



Climate Action Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Those in attendance were:

Chair: Jerry Sampson

Members: Jim Campbell
Owen Gray

Council Rep: Councillor Beelen

Regrets: Kim Pickett
Allison Fachnie
Christopher Millar

Staff: Legislative Coordinator – Records Management, 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 Jim Campbell, Seconded by Owen Gray, Be It Resolved that the Climate Action Advisory Committee hereby approve the meeting Agenda dated March 5, 2025, as presented. Motion Carried as amended.

2. Disclosure of disqualifying interest and general nature thereof

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Resolution:

Moved by Owen Gray, Seconded by Jim Campbell, Be It Resolved that the Climate Action Advisory Committee hereby approve the meeting minutes dated January 22, 2025, as presented. Motion Carried as amended.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Earth Day

- Emma Coleman provided contact information for Friends of the EcoPark for communication in regard to their Earth Day event.
- Briar Kelly provided some ideas for the Committee to do on Earth Day.

- The Committee will provide videos and video ideas to the Township to post on social media on Earth Day.

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Owen Gray, Be It Resolved that the Climate Action Advisory Committee participate in a Social Media take-over on Earth Day by providing video and video ideas to Township Staff. Motion Carried.

4.2 Provincial Energy Efficiency Program

- Jim Campbell provided some insight into the Provincial Energy Efficiency Program:
 - Substantial grants are available, if applicants already have electrical heat or natural gas.
 - Applicants are required to do an energy audit and go through the grant process' recommendations.
 - There are several rebates that do not need a previous energy audit, but several that do.
 - The Committee discussed where Clearview can help fill the gaps of the provincial government's program and make the provincial program more accessible for the Township residents.
 - The Committee will review the "Save on Energy" terms and conditions to highlight where the Township may be able to assist to promote these rebates.

4.3 Climate Action Advisory Committee 2025/2026 Goals and Priorities

- Briar Kelly provided the Goals and Priorities sheet that was prepared, for discussion and edits.
- The Board discussed the education aspect, and whether or not they could share other organizations notices on the Clearview social media channels or email subscriber list.

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Owen Gray, Be It Resolved that the Climate Action Advisory Committee hereby accept the Climate Action Advisory Committee 2025/2026 Goals and Priorities. Motion Carried as amended.

5. Two-Minute Fact Share

- Councillor Beelen shared that he is having a hard time processing the major political news that is occurring in the United States right now. He heard that President Trump is going to allow tree removal on public lands.

- Briar Kelly shared that Economic Development has launched two programs. The first is a survey in which small business in Clearview can share their struggles with the Township. In addition, the first Business Insights Tour took place this morning and it is another opportunity for local business to voice their struggles and identify where the Township can help out. Briar also attended the Simcoe County Ag Knowledge meeting and discussed edible parks and diversifying plants with other municipal representatives.
- Jim Campbell shared that the Boulevards, Bylaws, Butterflies and Birds event was really successful, with a good turnout and different levels of expertise available to answer questions. Jim also shared that he read that Texas has had a 70 fold sun energy increase and 90 fold battery capacity and 40 fold increase in purchase of electric vehicles.
- Owen Gray shared that non-residents are able to get the Creemore Echo delivered to their home.
- Jerry Sampson shared that Jackfish River is creating a dam project to produce hydroelectric power. Jerry also shared that he is interested in helping to host a net zero plowing match, maybe in 2027-2028.

6. Next Meeting - April 2, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment

Resolution:

Moved by Jim Campbell, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved that the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting hereby be adjourned at 6:26 p.m. Motion Carried as amended.

Original Signed By

Jerry Sampson, Chair

Original Signed By

Emma Coleman, Legislative Coordinator - Records Management

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