



**CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING**

**November 19, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.**

**Location: *Council Chambers*  
2205 Otter Point Road, Sooke, BC**

**AGENDA**

ITEM	Page #
1. <b>Call to Order</b>	
2. <b>First Nation Recognition</b>	
3. <b>Approval of Agenda</b>	
4. <b>Approval of Minutes</b> THAT the Committee approve the minutes from the October 8, 2019 meeting and the October 11, 2019 Workshop notes.	<b>1</b>
5. <b>Public Question and Comment Period</b>	
6. <b>Reports</b> 6.1. Rainwater Harvesting Workshop – Diane Bernard (15 min)  6.2. CCAC Action Plan – Tony et al 6.2.1. Review Action Plan (from the Workshop) (15 min) 6.2.2. Finalize top three <i>Goals</i> (20 min) 6.2.3. Discuss mandate (ToR) of working groups (20 min) 6.2.3.1. Choose working groups based on goals (5 min) 6.2.4. Breakout & Develop workplan(s) for <i>Objectives</i> (30 min) 6.2.5. Working groups report back on developed objectives	<b>10</b>
7. <b>Next Meeting</b> Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.	
8. <b>Adjournment</b>	



# 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>

**Minutes of the District of Sooke Climate Change Action Committee Meeting - October 8, 2019**

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

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Corporate Officer

<b>Event:</b>	<b>Climate Change Action Committee (CCAC) Workshop</b> - <i>facilitated by Jackie Larkin</i>				
<b>Date:</b>	October 11, 2019	<b>Location:</b>	T'Sou-ke Nation Sustainability Centre	<b>Time Started:</b>	8:40 am

<b>Attendees:</b> (P=present, E=excused, A=absent)			
Councillor Tony St-Pierre	P	Diane Bernard	E
Adrienne Wass (arrived at 9:35 am)	P	Eric Nolan	A
Andrew Moore	P	Kyle Topelko	P
Catherine Keogan	P	Roland Alcock	P
Christina Schlattner	P	Susan Clarke	P
<b>Staff:</b>			
Norm McInnis, CAO	P		
Laura Hooper, Head of Parks & Environmental Services	P	Patti Rear, Deputy Corporate Officer	P

Andrew provided a historical overview of the Sustainability Centre which was formerly a catholic church; He indicated that it was fitting place to begin work in the community for sustainability, as a church symbolizes a sacred place.

Tony acknowledged that the workshop is being held on the traditional lands of the T'Sou-ke Nation.

Jackie introduced herself and background which comprises of being a social justice activist all her life She has been an educator and facilitator for 12 years as an inner activist for environmental connection.

**Morning session:**

Consisted of a variety of smaller sessions, which included:

1. Breaking into 5 groups of 2 to take turns asking one question at a time, one to one, and continuing through each of the 5 questions in a round.
2. A full group discussion on what it was like to speak and listen to the other person.
3. Discussion on characteristics of working in a high functioning group.
4. Discussion on 'pet peeves' of working in a large group.
5. Identifying the strengths of each member.

**Afternoon Session:****1. Terms of Reference (TOR)**

Councillor St-Pierre discussed the TOR, pointing out that items 1 & 7 have ‘teeth’ and imply more to it than advisory role:

- **Inspire and sustain community commitment to achieving the District’s climate action objectives;**
- Identify and provide recommendations on climate adaptation and mitigation options;
- Identify opportunities and make recommendations on ways to build local climate action awareness and promote environmental stewardship within the community;
- Identify opportunities and make recommendations on innovative projects to help achieve carbon neutrality and where appropriate, develop and implement said projects;
- Providing a local perspective on the environment while giving due consideration to the balance between social, environmental and economic aspects;
- To advise Council on issues of environmental importance to community partners and stakeholder groups of the community at large;
- **Communicate and develop relationships with organizations beyond the District of Sooke for the purpose of exchanging ideas, experiences, plans and successes;**
- Provide recommendations and feedback on other climate change issues, as directed by Council, including environmental bylaws and policies.

**2. Council Strategic Plan Goals**

Participants were asked to participate in a visionary exercise to predict what the community of Sooke would be like two years into the future, after key goals were implemented by the CCAC. After this exercise each participant was asked to prioritize objectives from the CSP in order to determine areas of focus.

