



Minutes

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Special Community Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting

to be held via Zoom
Friday, August 20, 2021
at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chris Allen, Chair
Randy Boras, Vice Chair
Amelia Boulton
Anne Hargrave
Margaret Holm
Nicolas Stulberg
Philip Hawkes

Council Liaison: Julius Bloomfield, Councillor

Staff: David Kassian, Community Sustainability Coordinator
Ian Chapman, Acting General Manager of Infrastructure/City Engineer
JoAnne Kleb, Public Engagement Program Manager
John Schappert, Legislative Assistant

Regrets: Lyndie Hill
Tracy Van Raes

1. **Call to Order**

The Community Sustainability Advisory Committee was called to order by the Chair at 9:02 a.m.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Sustainability Advisory Committee adopt the agenda for the special meeting held on August 20, 2021 as amended to add item 4.3 – Climate Emergency Declaration.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

3.1 Minutes of April 21, 2021 Community Sustainability Advisory Committee

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Sustainability Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the April 21, 2021 meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.2 Minutes of June 2, 2021 Special Community Sustainability Advisory Committee

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Sustainability Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the June 2, 2021 special meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **New Business**

4.1 Blue Communities Project – David Kassian, Community Sustainability Coordinator

The Community Sustainability Coordinator presented background on the Blue Communities Project delegation from March 2021, highlighting the aspects of a Blue Community that the City of Penticton currently meets and does not meet. He stated that while the City will continue to take steps to improve in this area, they can do so without committing to operate as a Blue Community.

The floor was opened for questions and comments from Committee members. A Committee Member asked about lobbying other levels of government for funding in this area and staff responded that this could be added to the resolution if the Committee wished. There was a question about staffing issues related to lobbying other levels of government, and the possibility of alternatives that would aid City Staff in this area. The Committee discussed the need for bottled water at events and facilities and if it was warranted or not. There was a comment about possibly researching the opportunity to place refillable water bottles in vending machines instead of plastic water bottles. A Committee Member mentioned COVID-19 and the hygienic advantage of bottled water over refill stations. There was discussion around whether becoming a Blue Community was more of an aspirational goal rather than a mandate of the City.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Sustainability Advisory Committee recommend that Council joins the Blue Communities Project, and continues to support sustainable practices in our community through strategic initiatives related to the design and operation of our public infrastructure including water and wastewater systems and continues to increase the number of publicly available water bottle fill opportunities at City owned facilities and parks.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 Climate Action Planning Update – David Kassian, Community Sustainability Coordinator

The Community Sustainability Coordinator presented an update on the City's progress on the Community and Corporate Climate Action Plans and next steps including Public Engagement in September. He highlighted Emotive Funding of \$20,000 the City was successful in receiving.

The floor was opened for questions and comments from Committee members. Committee Members asked about the increase in greenhouse gas emissions from 2010 to 2020. Staff replied that part of it may be that measurement ability has improved. There was discussion around the difference in the provincial measurement done in 2010 versus the City-led process in 2020. A Committee Member asked about the plan for communicating the Climate Action Plan out to the community and how immediate action will need to be taken. Staff replied that the engagement process will help determine the targets that we want to meet and that the targets will ultimately drive the immediacy of the action.

The Public Engagement Manager provided an update on the plan for public engagement regarding this item.

Committee Members asked if the Draft Climate Plan will be complete during the public engagement period. Staff responded that the draft will not be finalized, but that a lot of the content will be prepared.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Sustainability Advisory Committee receive into the record the report dated August 20, 2021 titled 'Climate Action Planning – Update'.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.3 Climate Emergency Declaration

A Committee Member asked about the status of potentially declaring a Climate Emergency Declaration. Councillor Bloomfield suggested that bringing something forward before the Budget process in November may work out well and would allow for the public engagement in September to take place first. A Committee Member mentioned the importance of mitigation strategies and resilience, in addition to reduction plans, when dealing with Climate Change. Committee Members mentioned the importance of any declaration being actionable.

5. **Next Meeting**

The next Community Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held on September 22, 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 Friday, August 20, 2021 adjourn at 10:32 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Certified Correct:



John Schappert
Legislative Assistant