



Climate Action Advisory Committee Agenda

October 01, 2025

05:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting

This meeting is being held in a hybrid format, with members of the Climate Action Advisory Committee, staff, and the public attending either in person at the Administration Centre – Council Chambers, 217 Gideon Street, or virtually via Zoom where permitted.

All information including opinions, presentations, reports, documentation, etc. that are provided at a public or open meeting are considered a public record.

Land Acknowledgement

I would like to begin our meeting by recognizing the First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples of Canada as traditional stewards and caretakers of the land. We acknowledge that Clearview Township is located within the boundaries of Treaty 18, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Tionontati, Wendat, and is the home of many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit peoples as part of an intricate nationhood that reaches across Turtle Island. At this time of truth and reconciliation, we welcome the opportunity to work together towards new understandings and new relationships and ask for guidance in all we do.

1. Approval of Agenda

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved that the Climate Action Advisory Committee hereby approve the meeting Agenda dated September 30, 2025, as presented.

2. Declaration of Interest

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved that the Climate Action Advisory Committee hereby approve the meeting

minutes dated September 3, 2025, as presented.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Climate Action Recognition Program

4.2 Emergency Preparedness Report

5. New Business

5.1 Simcoe County Launches Emergency Readiness Survey

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6. Future Projects

A standing item for the Climate Action Advisory Committee members to briefly discuss potential new initiatives and projects that align with the [Committee's mandate](#).

7. Next Meeting

November 5, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

8. Adjournment

Recommendation:

Be It Resolved that the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting hereby be adjourned at _____ p.m.

Climate Action Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

The Climate Action Advisory Committee met in-person and through zoom on September 3, 2025, at 5:01 p.m.

Those in attendance were:

Chair	Chair, Jerry Sampson
Members:	Jim Campbell Allison Fachnie
Council Rep:	Councillor Beelen
Staff:	Community Economic Development Officer, Briar Kelly Legislative Coordinator – Committee & Boards, Shannon Peart
Regrets:	Christopher Millar Owen Gray Kim Pickett

Chair, Jerry Sampson called the meeting to order and read the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement.

1. Approval of Agenda

Resolution:

Moved by Jim Campbell, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved that the Climate Action Advisory Committee hereby approve the agenda dated September 3, 2025, as presented. Motion Carried.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Jim Campbell, Be It Resolved that the Climate Action Advisory Committee hereby approve the minutes dated August 6, 2025, as presented. Motion Carried.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Emergency Preparedness Report

- Status Report

Various departments will be requested to compile existing emergency preparedness plans and identify gaps where the Climate Action Advisory Committee can provide support. Input will be collected over the coming weeks.

- Gaps and Challenges

The Committee discussed who maintains overarching responsibility for emergency preparedness information, whether communication with residents is sufficient during different types of events, and whether there is a consolidated plan or if departments are working independently.

- Future Planning

The Committee considered the scope of preparedness, including climate-related events and broader emergencies. Each department (Fire, Library, Parks & Recreation, Clerks, Public Works, and Administration) will identify vulnerabilities, outline existing plans, and contribute to a communication strategy. The goal is to develop a blueprint that could serve as a public-facing document.

Resolution:

Moved by Jim Campbell, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved That the staff liaison prepare a report to Council on developing an Emergency Preparedness Report that outlines the current status, identifies gaps and challenges, provides recommendations for future planning, and includes departmental CO₂ reduction plans for future implementation, to be presented to Council for endorsement. Motion Carried.

5. New Business**5.1 Fire Events**

The Committee discussed the increasing prevalence of wildfires and the importance of monitoring changing environmental conditions in Ontario.

5.2 Environmental Management Plans

Discussion took place regarding the use of environmental management plans in the tendering process, including potential benefits, costs, and policy implications. It was noted that such plans could be considered for future tendering of municipal projects.

6. Future Projects

The Committee discussed the importance of reducing CO₂ emissions and identifying opportunities for the Township to lead by example, such as through future vehicle purchases and operational practices. Public education and departmental planning were noted as key elements to support emission reduction efforts.

7. Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

8. Adjournment

Resolution:

Moved by Allison Fachnie, Seconded by Jim Campbell, Be It Resolved that the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting hereby be adjourned at 6:09 p.m. Motion Carried.

Jerry Sampson, Chair

Shannon Peart, Legislative Coordinator – Committee & Boards



COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SURVEY

Your answers will help shape and improve
disaster response across the County

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For more information on Emergency Preparedness, visit simcoe.ca/BePrepared

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

How prepared is your household?

Simcoe County launches emergency readiness survey

Midhurst/September 15, 2025 – Simcoe County is calling on residents to take part in a new survey aimed at strengthening community resilience. The County's Emergency Management department wants to know: "When disaster strikes, how ready are you?"

From wildfires and floods to power outages and tornadoes, emergencies can happen anytime. This survey invites households across Simcoe County to share their preparedness plans, helping the County better understand local readiness and tailor support where it's needed most.

The survey is now live at **simcoe.ca/BePrepared** and open to all residents. Responses will guide future emergency initiatives and ensure rapid, informed action when it matters most.

The survey will remain open until October 31, 2025. Your input could make all the difference. Take part today to help us build a safer, stronger Simcoe County.

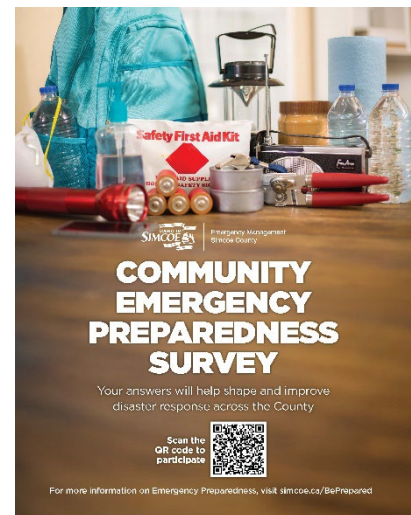
About the County of Simcoe's Emergency Management program

The County's emergency management program encompasses both emergency planning and the administration of 9-1-1 services with the aim of fostering disaster resilient communities ready to meet the challenges of emergencies that arise in municipalities in our region.

The program is built upon the five pillars of community emergency management (prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery) to meet legislated requirements under Ontario's Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act.

About the County of Simcoe

County of Simcoe is composed of sixteen member municipalities and provides crucial public services to County residents in addition to providing paramedic and social services to the separated cities of Barrie and Orillia. Visit our website at **simcoe.ca**.



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