



Minutes

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Community Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting

to be held via Zoom
Wednesday, January 20, 2021
at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chris Allen (*Chair*)
Margaret Holm
Randy Boras
Nicolas Stulberg
Philip Hawkes
Lyndie Hill
Tracy Van Raes
Anne Hargrave

Council Liaison: Julius Bloomfield, Councillor

Staff: Kristen Dixon, General Manager of Infrastructure
David Kassian, Community Sustainability Coordinator
Ken Kunka, Deputy Director Development Services
Ryan Smid, Assistant Building Official
Alysa Wardley, Legislative Assistant

Regrets: Jaqueline Duncan
Amelia Boulton

Guest(s): Lori Goldman

1. **Call to Order**

The Community Sustainability Advisory Committee was called to order by the Chair at 9:01 a.m.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Sustainability Advisory Committee adopt the agenda for the meeting held on January 20, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

3.1 Minutes of November 18, 2020 Community Sustainability Advisory Committee

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Sustainability Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the November 18, 2020 meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **New Business**

4.1 Introductions of New Members– Chris Allen, Chair

The Committee participated in roundtable introductions allowing newly appointed members Lyndie Hill, Tracy Van Raes, and Anne Hargrave to introduce themselves.

4.2 Election of Vice Chair – Chris Allen, Chair

The Chair opened the floor for the nominations of a new Chair and Vice Chair. The Committee would like Chris Allen to continue as Chair and Randy Boras was nominated as Vice Chair.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Sustainability Advisory Committee maintain Chris Allen as Chair;
AND THAT the Community Sustainability Advisory Committee elect Randy Boras as Vice Chair.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.3 Step 3 of BC Energy Step Code and Home Energy Loan Program Presentation – Ryan Smid, Assistant Building Official

The Assistant Building Official gave a presentation on the current transition between Steps 1 & 3 in the BC Energy Step Code. The implementation of the BC Energy Step 1 was introduced in 2019 to reduce climate pollutions and set net zero energy goals in the City of Penticton. Moving forward Step 3 was originally scheduled for March 2020, however this has been postponed to 2021. The City of Penticton will now require all Part 9 residential buildings to meet Step 3 of the BC Energy Step Code and Step 1 of the BC Energy Step Code for Part 3 buildings and part 9 commercial buildings will be a requirement by end of this year.

It was noted that in coming years the need for retrofitting buildings and fuel switching to make them more energy efficient and ecofriendly will promote jobs in the industry. Currently builders and contractors are increasing their knowledge to optimize designs for energy efficiency for new builds, while home owners have rebate incentives to retrofit and improve existing buildings. For example, the Home Energy Loan Program can be used for improvements such as air sealing, insulation, ventilation, and space and water heating.

Designations for solar ready buildings were outlined and should refer to the BC Governments Building Act and Ministerial Order M08, which has named the City of Penticton as a solar ready City in the schedule.

Following the presentation, the floor was opened to Committee Members for questions and comments. A Member at Large asked for clarity on the difference between Steps, and was

informed that there are different architypes and climate zones. A Member also inquired about the City of Penticton's focus on natural gas in relation to meeting Step Code requirements. David Kassian, Community Sustainability Coordinator, will provide the Committee with an update on the Home Energy Loan Program, including participant statistics, at the next meeting.

4.4 Build Green Discussion – Ken Kunka, Deputy Director Development Services

The Deputy Director of Development Services gave an overview of the Build Green initiative, walking the Committee through the 'Building' page and various build green links on the City of Penticton website. Points of discussion included energy efficient requirements and incentives for compliance with Build Green plans. The City of Langley was considered as a benchmark for promoting a green action plan and building awareness of more efficient and better designs and the Deputy Director of Development Services suggested following a similar model.

This discussion was simply an introduction to the Build Green initiative and will be brought back to the Committee in the future as a report with recommendations for changes to existing Bylaws.

4.5 Update on the Climate Action Planning Process – David Kassian, Community Sustainability Coordinator

The Community Sustainability Coordinator gave the Committee an update on the Climate Action Planning Process. The final plan and presentation for the Climate Action Plan are expected to go to Council in October 2021 and will come back to the Community Sustainability Committee before this time, possibly in April or May. The Planning process has been delayed slightly due to COVID-19 but is on course for the goals set for 2021. A Member at Large requested clarification if this is a City funded project, the Community Sustainability Coordinator stated that the Community Energy Association was the successful proponent for the action planning RFP and will be helping the City re-write the climate action plans.

5. **Next Meeting**

The next Community Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held on February 17, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.

6. **Public Question Period**

7. **Adjournment**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting held on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Certified Correct:



Alys Wardley
Legislative Assistant