



COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Committee:	Climate Action Committee (CAC)			
Date:	June 2, 2020	Location:	Electronic Meeting	Call to Order: 5:08 p.m.

Attendees: (P=present A=absent)				
Councillor Tony St-Pierre, Chair	P	Diane Bernard		P
Andrew Moore	P	Kyle Topelko		A
Catherine Keogan	P	Roland Alcock		P
Christina Schlattner	P	Susan Clarke		P
Jeffery Robinson	P			
Staff:				
Laura Hooper, Parks & Environment	P	Jennifer Royer-Collard, Corporate Services		P

1.	Call to Order
<p>The meeting was called to order by Councillor St-Pierre at 5:08 p.m.</p> <p>Tony St-Pierre introduced Jefferey Robinson, the newest member appointed to the Climate Action Committee.</p> <p>Jefferey Robinson provided an overview of his career as an energy consultant, his participation in various energy and technical standard advisory boards, and his desire to give back to his community.</p> <p>Staff advised that the one (1) remaining vacancy will remain open until filled, the posting has been refreshed on the District website.</p>	

2.	First Nation Recognition
<p>Councillor St-Pierre acknowledged the T'Sou-ke Nation upon whose territory the committee if meeting.</p>	

3.	Approval of Agenda	Moved	RA	Carried	✓
<p>THAT the agenda for the June 2, 2020, Climate Action Committee meeting, be approved as circulated.</p>					

5.1 CAC Work Plan

Sub-committees continued their presentations of their area of focus and associated recommended changes for the Climate Action Committee Work Plan were discussed.

Transportation

Diane Bernard and Roland Alcock provided an overview of the Transportation section of the work plan.

Committee Discussion:

- Emphasis needs to be on increased bicycles and walking pathways throughout the community, both improvements to existing connections and the need to develop a standard for future development.
- Options for reducing driving out of Sooke should be considered in the future, looking at ways to entice new business and job opportunities within the community.
- Electric Vehicles and E-bikes are part of the transportation solution to reducing commuter GHGs and the District needs to support electrification in Sooke.
- There is a significant need to prepare for future funding opportunities which may be presented by the provincial and federal government.
- There should be a new addition of a “COVID lens” with climate action, as the impacts are unknown and need to be included in the evaluation of priorities.
- Local transportation improvements are key to a safe community and will improve the impact on the climate, providing alternative options to driving is the main concern.
- The need for local amenities close to residential areas to avoid the demand for short trips in vehicles within the community.
- Telecommunication opportunities should be investigated, currently, there is no office hub where residents can access meeting space, reliable internet connections, or office rentals. This could provide an alternative for a portion of the commuting population.

Food Security

Tony St-Pierre provided an overview of the Food Security section of the work plan.

Committee Discussion:

- Concerns with the allowances of tiny homes could result in a subsequent increase in vehicles, as more houses ultimately equal more people and an increase in automobiles on the roads.
- Desire to see multiple locations for smaller food hub which could service many small areas in Sooke.
- The need to measure the impact our food system and local choices have on our carbon footprint. At this time CEEI statistics do not include anything for food which creates a false impression that we have no control and can not impact these emissions.

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<p>Staff provided an overview of the next steps for the CAC Work Plan, advising that the comments from the May 26th and June 2nd meetings would be included in the amended version of the document, then forwarded to Council at an upcoming Regular Council meeting.</p> <p>The committee members agreed that it was time for the document to be finalized and endorsed by Council. It was understood that the document could be amended at a future meeting, but by having Council review the finalized version, any additional comments, suggestions, or changes could be included in an amendment.</p>				
<p>THAT the Climate Action Committee approve the Climate Action Committee Work Plan, as amended; and</p> <p>THAT the final document is presented to Council for endorsement.</p>	Moved	AM	Carried	✓

6.	Topics for Next Meeting
<p>The following items have been requested to be on the next Climate Action Change Committee meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process. • Sub-committee report. • Discussion on the COVID-19 pandemic and what has been learned. 	

7.	Next Meeting
<p>The next meeting will be held on July 21, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.</p>	

8.	Adjournment	Moved	AM	Carried	✓
<p>THAT the June 2, 2020, Climate Action Committee meeting be adjourned at 7:15 p.m.</p>					

Chair

Recorder