***Goal 1:***

1.4 – Relationship with T’souke to restore ecology and support for the 7<sup>th</sup> generation

3.4 – local economy and tourism = food festivals, attract tourism, Canada Chef, Amazing Race, etc

‘ReVolution’ – large RV park w/long term work and short term (increase tourism also)

Push to make Sooke an economic destination due to being a champion for sustainability.

***Goal 2: Demonstrate leadership in Climate Change Action***

2.1 – Building Code step process

2.2 improve community emergency and disaster preparedness

Community safety with wildfire mitigation, for an example

2.3- Transportation umbrella – 50% reduction in trips, buses every 15 min, 90% walkability, more green spaces, increase in active transportation (walk, bike) and proper accessibility for trails

2.4 – implement full step code; moved to 2.1

2.5 – zoning, tiny homes, update bylaws, market space, plant a garden everywhere, island wide agriculture (to increase to 75%), connecting with neighbours

2.6 – waste mgmt. program, food security

**Goal 3:**

3.6 – Lot A housing opportunity and community centre/hub

3.2 – land use patterns and develop practices that are sustainable. – Tree protection and the enc. Community Forest

**3. The Top 3 areas were identified, and participants were asked to focus on an objective which the CCAC could implement.**

- Everything that we implement will have to include a community engagement and educational component.
- Resources seem s to be the biggest obstacle in being able to achieve much of what the CCAC decides to implement (and measurables).

CSP Ref #	Objective Title	# CCAC Members considered 'priority'
1.4	Improve communication and engagement with the public and community partners	2
2.1	Prioritize community and corporate strategies to address the climate emergency	2
2.2	Improve community emergency and disaster preparedness	2
<b>2.3</b>	<b>Build additional trail infrastructure, connectivity, and amenities</b>	<b>6</b> (4 for Transportation & 2 for Green Spaces)
2.4	View municipal decision-making through a 'green' lens	1
2.5	Promote food security at individual and community levels	6
2.6	Identify and plan for green infrastructure opportunities	2
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Develop a regulatory framework to promote more sustainable land use patterns and development practices</b>	<b>4</b>
3.4	Strengthen local economic development and tourism	1
3.6	Continue to address housing affordability and accessibility for all income levels	3

**Extra: Community engagement & education (4 votes)**

CCAC agreed that both mitigation and adaptation are both relevant and need to be incorporated into developing the actions to which are implemented; are they measurable, do-able, timely, etc



Councillor St-Pierre shared the idea of the 'medicine wheel' in which all ideals are considered together, since they are all inter-connected (refer to hand-out attached).

**From Votes the Top 3 are:**

1. Food Security (6)
2. Transportation (4)
3. Community Engagement & Education (4)

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4. Affordable Housing (3)
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**Considerations:**

- Does it mitigate and adapt?
- Does it fall within the TOR?
- Are they achievable?
- Will it capture comm engagement?
- Does it have a limitation in respect to resources?
- Is there risk? What are they?
- Is it measurable?
- Is it the right time or time specific (ie: can it be done within 2 years)?

**Determined Priorities:**

1. Reduce GHG through transportation
2. Engage Youth and Community
3. Impact to Food Security

**4. Broke out into 3 groups to determine goals & objectives for the following topics:**

**1. Food Security**

- a. Increase number of small farms
  - i. Amend Zoning bylaws, building bylaw and building code (Prov) to allow farm villages or tiny homes
  - ii. Establish local abattoir (explore options throughout south-island)
  - iii. Identify regulatory barriers to small farm viability
  - iv. Explore sources for new incentives to produced food on farmland including hobby farms
- b. Increase number home gardens
  - i. Explore grant options for soil (collect data on # litres provided)
  - ii. Develop a marketing campaign and include gardening workshops
  - iii. Coordinate with Food CHI on more allotment gardens and other initiatives
  - iv. Research, review and recommend best practices for backyard chicken bylaw (or other animal husbandry: rabbits, bees)
  - v. Identify and augment food growing in public spaces
  - vi. Encourage planning fruit and nut trees through grant applications
- c. Evaluate benefits/risks of joining CRD Foodland Trust with recommendation to Council

