



Climate Action Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

The Climate Action Advisory Committee met in person in the Council Chambers on January 22, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Those in attendance were:

Chair: Jerry Sampson

Members: Jim Campbell
Owen Gray
Kim Pickett
Christopher Millar
Allison Fachnie

Council Rep: Councillor Beelen
Mayor Measures (arrived at 6:30 pm)

Staff: CAO, John Ferguson
Records Management Coordinator, Emma Coleman
Community Economic Development Officer, Briar Kelly

The Chair began the meeting by reading the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement.

1. Approval of Agenda

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Christopher Millar, Be It Resolved that the Climate Action Advisory Committee hereby approve the agenda dated January 22, 2025, as presented. Motion Carried.

2. Disclosure of Disqualifying Interest and General Nature Thereof

None.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Resolution:

Moved by Allison Fachnie, Seconded by Jim Campbell, Be It Resolved that the Climate Action Advisory Committee hereby approve the minutes dated November 6, 2024, as presented. Motion Carried.

4. New Business

4.1 Creemore Library Branch Addition Build Project

The Committee raised various considerations that could be added to a checklist for the Library Board to review when preparing renovation plans. Councillor Beelen is going to request further information from Library CEO and Board Chair, Jennifer La Chapelle.

4.2 Council Request Protocol

The Committee discussed their previous request to Council. They hope that they will have more deliberations as a Committee before any future requests to Council.

4.3 Speaker Series

This item was discussed in 4.5 Goal Setting and Establishing Key Initiatives.

4.4 Virtual Meetings

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Christopher Millar, Be It Resolved that the Climate Action Advisory Committee hereby approve a hybrid meeting format in the Council Chambers at the Administration Centre going forward, with the intent that meetings are to be held in-person when possible and that this option is used in urgent situations and the Township Liaison is notified 24 hours before the meeting. Motion Carried.

4.5 Goal Setting and Establishing Key Initiatives

The Committee worked with Briar Kelly, Community Economic Development Officer, on setting goals for the year. The Board was able to narrow down four key goals. Briar will prepare a document, outlining these goals, for the Board to review at their next meeting.

5. Two-Minute Fact Share

Jim Campbell shared an article from the Creemore Echo, written by Owen Roberts, about tropicana pulling out of Florida and California. He also shared that the Clearview Sustainability Network is hosting an event called Boulevards, By-laws, Butterflies and Birds on February 6th at Station on the Green in Creemore, doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Kim Pickett shared her dismay in learning that many major banks are pulling out of Climate initiatives.

Briar Kelly shared that she learned of an “Experimental Acres” program that Grey County is trying out. The program provides agricultural businesses with \$3000 to try out initiatives that align with the county’s greenhouse gas reduction goals.

Allison Fachnie shared that parts of Florida were getting snow.

Councillor Beelen commended Canadian firefighters for providing assistance during the LA fires.

Jerry Sampson shared that he was going on a call later that evening to assist in coordinating resources to send to LA for power restoration purposes. He also shared that the Board of Directors for Devil's Glen Ski Club have decided to no longer use ammonia nitrate to create better race conditions of their hills.

6. Next Meeting

The Committee will meet next on February 12th, 2025, at 5:00 pm, in Council Chambers.

7. Adjournment

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Christopher Millar, Be It Resolved, that the Climate Action Advisory Committee hereby be adjourned at 7:01 p.m. Motion Carried.

Original Signed by: _____

Jerry Sampson, Chair

Original Signed by: _____

Emma Coleman, Records Management Coordinator

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