

Climate Action Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

The Climate Action Advisory Committee met in the Council Chambers on May 7, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Those in attendance were:

Chair:	Jerry Sampson
Members:	Jim Campbell Owen Gray (arrived at 5:43 p.m.) Allison Fachnie
Council Rep:	Councillor Beelen
Regrets:	Kim Pickett Christopher Millar Community Economic Development Officer, Briar Kelly
Staff:	Deputy Clerk, Krista Pascoe Legislative Coordinator – Committee & Boards, Shannon Peart

1. Approval of Agenda

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Jim Campbell, Be It Resolved that the Climate Action Advisory Committee hereby approve the meeting Agenda dated May 7, 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 Jim Campbell, Seconded by Allison Fachnie, Be It Resolved that the Climate Action Advisory Committee hereby approve the meeting minutes dated April 2, 2025, as presented. Motion Carried.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Earth Day Social Media Take Over Follow-Up

Item deferred to the next meeting.

4.2 Earth Day Clean-Up at the Eco Park Follow-Up

Jim Campbell shared event details. The event was delayed by one day due to weather, with an estimated attendance of 30 to 40 people. The committee discussed opportunities for future events such as an interactive activity for children, to encourage engagement with parents while the children participate.

4.3 Proposed Climate Action Awards

The committee discussed a proposed framework for recognizing climate action initiatives including nomination timeline, application process and various recognition opportunities.

Resolution:

Moved by Jim Campbell, Seconded by Owen Gray, Be It Resolved that the Climate Action Advisory Committee endorse the development of a Climate Action Awards program, and

That the staff liaison takes a report to Council for its consideration, outlining the proposed Climate Action Awards program, including objectives, eligibility criteria, and program structure. Motion Carried.

5. Two-Minute Fact Share

- Councillor Beelen shared seasonal updates, noting that leeks, wild mushrooms, and soon wild asparagus emerge as the ground warms.
- Jerry raised concerns about battery storage at an old airport site and the need for fire department training to address potential infrastructure-related emergencies.
- Allison expressed a growing interest in birding, noting recent goldfinch sightings at a backyard feeder.
- Jim highlighted the upcoming Ramp Romp event and suggested that, instead of the usual two-minute fact share at the next meeting, members take time to reflect on their reasons for joining the committee and the goals they hope to achieve, to help align future initiatives.
- Owen discussed climate programs, emphasizing citizen involvement in evaluating strategies, the significant role of transportation emissions, and learning from other municipalities' engagement models.

6. Next Meeting

June 4th, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

7. Adjournment

Resolution:

Moved by Councillor Beelen, Seconded by Owen Gray, Be It Resolved that the Climate Action Advisory Committee meeting hereby be adjourned at 6:34 p.m. Motion Carried.

Original Signed By:

Jerry Sampson, Chair

Original Signed By:

Shannon Peart, Legislative Coordinator – Committee & Boards