**2. Transportation**

- a. Increase number of EV in Sooke
- b. Increase public transport availability
- c. Increase active transport (active = walking, biking, etc)
  - i. A new build EV ready bylaw (how measured? – complete?)
  - ii. Incentive education by Sooke website page (measured by # hits on page)
  - iii. Require new commercial developments install EV charging stations (measured by # EV stations installed each year)

**3. Public Engagement and Education**

- a. Collaborate with School District, TSFN and community groups (ie: Transition Sooke) to develop education programs on Climate Change
  - i. Topics could include ‘Plant a Garden’ messaging, ‘Wants vs. Needs’ (reduce consumerism)
  - ii. Measure one’s own carbon footprint and track over time as a contest
- b. Dedicate a page to Climate Change Action on the District’s website as a resource for the community to contain tips, links to other information and opportunities (such as grants for EVs), etc.
- c. Weekly or monthly column in the local newspaper or through an online news source to educate and engage the community on taking action
- d. Host workshops or educational talks to engage the community.

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**4. Continue to address housing affordability & accessibility for all income levels**

- a. Initiate and approve new affordable housing, particularly on Lot A\*
- b. Advocate for health services to support seniors and special needs\*
- c. Housing for vulnerable members
- d. Advocate for rezoning to allow tiny homes and RVs on properties
- e. Advocate to ALC to allow small farms productivity sales

*\*These are in a supportive role to Council, as these have been initiated.*

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The workshop was concluded at 4:45 p.m.

2019-2020

District of Sooke  
Climate Change Action Committee  
Strategic Plan



Jackie Larkin, Facilitator

10/11/2019

# Planning Outcomes from CCAC Workshop

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## Attendees:

CCAC Members

District Staff

Councillor Tony St-Pierre  
Roland Alcock  
Susan Clarke  
Catherine Keogan  
Andrew Moore  
Christina Schlattner  
Kyle Topelko  
Adrienne Wass

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*the objectives need closer vetting to ensure that they are SMART objectives, and all require workplans that detail sub-objectives or tasks with metrics and associated timelines. I suggest the committee develop a template for developing more specific workplans which:*

- *Identify working groups to focus on key areas*
- *Assess carefully the resources and capacity available to realize objectives (part of Achievability)*
- *Detail tasks and timelines needed to realize objectives*
- *Establish metrics.*

## **Intended Outcomes from Planning Session**

- Begin to identify and appreciate our strengths and skills
- Share basic practices for dealing with climate grief and uncertainty
- Articulate vision and priority goals for CCAC for 2019-21 (consistent with district strategic plan and Terms of Reference of CCAC
- Draft guidelines/simple rules for how we will work together
- Articulate vision and priority goals for CCAC for 2019-21 (consistent with district strategic plan and Terms of Reference of CCAC

## Notes on what we've learned about how to communicate among other CCAC members

- listen respectfully to each other
- talk openly about feelings on the climate crisis
- incorporate many views for the best decisions

## Communicate and work with the community in facilitating climate action

The beginnings of a conversation....

- Identify areas of activities/community groups that can affect multiple objectives or effect systemic change
- Allow District resources to be leveraged by working with these groups
- Find out what these other groups are already doing and determine how the CCAC and DoS can assist them
- Emphasize the community's critical role toward climate adaptation
- Maintain communication with regards to ongoing direction, initiatives, and potential actions for community members
- Avoid overwhelming with 'bad news' but maintain credibility by being honest about the crisis.

## Skills and Strengths of CCAC and Staff

### Committee Members

Christina: facilitator, writer, listener

Organizational and community development. Communications and marketing.

Andrew: planner, making things happen

Kyle: bringing in different perspectives; leader in business and trades

Adrienne: experience in outreach, community engagement. Writer, researcher.

Catherine: writer, journalist, researcher. Marketing. Experience building capacity with First Nations in BC

Tony: planning, adult educator, system analyst and communicator

Susan: getting folks talking about feelings which can lead to action. Comfortable working in streets

Roland: fisher, salmon enhancer; using reason and science, detail oriented. Project manager

## Staff

Norm: experienced with integrated sustainability planning, community development

Patti: facilitators, researcher, policy writer; adult mentor to youth

Laura: biologist/agriculture, science generalist. Project manager

## Guidelines/Simple Rules for How We Shall Be Together

**Guidelines/Simple Rules definition:** Action oriented statements about how we will live our values and what we expect of each other.

