

**MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN  
CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES – November 25, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Climate Action Committee was held on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7pm by video conference with the following in attendance:

Mayor R. Stephens, Councillor Scott, Cori Davy, Autumn Davy, Mike Wilton, Katie Gilchrist, Al Tribinevicius, Climate Change Coordinator (CCC)

Visitor: Chuc Wilson, Western Manitoulin Community Garden (WMCG)

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m.

**MOTION: K. Gilchrist and C. Davy and**

That the agenda be approved with no changes...carried

There was no declaration of pecuniary interest.

Introduction – Chuc Wilson, WMCG not here as a delegation, member of public interested in observing discussion on community garden agenda item. Chair remark that visitors and member of the public are welcome to participate in discussion at this Council committee.

**MOTION: R. Stephens and M. Wilton**

That the minutes of the last regular Climate Action Committee meeting of October 28, 2020 be approved as presented....carried.

**Old Business**

**Agenda item 6a) Community Survey – Update – CCC**

- Billings will be considering the same motion and are likely to join onto contract with Ethelo with Central Manitoulin November 26, 2020
- K. Gilchrist offers Public Health services to help review Ethelo questionnaire – CCC to work this into below schedule – could take up to 3 weeks for public health to review
- Tentative schedule discussed with Ethelo on Friday November 20<sup>th</sup> as follows:
  - Between now and the next CAC meeting:
    - Sign agreement with Ethelo
    - CCC work with Ethelo to put together version 1 of survey
    - Review with municipal staff
    - Review with CAC at December meeting
  - December to early January
    - CCC/Ethelo – produce version 2 of survey
    - Review with municipal staff
    - Review with CAC (potentially a special CAC in January)
    - Review with any relevant Council committees
  - Mid to Late January
    - Produce a version 3 of survey
    - Launch survey to public
  - February
    - Finish survey with public – week 1
    - Receive report from Ethelo – week 3

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#### **How will this community survey timeline integrate with rest of CEEP planning?**

December

- Week 1: BPS GHG inventory report due to Ministry of Energy for 2019 and submission of glass recycling and compost action briefs to WWE – Dec 3 2020
- Week 2: Input BPS data to GHG inventory software and run business as usual and GHG reduction scenarios for each municipal asset
- Week 3: CAC Meeting
  - review survey and
  - GHG emission reduction projections
  - Finish other items from November agenda
- Week 4: Finish any data modelling for CEEP

January

- Assign time for communications, outreach and social media campaigns to promote survey
- Begin writing key background sections of CEEP
  - Climate change action to date at the municipality
  - PIEVC Climate Risk Assessment
  - Strategic alignment with municipal strategic, CDM, asset management, funding opportunities and strategic partners
  - Discussion of GHG inventory modelling results that were completed in December
  - Discussion of LED lighting project
  - Discussion of stakeholder engagement activities up until Ethelo survey
- Municipal staff, CAC review of background sections of CEEP end of January

February:

- Receive Ethelo survey results on climate change action the community would like the municipality to take – use report as part of CEEP under stakeholder engagement section
- Prioritize actions – near, mid and long term
- Create an accountability statement to monitor CEEP progress after publication – human resource capital requirements and committee/advisory panel continuation
- Municipal staff, CAC review of background sections of CEEP end of February

March:

- Make CEEP edits
- Send CEEP to Council
- Once approved, promote in community
- Apply for funding
- Complete contract April 1 2020

#### **Agenda item 6b). Waste Reduction Week – Art Contest Results – C. Davy**

- Several grades and classes have now made submissions to the art contest
- Grade 8's made sculptures – C. Davy will send pictures to the committee, the grade 8's also typed up why their art work fit the Net Zero Future challenge

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Committee discussion – next steps:

- Display somewhere? Arena? Council chambers? Community hall?
- Social media? Use pictures of art work to advertise survey in January?
- Continue accepting artwork until end of February? Yes. CAC agrees.
- Website? Can we share pictures on MCM website?

