



Climate Action Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

The Climate Action Advisory Committee met in person in the Council Chambers on August 7, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Those in attendance were:

Member: Jim Campbell
Member: Owen Gray (absent)
Member: Christopher Millar (absent)
Member: Kim Pickett
Member: Jerry Sampson
Member: Allison Fachnie

Councillor: Marty Beelen

Staff: CAO, John Ferguson
Committee Coordinator, Lexi Edwards

1. Approval of Agenda

Resolution:

Moved by Jim Campbell, Seconded by Kim Pickett, Be It Resolved That the Climate Action Advisory Committee hereby approve the agenda dated August 7, 2024 as presented.
Motion Carried.

2. Disclosure of Disqualifying Interest and General Nature Thereof

None.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Resolution:

Moved by Kim Pickett, Seconded by Allison Fachnie, Be It Resolved That the Climate Action Advisory Committee hereby approve the minutes dated July 3, 2024 as amended.
Motion Carried.

4. Guest Speaker Series

The committee discussed potential speakers for community sessions on climate action. Some of the potential speakers could be organizations and local agricultural businesses. The committee discussed having individual guest speakers or a panel and potential dates.

The committee agreed that the first speaker or panelists of the series will be experts on the topic of pollinator gardens. Jim Campbell will contact Pollinate Collingwood to inquire about a potential speaker. Other potential speakers could be the NVCA and a Public Works staff with Chair, Jerry Sampson as a moderator.

Resolution:

Moved by Jim Campbell, Seconded by Kim Pickett, Be It Resolved That the Climate Action Advisory Committee hereby advise Council that the Climate Action Advisory Committee is currently in the initial stages of planning a speaker series including a panel discussion in the community on pollinator gardens in October. Motion Carried.

5. New Business

5.1 Member Meet-up

The committee will meet up in person to brainstorm ideas for the guest speaker series.

5.2 Community Pollinator Gardens

CAO, John Ferguson discussed pollinator gardens including other areas that permit the gardens and what the requirements are. Councillor, Marty Beelen discussed his research into the sustainability of pollinator gardens with the Committee.

The committee discussed preferred locations for pollinator gardens, pollination from crops and the sustainability of these gardens.

5.3 New Toronto Climate Normals

Kim Pickett discussed the newly released climate normals with the committee including an increase in a half degree to a degree.

Chair, Jerry Sampson discussed home battery opportunities and will bring more information to the Board. The Board discussed the potential for home battery opportunities in the community.

6. Next Meeting- September 4th, 2024 at 5:00 pm

7. Adjournment

Resolution:

Moved by Kim Pickett, Seconded by Jim Campbell, Be It Resolved, that the Climate Action Advisory Committee hereby be adjourned at 7:34 p.m. Motion Carried.

Jerry Sampson, Chair

Lexi Edwards, Committee Coordinator

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