

Climate Action Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

The Climate Action Advisory Committee met virtually through zoom on April 2, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Those in attendance were:

Chair: Jerry Sampson
Members: Jim Campbell
Kim Pickett
Allison Fachnie
Christopher Millar

Council Rep: Councillor Beelen

Regrets: Owen Gray

Staff: Legislative Coordinator – Records Management, Emma Coleman
Legislative Coordinator – Committee & Boards, Shannon Peart
Community Economic Development Officer, Briar Kelly

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

1. Approval of Agenda

Jim Campbell identified an error on the agenda regarding the committee's name and asked that the Agenda be amended to correct this error.

Resolution:

Moved by Allison Fachnie, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved that the Climate Action Advisory Committee hereby approve the meeting Agenda dated April 2, 2025, as amended. Motion Carried as amended.

2. Disclosure of Disqualifying Interest and General Nature Thereof

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 meeting minutes dated March 5, 2025, as presented. Motion Carried.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Earth Day Social Media Take Over

The committee discussed the Earth Day social media takeover with staff member Briar Kelly coordinating the plan alongside the Township's communication team. Content will be shared across social media channels, with committee members contributing recorded videos and graphics. Jerry Sampson will provide a 30-second introduction video, and Jim Campbell, Councillor Beelen, and Allison Fachnie will submit videos on various Earth Day themes. The event will kick off with a statement from Mayor Measures, and the focus will be on the committee's mandate, including preparedness and reducing emissions. The day is fully reserved for the committee's social media activities.

Resolution:

Moved by Jim Campbell, Seconded by Kim Pickett, Be It Resolved that the Climate Action Advisory Committee adopt the Earth Day Social Media Take Over Plan. Motion Carried.

4.2 Provincial Energy Efficiency Program

Jim Campbell provided a summary of the Provincial Energy Efficiency Program. The committee discussed ways to help Clearview residents access the program, and Jim Campbell agreed to circulate additional resources via email to committee members. The item was deferred to the next meeting for further discussion.

4.3 Award Program

The committee discussed creating a Climate Action Award Program. Ideas for the nomination process and award categories were explored, with plans to present suggestions at the next meeting. Councillor Beelen will include the topic in his ward report at a Council meeting. The program would be separate from existing Clearview award ceremonies and could be linked to Earth Day. Further discussion will take place at the next committee meeting.

4.4 Earth Day at EcoPark

Emma Coleman shared details from email invitation from Carol Vaughan regarding the Earth Day event at Clearview EcoPark and Community Garden on April 26, 2025. The committee discussed availability and potential contributions. The Committee also proposed an "Ask Us" email address to be setup for the committee, with questions routed through a main staff contact. The committee agreed to develop a flyer outlining the committee's mandate for the event.

Resolution:

Moved by Jim Campbell, Seconded by Councillor Beelen, Be It Resolved that the Climate Action Advisory Committee participate in the Clearview EcoPark Earth Day Event on April 26, 2025; and that the committee:

1. Direct staff to inquire about a question box and/or dedicated email address for public inquiries; and
2. Prepare a flyer outlining the committee's mandate and listing committee members for distribution at the Earth Day event. Motion Carried.

5. Two-Minute Fact Share

- Councillor Beelen shared insights from the Ontario Good Roads Conference in Toronto, noting that all topics included a carbon footprint perspective.
- Jim recommended the book Fire Weather for its relevance to current climate discussions.
- Allison reported significant destruction from the recent freezing rain event.
- Chris commented on the recent freezing rain event, thanked the Township for ongoing tree trimming, and encouraged continued efforts due to widespread limb and line damage.
- Jerry reflected on visiting fire-affected towns in British Columbia, likening the destruction to a bomb site. He noted that permeable asphalt and sidewalk materials used there are beneficial due to the region's heavy rainfall.

6. Next Meeting

May 7th, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment

Resolution:

Moved by Kim Pickett, Seconded by Jim Campbell, Be It Resolved that the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting hereby be adjourned at 6:42 p.m. Motion Carried as amended.

Original Signed By:

Jerry Sampson, Chair

Original Signed By:

Shannon Peart, Legislative Coordinator – Committee & Boards