Together as a team we:

- Lead in service to the District (and its climate action goals) and to the whole Sooke community.
- Focus on clear priorities and shared goals and objectives; identify lynch pins whenever possible.
- Make careful decisions supported by information and data and reflecting objectives which produce measurable results.
- Hold each other up with empathy, with respect for each other's agency.
- Listen and speak with care, with curiosity, respect, openness, non-judgement – especially when we have differences.
- Participate fully and equitably, bringing forward our skills and capacities.
- Welcome diversity of views, seeking common ground and shared values in all aspects of our work .
- Strengthen our team with creativity, fun and celebration; take necessary time to balance urgency with the long view that fosters proactive rather than reactive responses.

### **Specific Expectations include:**

We expect each member of this committee and the group as a whole to:

- Come prepared.
- Participate in setting expectations for work/actions in each meeting.
- Be clear who is taking responsibility, for what and in what timeframe. Hold each other accountable.
- Be on time.
- Create checklists to aid our work.

- Map skills sets and where possible, fill gaps.

## CCAC Goals and Objectives - Overview

Overview of process: Committee member and staff engaged in a visioning activity to identify key areas of focus for the committee over the next two years (in framework of the Council Strategic Plan and Terms of Reference of CCAC). From this process members identified five areas of focus:

- 1. Increase Food Security**
- 2. Reduce Transportation Greenhouse Gas Emissions**
- 3. Engage and Educate Youth and Community**
4. Develop a regulatory framework to promote more sustainable land use patterns and development practices
5. Comprehensive Strategic Climate Action Plan

For a detailed description of the visioning work focusing on priority areas the Committee's work see Appendix 1.

**Goals and objectives were then developed** in these three areas, focusing on development of **SMART objectives**: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time Specific (See Goals and Objectives handout, attached with this document)

Further considerations/criteria (some of which overlap with SMART objectives) include:

- Does it mitigate and adapt?
- Does it fall within the TOR?
- Is it achievable? Does it have a limitation in respect to resources?
- Will it capture community engagement?
- Is there risk? What are they?
- Is it measurable?
- Is it the right time or time specific (ie: can it be done within 2 years)?



We did not have time to consider all the other areas of potential focus. However, we did focus on most of the priority areas, with the notable exception of 3.2: Develop a regulatory framework to promote more sustainable land use patterns and development practices, although this is partially addressed under food security.

## Draft CCAC Goals and Objectives for 2019-2021

### AREA of FOCUS – FOOD SECURITY

#### **Council Strategic Plan Goal #2: Demonstrate leadership in climate action**

- Promote food security at individual and community levels [from Council Strategic Plan 2.5]

### CCAC Goal: Expand Food Security

#### 1. Increase the Number of Small farms by 100%

1.1 Amend OCP/zoning/bylaws/building code to allow farm villages or tiny homes.

1.2 Identify regulatory barriers to small farm viability and *make recommendations to remove barriers appropriate to different levels of government*

1.3 Establish local abattoir

- i. Explore options throughout South Island to determine strategy

1.4 Establish permanent site for farmers' market

1.5 Explore sources for new incentives to produce food on farmland including hobby *farms and make recommendations to obtain access to incentives*

#### 2. Increase the number of home gardens in Sooke by X%

1.1 Explore grant options for soil to garden.

1.2 Collect data to determine current number of home gardens.

- 1.3 Develop and implement marketing campaign *to promote home gardens*
  - i. Produce garden workshops to promote gardens
- 1.4 Increase allotment gardens and other related initiatives
  - i. Coordinate with Food Community Health Initiative Society
- 1.5 Research, review and recommend best practices for backyard chicken bylaw (or other animal husbandry: rabbits, bees)
- 1.6 Identify and augment food growing in public spaces. Identify options.
  - i. Inventory possible locations.
- 1.7 Encourage planting fruit and nut trees through grant applications.