Kim & Dale to follow up with Ruth and Marcus on these questions and make a communications and advertising plan for artwork.

### **New Business**

Collaborative discussion items to be considered by Water, Wastewater and Education Committee following CAC discussion

#### **Agenda item 7a) Glass recycling:**

Present position – GFL cancelled glass recycling service for MCM early last year, GFL cannot make glass recycling feasible for communities under 5000, cost and amount of trips to glass recycling facility are too costly from Northern Ontario. Currently, MCM is storing any glass that is dropped off at dump in a shipping container – this is not a sustainable solution.

D. Scott Remarks:

- There will be a gap between producer responsibility legislation – we still have 5yrs until this comes into force and producers must be responsible for glass recycling

In the meantime..... possibly consider:

- Network of bins or containers for glass
- Educational program
- Reach out to GFL:
  - Could they pick up glass from several locations and bring to prov landfill?
  - tag garbage that has glass in it and not take it so that we can re-educate residents?
  - Could they consider a special venture with MCM to help pay for pulverizer?

Pulveriser solutions:

- Glass pulverisers – used \$13k – factor in
- Vancouver has a company – no pricing has been sought
- Copactors Inc. - \$17k – commercial unit with conveyer belt and boom
- Civil costs – concrete pad
- Option to potentially outsource work

Pulverized glass – what can it be used for:

- Reclamation projects
- Pool filters
- Landfill cover
- Road construction

What happens to the bin in providence bay now?

Right now it is just accumulating in the bin while we explore solutions

A Tribinevicius remarks:

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- Supports the pulverizing solution
- LCBO glass is often not taken off the island right now
- Not concerned about maintenance of a pulverizing asset

### CCC Remarks:

- Maintenance concerns about the asset –do we have the contractors? Al, Dale – analysis this is not a significant risk
- Context – why a pulverizing solution might fit well into the CEEP:
  - Increase lifespan of landfill (alignment with strategic and asset management planning)
  - Reduce GHG emissions by handling glass on the island rather than seeking a solution that ships it off island
  - Possibility for collaboration with other municipalities to solve a collective problem – collaboration gives us a stronger funding application and checks the innovation category

Consider reaching out not just to GFL but other private sector partners? Could they provide the service on the municipalities behalf and could all of the municipalities share the cost of this service, while looking for funding opportunities to subsidize the program?

### **Agenda Item 7b) Composting**

Several committee members spoke in favour of pursuing a composting program

It is unanimously agreed that a composting program should be contemplated in the community survey and CEEP

K. Gilchrist – Background - Child Poverty Taskforce – has been successfully executing several composting programs

A Tribinevicius - Foodland and other large businesses play a significant role in the volume of food waste entering our landfill

Commercial businesses and composting survey? Separate from community survey to estimate use and need of commercial sector.

What happens to the bulk of the commercial materials?

- Survey businesses to figure out what they currently do

Community survey – does the committee want to include a question? Yes.

Crunch the numbers

GHG reductions

Landfill savings

### **Agenda item 7c) Community Gardens**

C. Davy – Background - Kids can Grow

- Pre-schoolers
- Families have access to individual plots

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- Composting
- Manure has been donated
- Chuc and Linda have provided educational opportunities at the school garden
- School can offer space to share with the MCM
- The school has a gap in the summer and needs help over the summer

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What about a Kids Can Grow Summer program? Or Camp? Offered by school board and municipality.

Could hire older students as camp councillors as part of service Ontario student works program?

C. Wilson - WMCG

- This summer the WMCG had summer students who received a salary through the Canadian government
- Summer community garden student each summer that the municipality could sponsor through the student works program that the municipality already accesses – this could be an invaluable resource to help keep the community garden program going now that other funding has stopped

Follow up? C. Davy, CCC, D. Scott, C. Wilson – talk to CAO first

**MOTION: to adjourn made K. Gilchrist at 8:31pm**