



Committee of the Whole

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to be held at the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre
273 Power Street, Penticton, B.C.

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Tuesday, September 7, 2021

Recessed from the Regular Council Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

1. **Call Committee of the Whole to Order**
2. **Adoption of Agenda**
3. **Delegations:**
 - 3.1 First Things First Okanagan – Climate Action in Penticton
Lori Goldman 1-10
4. **Adjourn to Regular Meeting of Council**

Request to Appear as a Delegation via Zoom

Preferred Council Meeting Date: _____

Second choice(s): _____

Subject matter: _____

Name of person(s) making presentation:

Address: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Email: _____

Please provide details of your presentation or request of Council here: (or provide a detailed attachment)

Please note:

- **Due to COVID-19, delegations will be via Zoom.**
- This form and submissions will become part of the public record.
- The Mayor has the authority to determine if the subject matter warrants the delegation to appear before Council and may determine at which meeting.
- Please submit this completed form at your earliest convenience. Written Requests to Appear are to be received by the Corporate Officer, no later than noon Monday, one week prior to the Council meeting. Please include a copy of all materials that will be discussed.
- If you'd like to share a PowerPoint with Council, email it to the Corporate Officer by 9:30 a.m. Wednesday prior to the Council meeting to be included with the Agenda. Please be prepared to share your screen.
- Delegations are limited to 5 minutes.

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Addendum to Lori Goldman presentation to City Council, September 7, 2021

Actions that Council could vote on or consider for immediate positive impact. We must move quickly, with urgency, to reduce our impact.

1. Create an anti-Idling bylaw. Idle Free in BC is implemented in 14 communities in BC reducing emissions drastically
<https://toolkit.bc.ca/tool/idle-reduction-bylaw>
2. Eliminate food waste at landfill
 - >Do a pilot project with Spa Hills Farm Compost which comes weekly to Penticton
 - >Vernon did this years ago and now has 4 big community bins in the city picked up twice a week
 - >Reduces tipping fees at the landfill, saves money overall
<https://www.vernon.ca/homes-building/environment-sustainability/sustainability-initiatives/composting-and-reducing-food>
3. Direct staff to explore solar grids for Penticton to allow residents to install solar systems less expensively using a coop method. The grids would feed into Penticton's system, reducing electricity costs for the city, and make it more resilient if there is an outage.
4. Begin a **Free Tree** for each residence program increasing shade and cooling
5. Pass a law that no tree on private property can be cut down without city inspection and approval.
6. Pass a law that any new development have a high percentage of properly xeriscaped area. 80% or more. Not Just Rocks which are hot and don't retain water.
7. Pass a law that any new development include plugin outlets for EVs and/or an outlet for each parking spot.
8. Pass a law that any new development have a green roof capability and solar installation.

ADDRESSING THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY

CITY OF PENTICTON

- **Council Meeting**
- **September 7, 2021**
- **Lori Goldman and Student**

What are the concerns?

What do we know about the Climate Emergency?

- The UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) presented findings August 9, 2021
- The report clearly warned “the world is running out of time to make drastic cuts to greenhouse gas emissions and avert devastating climate breakdown.”
- UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres called the report a “code red for humanity”
- “The alarm bells are deafening, and the evidence is irrefutable: greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuel burning and deforestation are choking our planet and putting billions of people at immediate risk. Global heating is affecting every region on Earth, with many of the changes becoming irreversible.”

What are the concerns locally?

What do we know about the Climate Emergency HERE?

- Record-breaking high temperatures
- Extreme drought
- Smoke blanketed the valley for weeks
- Not our old paradise and never will be again
- There are ready solutions
- City Council can enact policies immediately to make positive changes

Why do we need to act NOW?

How is Penticton impacted?

- Health issues from smoke / heat
- Business losses
 - People moving away
 - Tourists avoiding area
- Crop failures, livestock dying
- Insurance costs
- Fish / eggs dying
- Evacuee support

Children fear for their future and suffer severe anxiety.

What is Penticton City doing?

Penticton City Council wants to be climate ready

- City departments creating Climate Action Plan
 - Consulting with citizens and experts
 - Coordinating with Regional District and the Province.
 - Considering the well-being of citizens, businesses, and visitors.
 - Developing emissions reduction strategies
- Working with developers on BC Step Code
- Encouraging HELP retrofits
- Investing now to save money in the future

What more can Penticton do right now?

Penticton can be part of the solution.

City Council can declare a Climate Emergency

- Show that Penticton
 - recognizes the need to move *urgently* to reduce emissions and protect water
 - joins other communities around the world in taking bold action
 - 516 jurisdictions in Canada
 - 2000 worldwide
 - 1,000,000,000 citizens

What we do in Penticton is part of a necessary response to protect our valley, province, country, and planet.

Recommendations

- 1) Set priorities / take action on Climate Change by adopting a Climate Emergency Declaration
- 2) Direct city staff to use a climate lens for all planning
- 3) Speed up all departments to implement changes in practice and infrastructure
- 4) Utilize Community Sustainability Advisory Committee to guide climate policy
- 5) Be bold and unafraid to make forceful legislation that addresses the urgency
- 6) Involve **youth** in all climate issues - it is their future.
- 7) Use your leadership to strengthen political will to make effective changes
- 8) Join **Climate Caucus**, a non-partisan network of 400 local elected climate leaders driving system change to transform our communities

Act like this is an emergency, because it is!

Upcoming Local Actions

- Wednesday, September 8 March and Rally **Penticton's STILL on Fire**
 - National action over 56 cities ahead of election
 - From Library to Gyro Park
- Friday, September 24
 - Fridays For Future Global Climate Strike - Greta Thunberg
 - In 2019, millions of people marched for climate action
- First Things First Okanagan
 - Community engagement and education
 - Promoting Electric Vehicles, walking, cycling, solar, electricity, retrofits
 - Deep Dive Discussions monthly
 - COOL IT program in schools with BCSEA