



COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Committee:	Climate Action Committee (CAC)		
Date:	May 26, 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
Staff:			
Laura Hooper, Parks & Environment	P	Jennifer Royer-Collard, Corporate Services	P

1.	Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Councillor St-Pierre at 5:08 p.m.	

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

3.	Approval of Agenda	Moved	CK	Carried	✓
THAT the agenda for the May 26, 2020, Climate Action Committee meeting, be approved as circulated.					

4.	Adoption of Minutes	Moved	CK	Carried	✓
THAT the minutes of January 21, 2020, be adopted as circulated.					

5.1 CAC Work Plan

Sub-committees presented their area of focus and associated recommended changes for the Climate Action Committee Work Plan.

Engagement and Education

Christina Schlattner provided an overview of the Engagement and Education section of the Work Plan.

Committee Discussion:

- The value of including a ‘climate first-climate emergency lens’ requirement to decision making.
- Importance of bringing forward ideas that are working in the community already and highlighting successes.
- The need for an official Sooke Climate Action plan.
- Risk and vulnerability assessment, to create a clear picture of what is needed and highlighting the main issues.
- Lessons learned from the COVID pandemic as it is associated with the climate crisis.
- Adding the “climate first” approach and Sooke Climate Action Plan as separate global committee points within the Work Plan.

Sustainable Development and Land Use

Susan Clark provided an overview of the Sustainable Development and Land Use section of the Work Plan.

Committee Discussion:

- The importance of the Step Code is included in the Building Bylaw.
- Desire to include options for bulk buying by the District for heat pumps to distribute to community members, encouraging a change to more efficient energy consumption.
- Generation of an incentive program.
- Strengthening the District bylaws to encourage densification in areas that are already growing and cleared for building, decrease the sprawl of development that results in the removal of trees.
- Divide #6 into three (3) parts:
 - Explore opportunities for community forest partnerships.
 - Develop an Urban Forest Management Plan.
 - Acquire forest lands for carbon sequestering.

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6.	Topics for Next Meeting
The following items have been requested to be on the next Climate Action Change Committee meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue presentation and conversations for the Transportation and Food Security sub-committees.• Finalize the Climate Action Committee Work Plan for presentation to Council.	

7.	Next Meeting
The next meeting will be held on June 2, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.	

8.	Adjournment	Moved	RA	Carried	✓
THAT May 26, 2020, Climate Action Committee meeting be adjourned at 6:25 p.m.					

Chair

Recorder