



# MEETING MINUTES

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<b>Committee:</b>	Climate Change Action Committee (CCAC)			
<b>Date:</b>	October 8, 2019	<b>Location:</b>	Council Chambers	<b>Call to Order:</b> 5:30 p.m.

<b>Attendees:</b> (P=present, E=excused, A=absent)			
Councillor Tony St-Pierre, Chair	P	Diane Bernard	E
Adrienne Wass	P	Eric Nolan	A
Andrew Moore	P	Kyle Topelko	P
Catherine Keogan	P	Roland Alcock	P
Christina Schlattner	E	Susan Clarke	P
<b>Staff:</b>			
Laura Hooper, Head of Parks & Environmental Services	P	Patti Rear, Deputy Corporate Officer (Recorder)	P

**1. Call to Order**  
Councillor St-Pierre called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m.

**2. First Nation Recognition**  
Acknowledgment that the meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the T'Sou-ke Nation.

<b>3. Approval of Agenda</b> <i>THAT the agenda for the October 8, 2019 Climate Change Action Committee meeting be approved, as amended:</i>	<b>Moved</b>	AW	<b>Carried</b>	✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add 'GHG Data' under 'Delegations'.</li> </ul>				

<b>4. Approval of Minutes</b> <i>THAT the minutes from the August 20, 2019 Climate Change Action Committee meeting be approved, as amended:</i>	<b>Moved</b>	AM	<b>Carried</b>	✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Item <u>8.4.2 Float Home</u> – Discussion wording “at” to be changed to “after”.</li> </ul>				

**5. Delegations**  
**5.1 Small Farming and Food Security**  
Councillor St-Pierre and Kyle Topelko provided a PowerPoint presentation on the above topic, in which he recently spoke to the Minister of Agriculture on.

- The UN states that small farms are the backbone of food security, yet the regulatory context in BC does not allow small farms the ability to sustain the farmer financially.
- Sooke farms are not mass manufacturers of food as they are in other parts of the country such as AB, MB, and SK.
- Growing food on smaller farms commonly results in lower GHG emissions due to transportation of foods from larger farms and nutrients to the endusers are also lost due to transportation.
- Producing 2kg of beef takes as much emissions as a trans-atlantic flight!
- Food waste also contributes to GHG emissions in countries that do not have compost waste services (eg: China).
- Food Security-Affordable Housing-Local Economic Development are all linked. All of these are also linked to transportation.

**Discussion:**

- Community based farming;
- Tax reform and making farm-tax status achievable;
- Land matching program;
- Cannabis production on ALR land vs. industrial zone.

**5.2 GHG Data**

Roland Alcock provided hand-outs on GHG emissions data from 2007, 2010, 2012 and 2016. Source is a combination from Province, ICBC, and others. Transportation is the largest contributor of GHG emissions at 75%, Buildings at 20% and Solid Waste at 15%. Does not see how the District is going to decrease emissions by 30% by 2020; You can't manage what you don't measure.

**Discussion:**

- Creation of local economy, affordable housing and food security is thus important. The workshop and the CSP should be able to assist in determining where the committee needs to concentrate in order to achieve this and in turn reduce GHG emissions. (ie: holistic vision)
- Resources are required, especially staff to implement the actions (ie: District to manage own data, apply for grant funding, etc)

**6. Public Question and Comment Period**

Anne Clement asked about use of art and music for future events as a way to celebrate and engage in Climate Action. Earth Day is April 22 and would like to see the CCAC lead an event in order to promote "green" initiatives and that the event try to be carbon neutral (ie: request participants to walk or bike to the event). Also suggested that the event be in collaboration with the T'Sou-ke First Nation.

- Ms. Hooper commented that event park permits could require a "green lens" ie: fillable water station, compost bin, etc to be more sustainable.
- Mr. Moore provided contact names for T'Sou-ke First Nations staff to contact.

<p><b>7. Unfinished Business</b></p> <p><b>7.1 2019 CCAC Workshop Overview</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Hooper and Ms. Rear provided some information on the workshop location and logistics.</li> </ul>						
<p><b>7.2 CCAC Terms of Reference</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Councillor St-Pierre has confirmed with the CAO that the committee can move forward with initiatives for climate action even though most select committee roles are solely advisory, the TOR provide more direction from Council which allow the committee to develop projects. Council would still need to approve anything that has a monetary value associated with it.</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policy 1.4, Committee Structure and Function Policy was reviewed, specifically to Select Committees;</li> <li>Idea around having a Media column in newspaper and whether a committee member would be allowed to do this; approval from Council would be required.</li> </ul>						
<p><b>8. New Business</b></p> <p><b>8.1. Council Strategic Plan Overview</b></p> <p>Councillor St-Pierre provided an overview of the plan and those specific actions relative to the committee and Climate Action. He indicated that the “Core Values and Guiding Principles” are important to imply throughout all actions and ideals that the committee proposes. The committee could concentrate their efforts toward the “Food Security” action initiative that is included as part of Goal 2 to start as ideas on how to achieve this have not been indicated yet.</p> <p><b>Discussion:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Plan will be discussed in more detail during the workshop on Friday.</li> <li>Mention of an event in Sooke last Sunday hosted by Transition Sooke in respects to the Climate Change Emergency. Suggested that the committee consider collaborating with Transition Sooke on some of the projects if they are similar.</li> <li>Catherine mentioned forwarding some information for Friday in respects to energy assessments and implementation of the Step Code for individual home owners.</li> </ul>						
<p><b>8.2 2019 UBCM Resolutions related to Climate Change and the Environment</b></p> <p>Councillor St-Pierre provided the committee with a quick overview of the UBCM Annual Conference and referred members to the Resources folder in the iCompass portal for the list of resolutions that were specific to climate action. A better discussion on these can occur at the next meeting if members are interested.</p>						
<p><b>9. Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in <i>Council Chambers</i></p>						
<p><b>10. Adjournment</b></p>			<p><b>Moved</b></p>	<p>AW</p>	<p><b>Carried</b></p>	<p>✓</p>

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.				
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Chair

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Corporate Officer