

MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN
Climate Action Committee -MINUTES
July 29, 2020

Attending:

In Person: Jan McQuay, Mike Wilton, Climate Change Coordinator (CCC)

Via Zoom: Katie Gilchrist, , Cori Davy, Autumn Davy, Mayor Richard Stephens,

Regrets: Councillor Scott

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:34pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: C. Davy and R.Setphens..... carried

That the agenda be approved with the addition of item 6.b) Chairs Remarks

3. Declaration of pecuniary interest

None

4. Acceptance of Minutes: June 24, 2020

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

A motion was presented by M. Wilton for the committee to reconsider the Declaration of a Climate Emergency motion that was discussed extensively at the June 24th meeting.

J. McQuay raised a point of procedure to indicate a motion could not be presented because the motion on the floor was to approve the contents of the minutes and stated because the minutes must reflect a true record of the meeting.

K. Neale subsequently raised a point of procedure to indicate that M. Wilton could request for a motion in previous minutes to be reconsidered by the committee and added to the agenda under New Business.

J. McQuay stated that the agenda for this meeting was already full. The committee discussed the including further discussion on the Declaration of a Climate Emergency at the next CCAC meeting in August.

That the minutes from the June 24th meeting be approved without changes.

5. Delegations

None

6. Standing Agenda Items

a) Youth Member Perspective:

Autumn Davy spoke about why she felt it was important to keep working on climate change in our community. A.Davy also answered a question from a committee member indicating that she

has been interested in working on climate change since she was in kindergarten.

b) Chairs Remarks

J. McQuay remarked on information available in her original brief to the committee on May 27th and stated that if any committee members has any questions about climate change that she is has done a lot of reading on the subject and would be happy to find answers to everyone's questions.

J. McQuay referenced a meeting she had with the CCC about the funding application to the Green Municipal Fund and that the municipality was already applying for funding to complete a feasibility study for retrofitting.

The CCC provided clarification for the committee. The municipality is currently in the process of submitting a funding application for an asset management survey/inventory. This funding application will include an energy audit which may result in the identification of energy retrofitting opportunities. The CCC will be working closely with municipal staff from now until February to identify retrofitting opportunities that integrate into the strategic asset management plan as part of the grant requirement for FCM.

c) Climate Change Coordinator Report

Several questions from J. McQuay were answered about the report. The report is attached to minutes as Appendix A for information.

7. Old Business

a) Working Groups vs. regular meetings

The CCC addressed this issue in the report. The committee is too small for working groups. As issues or work arise individual committee members may volunteer to focus on items and work directly with the CCC to complete this work if it is for the plan.

The CCC mentioned that a question would be asked of the committee if they would like to have a stakeholder outreach and event planning working group during the facilitated discussion periods of items 8.a)

8. Presentation from the CCC – see attached Appendix B

Results from committee facilitated discussions:

The CCC discussed the challenges we have with respect to completing some of the project deliverables with respect to stakeholder engagement and events. The draft plan will need to be done and ready for community consultation by November. We must promote and obtain feedback from the community from November to Early January. Initially we were going to host a series of events to accomplish the stakeholder engagement and if we want to do this we will need to start planning now.

Question to committee – should we continue with this event planning considering we are in a pandemic?

R. Stephens asked a question about timelines and grant requirements – does FCM really require us

to hold events considering we are in the middle of a pandemic?

CCC response – no – we don't need to hold events. Some other municipalities like the Georgian Bay Biosphere Region (GBBR) have completed stakeholder engagement almost exclusively online. They have also developed an online carbon calculator tool that residents can use to measure their own carbon footprint.

The CCC fielded several questions from the committee about the carbon calculator and what kind of alterations we would need to make to the project schedule and budget to implement something like the carbon calculator in our municipality.

MOTION: R. Stephens and M. Wilton

WHERE AS, a carbon calculator similar to the GBBR online tool could be a useful way to engage the Municipality of Central Manitoulin residents in the climate change planning process and;

WHERE AS, the data that could potentially be collected using an online carbon calculator tool could lead to more accurate data about household, work and industry CO2 emissions in the community and;

WHERE AS, an online tool could be a useful way to continuously engage, educate and track emissions related data that could lead to future emissions reductions and behavioural changes within the community, and;

WHERE AS, online tools to engage with citizens is the safest possible way to engage with community members during a pandemic.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CCAC committee recommends that the CCC continue to investigate steps needed to implement a digital media tool similar to the carbon calculator launched by GBBR and report back to the CCAC before the August 26, 2020 meeting.....Carried

Some discussion was completed about setting GHG targets. Two methods were presented to the committee. There were two notable remarks from committee members:

R. Stephens – noted that he would be keen to see the CCC set the targets and present the plan to the committee for comment.

J. McQuay stated that she would prefer the top down approach using science-based targets.

The CCC agreed to continue building on the plan that K.Koetsier started building and will present progress for comment at the next CCAC meeting.

9. Correspondence – None

10. In Camera – None

11. Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned at 3:32pm on a motion make by C. Davi and M.Wilton