3. Evaluate benefits/risks of joining CRD Foodland trust; Make recommendations to Council

*Achievability? – explore Min of Agriculture grants*

## **AREA of FOCUS – TRANSPORTATION**

### **Council Strategic Plan Goal #2: Demonstrate leadership in climate action**

- Prioritize community and corporate strategies to address the climate emergency [SP 2.1] and
- Build additional trail infrastructure, connectivity and amenities [SP 2.3]

#### **1. CCAC Goal -- Increase the numbers of electric vehicles in Sooke**

##### **1.1 Determine current number of electric vehicles in Sooke to establish baseline**

##### 1.2 Promote EV incentive education through Sooke website page

###### 1.1.1 Track website hits

##### 1.3 Advocate/recommend requirement that new builds be electric vehicle-ready (by-law, development permit or code changes (district or provincial))

- 1.4 Advocate/recommend requirement that new commercial developments include quick chargers (by-law, development permit or code changes (district or provincial)). Provincial advocacy
- 1.5 Explore by-law, development permit or code changes to facilitate solar panel charging.

## **2. CCAC Goal -- Increase public and quasi-public transportation availability**

- 1.1 Support and promote Sooke-sponsored ride share program in conjunction with Transition Sooke
- 1.2 Continue to advocate (strongly) for increased frequency of bus service (through Council)
- 1.3 Advocate to BC transit for small-run buses.
- 1.4 Continue to develop Park and Ride
  - 1.4.1 Advocate for BC Transit for infrastructure support
  - 1.4.2 Support Sooke initiating
- 1.5 Increase bike carrying capacity of buses.
  - 1.5.1 Advocate for BC Transit racks
  - 1.5.2 Advocate for lockers infrastructure support
- 1.6 Organize presentation to BC Transit to promote 2.2, 3.1.1 and 3.1.2

**For all above objectives...**Metrics: E.g. Ridership data (Vehicle Kilometres Travelled Ministry of Environment) *and....?*

## **3. Increase active, safe transportation**

- 1.1 Research movement through town to determine if parks are accessible to different parts of town.
- 1.2 Asses Parks and Trails master plan and determine gaps
- 1.3 Research best practices for active transportation
- 1.4 *Based on 3.1-3.3 work, make recommendations to Council/staff?*

- 1.5 Develop communications plan to promote and educate residents regarding trails system (in collaboration with CRD) to increase use and tourism.

## AREA OF FOCUS -- ENGAGE AND EDUCATE SOOKE COMMUNITY IN CLIMATE ACTION

### Council Strategic Plan Goal #1: Build a reputable organization

- (1.4) Improve communication and engagement with the public and community partners

#### CCAC Goal 1 - Engage and Educate Students

1. Deliver educational programs to XXX students by TIME, including measurable results, e.g. decrease in footprint over 2 years

##### 1.1 Develop educational programs and messaging on climate crisis/action for schools' program:

- (How) Collaborate with DOS, T'Sou-ke First Nations, School District #62 and community groups to determine outcomes/takeaways
- (Content) Topics could include:
  - Nutrition
    - Plant a garden
    - Wants versus needs
  - How to measure one's own carbon footprints and track it over time
  - Measurable goals for reducing consumption/footprint by 10%
  - Incorporate challenges/competition
  - "own it" = action and power

#### CCAC Goal 2—Engage and Educate Residents

1. Engage X% of Sooke residents in climate survivor challenge, tracked over a 2-year period.
2. Implement communications outreach vehicles:
  - 1.1 Online communication with residents - weekly, monthly newsletter, column or op ed articles
  - 1.2 'Go for Green' page on District website

1.3 'Random Acts of Green' stories to increased shared knowledge of actions and broader awareness

3. ? Deliver series of education workshop in community focused on "how to": Garden, recycle grey water, rainwater collection, etc. (See Areas of focus #1 and #2 and link workshops to community engagement strategy/education)
4. For all other CCAC objectives, integrate an educational component.

*Achievability?*

- Andrew – grant possibility

## **LOWER PRIORITY AREAS OF FOCUS: Housing Affordability and Building Energy Efficiency**

### **AREA OF FOCUS – HOUSING AFFORDABILITY**

**Council Strategic Plan Goal #3: Manage long-term growth while enhancing community identity, vitality and safety**

- (3.6) Continue to address housing affordability and accessibility for all income levels

### **CCAC Goal – Increase housing affordability**

Support District Council in its work, specifically the implementation of the Affordable Housing Study recommendations

1. Advocate for housing for vulnerable members of the community
2. Initiate and approve new affordable housing, particularly Lot A
3. Advocate for zoning to allow tiny homes and recreational vehicles
4. Advocate for health services to support seniors and special needs communities
5. Advocate to ALC to allow small farms productivity sales

