



# Climate Action Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

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The Climate Action Advisory Committee met in person in the Council Chambers on October 23, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Those in attendance were:

Chair: Jerry Sampson

Members: Jim Campbell  
Owen Gray  
Kim Pickett  
Christopher Millar

Council Rep: Councillor Beelen

Regrets: Allison Fachnie

Staff: CAO, John Ferguson  
Director of Public Works, Dan Perreault  
Deputy Clerk, Krista Pascoe  
Community Economic Development Officer, Briar Kelly

## 1. Approval of Agenda

### Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Owen Gray, Be It Resolved that the Climate Action Advisory Committee hereby approve the agenda dated October 23, 2024, as presented. Motion Carried.

## 2. Disclosure of Disqualifying Interest and General Nature Thereof

None.

## 3. Approval of Previous Minutes

### Resolution:

Moved by Jim Campbell, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved that the Climate Action Advisory Committee hereby approve the minutes dated September 4, 2024, as presented. Motion Carried.

## 4. New Business

#### **4.1 South Georgian Bay Green Economy Regional Hub Pilot**

Catherine Daw of the Collingwood Climate Action Team provided a presentation on the background of Green Economy Canada, information on the pilot cohorts and what it entails for businesses, the status of the pilot to date and how it will support the region. She further explained that that three (3) businesses have registered for the first cohort so far.

The committee members discussed the presentation, and the Chair thanked Ms. Daw for her presentation.

#### **4.2 Drainage and Stormwater Management Ponds**

The Director of Public Works, Dan Perreault provided a presentation and overview of three (3) of the Township's Stormwater Management Ponds, two (2) of which are in dire need of maintenance. He stated that currently, \$300,000/year is going into a reserve for the maintenance of the ponds, and they will be brought back up to standards in the near future. He provided Committee members with the "Understanding Stormwater in Clearview" pamphlet that was distributed to residents with the water utility bill and advised the members that the information is also on the Understanding Stormwater page of the website.

Committee members discussed the presentation, and the Chair thanked Dan for his presentation.

#### **4.3 Two Minute Fact Share**

Jim Campbell advised that the flooding in Southern Ontario over July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 has resulted in over \$940 million in insurance claims. He also asked for the Committees support in asking Council to apply for the Green Municipal Fund through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and further that it would be advisable to submit a joint application with the Town of Wasaga Beach, as joint applications have a better chance at receiving funding. Councillor Beelen advised he will put a motion forward at the November 4<sup>th</sup> Council meeting to be considered by Council at its November 18<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

#### **Resolution:**

Moved by Jim Campbell, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved that the Climate Action Advisory Committee support Councillor Beelen taking a motion to Council seeking approval and direction in partnering with the Town of Wasaga Beach and submitting an application through the Green Municipal Fund for a Community Efficiency Financing Program. Motion Carried.

Owen Gray stated that he used the EV car charging station in Creemore recently, and that to date the fastest one he has used within the Township is the one located at Gazebo Park in Stayner.

Jerry Sampson asked Member to give some thought to Roundabouts and the positive effects they have on climate.

Kim Pickett advised the Committee that homeowners in Florida are not able to add insurance coverage for flooding due to extreme weather in their policies.

## 5. Next Meeting

The Committee will meet again on Wednesday November 6, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

## 6. Adjournment

### Resolution:

Moved by Jim Campbell, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved, that the Climate Action Advisory Committee hereby be adjourned at 6:48 p.m. Motion Carried.

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Jerry Sampson, Chair

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Krista Pascoe, Deputy Clerk

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