



Minutes

Green Committee

February 23, 2022

5:30 pm

Video Conference

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Member Present	David Vermeire, Chair Lynette Geddes Katherine Moffat Councillor Pridham Fred Stam John Stevens
Staff Present	Jed Kelly, Director of Public Works Dave Blake, Environmental Services Manager Morgan Dykstra, Committee Secretary Erica Martin-Coddington, Public Works and Building Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared.

3. AMENDMENTS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution: GC-2022-02-01

Moved By Councillor Pridham

Seconded By Fred Stam

THAT the February 23, 2022 Green Committee Agenda be accepted as presented.

Carried

4. DELEGATIONS

None.

5. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Lynette Geddes noted a clerical error in the minutes, whereby the sentence indicating Councillor Pridham assumes the role of Chair should be replaced with Vice Chair.

Resolution: GC-2022-02-02

Moved By Lynette Geddes

Seconded By John Stevens

THAT the January 26, 2022 Green Committee minutes be approved and signed as amended by the Chair and Committee Secretary.

Carried

6. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES - STATUS UPDATE

Morgan Dykstra gave spoke to the February Green Committee Strategic Priorities Table and responded to questions from the Committee.

Resolution: GC-2022-02-03

Moved By Fred Stam

Seconded By Katherine Moffat

THAT the February Green Committee Strategic Priorities Table be received for information.

Carried

7. REPORTS

7.1 PW 15-2022 Climate Change Action Plan – Draft Initiatives

Jed Kelly and Morgan Dykstra spoke to the Corporate Climate Change Action Plan.

The Committee inquired how the Corporate Climate Change Action Plan (“the Plan”) will be implemented across the organization, and who will lead the implementation process. Jed Kelly responded that each Town Department will be responsible for sections of the Plan, the Town will also be considering the expertise of a consultant as required.

The Committee asked how the Plan will integrate with the Town’s budget. Jed Kelly responded that as per Item 1.2, a business tool will be created to assess the financial and climate impact of each project, the tool outcomes will help inform budget deliberations.

Councillor Pridham noted that the re-development of Milt Dunnell Field Park project could be a test case for adopting a climate change lens and an opportunity for pursuing greener options.

The Committee discussed Item 2.4 of the Plan and different mechanisms available for greener development. The Committee noted that the Town should consider green alternatives while reviewing development.

The Committee was of the consensus that Pillar #4 Community Support should be expanded, and that staff consider how the public can be involved in climate change initiatives.

The Committee requested that a Mission Statement be included in the Corporate Climate Change Action Plan.

The Committee sought more information regarding the quantity of organic materials that are transferred the landfill site. Dave Blake responded that the Town estimates that each year the community generates between 400 and 800 tonnes of organic material.

The Committee discussed how greenhouse gas production will be tracked including how projects will reduce or increase greenhouse gases. The Committee recommended that to better understand the baseline of greenhouse production that the Town create a survey with the purpose of determining its demographics including population size, and age of the population.

The Committee asked if a Climate Change Coordinator will be hired, Jed Kelly responded that the partner municipalities are reviewing their options, the Town has not yet determined if they will be participating.

Resolution: GC-2022-02-04

Moved By Fred Stam

Seconded By John Stevens

THAT PW 15-2022 Report Climate Change Action Plan – Draft Initiatives report be received,

THAT the Green Committee endorse in principle Draft #1 of the Climate Change Action Plan, as amended; and,

THAT Green Committee recommend to Council:

THAT the Council endorse Draft #1 of the Climate Change Action Plan, and,

THAT Council task Town Staff and the Green Committee to identify short-term, mid-term, and long-term initiatives to be incorporated into the Climate Change Action Plan for Council's approval.

Carried

8. OTHER BUSINESS

None

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 23, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom

April 27, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom

Morgan Dykstra asked to move the March 23, 2022 meeting to March 30, 2022.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution: GC-2022-02-05

Moved By Lynette Geddes

Seconded By Katherine Moffat

THAT this meeting of the Green Committee adjourns at 6:56 P.M.

Carried

David Vermeire, Chair

Morgan Dykstra, Committee Secretary