

**MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN  
CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES – September 23, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Climate Action Committee was held on September 23, 2020 by video conference with the following in attendance:

Mayor R. Stephens, Councillor Scott, Cori Davy, Autumn Davy, Jan McQuay, Mike Wilton, Climate Change Coordinator (CCC)

Regrets: Katie Gilchrist

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

The Chair noted that Ethelo agreed to attend the CAC meeting to present the Climate Engagement Survey at 4pm. Committee members agreed to allow them time to discuss quotation for services before debating the issue.

**MOTION: C. Davy and M. Wilton**

That the agenda be approved as presented...carried.

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

Standing Agenda Items:

a) Youth perspective: Autumn Davy

Noted that students at the elementary school had recently made a video about reducing GHG emissions and would share with the committee once it was complete.

b) CAC Committee Chair

The Chair noted that the emissions from streetlights and sewage treatment were the smallest GHG emissions in the municipality and that community residential home heating/electricity and transportation was the highest. The Chair urged the committee to focus on the two highest emission sources for planning.

Councillor Scott added some follow up remarks noting that the LED streetlighting program would save the municipality energy costs over time which could then be invested elsewhere to reduce GHG emissions. Further noting that the cost to transition the municipal fleet is currently not financially feasible and that financial feasibility is part of the decision-making process. Additionally, the cost of propane, wood and fuel to heat homes is also far less expensive for residents, noting that the capital costs of switching to other energy sources may not be accessible and a barrier for residents in the township.

**Delegation:**

Ethelo

Provided an overview of the company and what they do:

Founded in 2011, Ethelo's vision is to improve democratic policy-making using the internet. They have worked with municipalities all over the country to help develop community consensus, buy-in and support for complex policy issues. They have identified climate change planning as an area where their internet tool can be used in the community to engage with

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the broadest cross-section of the residents to determine what kind of climate actions would be most supported in each community.

The CCC provided the committee with a general update about the cost of this professional surveying services. The quote was \$9,950 for both Central and Billings to obtain services. 50% of this would be covered by the Ministry of Energy as part of the MEP grant. Therefore, \$2,487 would be the total cost to Central Manitoulin to retain the services.

After the Ethelo left the call the committee debated the quotation for services.

J. McQuay requests that the committee vote on the following motion because meeting time is running low and further requests that the motion be a recorded vote.

**MOTION: C. Davy and M. Wilton**

Retain services of Ethelo to provide a credible third-party analysis of the communities priorities for climate action.....**failed.**

Yea:	C. Davy M. Wilton J. McQuay	Nah:	R. Stephens D. Scott A. Davy (Abstained)
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After motion failed, the Chair noted that time has run out for the meeting.

R. Stephens noted that we could complete the agenda in a special meeting if required.

The CCC noted that they would send everyone an email to determine availability for a special meeting.

Motion to Adjourn made by M.Wilton at 5:40pm