### **AREA OF FOCUS: BUILDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

**Council Strategic Plan Goal #2: Demonstrate leadership in climate action**

- (2.1) Prioritize community and corporate strategies to address the climate emergency

**CCAC Goal: Increase energy efficiency of existing commercial and residential buildings**

**1. Decrease natural gas and oil heating consumption by 10%**

- 1.1 Promote Fortis, BC Hydro, Provincial and Federal grants and incentives for retrofits, including support for energy audits and promotion of insulation (R value) improvements
  - i. Develop Sooke webpage dedicated to retro fits and energy grants and incentives
- 1.2 Track numbers of retrofits
  - i. Through building permits
- 1.3 Research potential for municipal support through bulk purchasing.
- 1.4 Promote heat pump installation

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## Appendix 1 – Detailed Results of First Round Prioritization of Areas of Work (within framework of Council SP)

**Note:** Italic text in 3<sup>rd</sup> column is the wording used by participants emerging from the visioning of successful work two years into the future. This wording should not be taken as objectives. Objectives were developed after the areas of work were prioritized and small groups focused on SMART objectives.

We did not have time to consider all areas. However, we did focus on most of the priority areas, with the notable exception of 3.2: Develop a regulatory framework to promote more sustainable land use patterns and development practices, although this is partially addressed under food security.

Participants prioritizing	Priority/ Ranking	Areas for CCAC Focus
		<b>Sooke Strategic Plan - Goal #1: Build a reputable organization</b>
2		(1.3) Strongly advocate together with First Nations, other local governments and organizations to the provincial and federal governments. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Build relationships: work/learn with T'Sou-ke</i></li> <li>• <i>Work to restore T'Sou-ke ecology</i></li> <li>• <i>Stop developers</i></li> <li>• <i>Build community support for new generations.</i></li> </ul>
4	2	1.4 Improve communication and engagement with the public and community partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Community engagement and education in climate action</i></li> </ul>
		<b>Sooke Strategic Plan - Goal #2: Demonstrate leadership in climate action</b>
2		2.1 Prioritize community and corporate strategies to address the climate emergency – adaptation/mitigation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Promote, facilitate enable retrofits in conjunction with BC Hydro</i></li> <li>• <i>Implement full step Code. Push Government to update building code</i></li> </ul>
2		2.2: Improve community emergency and disaster preparedness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Emergency preparedness community pods</i></li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wildfire mitigation- reduce fuel load. Use wood as a source for another process. Use water abundance to prepare e.g. sprinklers</li> </ul>
4	2	<p>2.3: Build additional trail infrastructure, connectivity and amenities</p> <p><b>Transportation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote, enable, sell, facilitate the update of EVs</li> <li>Improve public transportation –</li> <li>Buses every 15 minutes; solar powered; free</li> <li>Walkable, bikeable community – active transportation</li> <li>50% reduction in trips</li> <li>Connections with barriers (increase access)</li> </ul>
2		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Green development, specifically more green spaces (parks and trails)</li> </ul>
1		2.4: View municipal decisions through a ‘Green’ lens
6	1	<p>2.5: Promote food security at individual and community levels</p> <p><b>Food security</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase farming and agriculture</li> <li>Progressive zoning for farmland to allow villages</li> <li>Connect with neighbours regionally to coordinate food security initiatives</li> <li>Victory gardens everywhere</li> <li>Permanent space for farmers’ market</li> <li>Local slaughter options</li> </ul>
2		<p>2.6: Identify and plan for green infrastructure opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waste: Municipal yard waste depot</li> <li>Burning Ban by laws</li> </ul>
		<b>Sooke Strategic Plan -- Goal #3: Manage long-term growth while enhancing community identity, vitality and safety</b>
4		<p>3.2 Develop a regulatory framework to promote more sustainable land use patterns and development practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community forest</li> </ul>
1		<p>3.4 Strengthen local economic development and tourism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food festivals: beer, booze and buds; chef competitions</li> <li>ReVolution: large RV park with long term (work) and short term (tourism)</li> <li>Local economy: reduces transportation + green initiatives</li> <li>Push to make Sooke a model destination for sustainability</li> </ul>
3		3.6 Continue to address housing affordability and accessibility for all income levels