CAAC) recommends Council support the repeal and replacement of Tree Protection Bylaw #4152 (1995) with Tree Protection Bylaw #XXXX (2024), as presented in the memorandum titled "Tree Protection Bylaw Update," dated July 9, 2024, and respectfully submitted by the Environmental Planning Assistant;

AND FURTHER the CAAC recommends Council establish a Civic Tree Reserve Fund to allow for cash-in-lieu payment where replacement planting is not feasible;

AND FURTHER the CAAC recommends Council support amendments to the Fees & Charges Bylaw #3909 (1993), Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw #5250 (2011), and Municipal Ticketing Bylaw #5300 (2011) to support the adoption of the Tree Protection Bylaw #XXXX (2024).

CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

FIRESMART UPDATE

W. Brassard, FireSmart Coordinator, provided an update on recent activity. The following was noted:

- Fuel mitigation is underway along the south end of Vernon.
- A wildfire detection system is going to be installed throughout Vernon to provide a timely way to locate and confirm wildfire threats.
- All hazardous fuels are being removed and replaced with climate friendly species on all City owned properties in Vernon.

- During the 2003 wildfire, 116 homes were destroyed due to embers from the fire landing on vulnerable landscaping, with cedar and juniper trees being the number one source. Only 1 home was destroyed from being touched by the wildfire directly.

DRAFT OUTREACH STRATEGY REVIEW

K. McCarty provided a review of the draft Outreach Strategy.

Moved by B. Baumbrough, seconded by S. Hendy:

THAT the CAAC recommends that Council endorse the Outreach Strategy -presented at the Committee meeting held July 31, 2024, and to release funds from the Local Government Climate Action Program reserve to be used to fund implementation of the Outreach Strategy;

AND FURTHER the CAAC recommends that Council authorize full time equivalent funding for one staffing support position to assist with implementation of community engagement.

CARRIED.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Climate Action Advisory Committee is set for September 25, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Climate Action Advisory Committee adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

 Chair