

Present: Mayor Mitchell (Participating Virtually)
Councillor Drumm (Participating Virtually)
Councillor Leahy (Participating Virtually)
Councillor Lee (Participating Virtually)
Councillor Mulcahy (Participating Virtually)
Councillor Newman (Participating Virtually)
Councillor Shahid (Participating Virtually)
Councillor Yamada (Participating Virtually)

Also Present: M. Gaskell, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Beale, Commissioner of Public Works
S. Klein, Director of Strategic Initiatives
W. Mar, Commissioner of Legal and Enforcement Services/Town Solicitor
J. Romano, Commissioner of Community Services
R. Saunders, Commissioner of Planning and Development
D. Speed, Fire Chief
F. Wong, Commissioner of Financial Services/Treasurer
H. Ellis, Executive Advisor to the Mayor
C. Harris, Town Clerk
K. Narraway, Deputy Clerk
K. Douglas, Legislative Specialist (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Councillor Roy

1. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

1.1 There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

2. Presentations

2.1 Jade Schofield, Project Manager, Sustainability & Climate Change, and Yuill Herbert, Director, Sustainability Solutions Group
Re: Zero Carbon Whitby Plan

Jade Schofield, Project Manager, Sustainability & Climate Change, and Yuill Herbert, Director, Sustainability Solutions Group, provided a

PowerPoint presentation regarding the Zero Carbon Whitby Plan.
Highlights of the presentation included:

- the Paris Climate Agreement adopted in 2015 to address climate change and limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius by reducing green house gas (GHG) emissions;
- shortfalls of current municipal frameworks for managing GHG emissions;
- the global carbon budget identified by the International Panel on Climate Change based on the remaining GHG emissions that can be emitted to prevent excessive global warming;
- a method developed by the Science-Based Target Network used to identify the Town's corporate carbon budget of 62,563 tCO₂e between 2022 and 2045;
- the risks of delaying the implementation of the carbon budget;
- the adaptability, transparency, and opportunities for organizational learning offered by a carbon budget framework;
- alignment between the Town's carbon budget and financial budget;
- the financial and resource implications of achieving the Zero Carbon Whitby Plan targets;
- how the carbon budget aligns with the Town's operational processes;
- integrating carbon accounting into the Town's carbon budget;
- governance of the Zero Carbon Whitby Plan, which will be supported by clearly defined roles and responsibilities;
- the financial impacts of the Zero Carbon Whitby Plan on sectors such as new construction, retrofits of existing municipal buildings, and fleet vehicles;
- the Town's proposed internal price on carbon that will reach \$170/tCO₂e by 2030;
- how carbon pricing will be used to avoid securing investments that may impose a carbon and financial burden on the Town in the future;
- how the revolving loan fund reserve can reduce overall capital requirements through the recycling of capital; and,
- the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures framework for annual reporting on the Town's response to climate change.

A brief question and answer period ensued between Members of Council and Mr. Herbert regarding the degree of flexibility within the Town's proposed carbon budget and targets for reducing GHG emissions.

3. Delegations

- 3.1** Adeline Cohen, Climate Justice Durham
Re: Office of the Chief Administrative Officer Report, CAO 10-21
Zero Carbon Whitby Plan

Refer to Item 4.1, CAO 10-21

Adeline Cohen, representing Climate Justice Durham, appeared before Council to support the Zero Carbon Whitby Plan. Ms. Cohen noted that the plan follows recommendations made by the International Panel on Climate Change. She expressed her support for the carbon budget approach, retrofitting municipal buildings to align with a corporate net-zero trajectory, and electrifying municipal fleet vehicles. Ms. Cohen advised that Climate Justice Durham has no criticism of the Zero Carbon Whitby Plan.

4. Items for Consideration

- 4.1** Office of the Chief Administrative Officer Report, CAO 10-21
Re: Zero Carbon Whitby Plan

Discussion ensued between Members of Council and Staff regarding:

- the Zero Carbon Whitby Plan as a climate community action plan that offers guiding principles and recommended actions for businesses/stakeholders in Whitby;
- acknowledgement of the Paris Climate Agreement adopted in 2015 and Whitby's 2019 declaration that climate change is an emergency;
- Council's support for the Zero Carbon Whitby Plan;
- the long-term implications of climate related decisions being made now; and,
- the importance of reporting on the carbon budget annually.

Resolution # 82-21

Moved By Councillor Newman
Seconded By Councillor Drumm

1. That Council approve new short, medium, and long-term targets to reduce corporate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, namely:
 - 20 percent GHG emissions reduction by 2025, below 2019 levels
 - 40 percent GHG emissions reduction by 2030, below 2019 levels

- 100 percent GHG emissions reduction by 2045, below 2019 levels;
- 2. That Council adopt the Zero Carbon Whitby Plan (Attachment 1) in principle, which identifies how greenhouse gas reduction action will be embedded across the organization;
- 3. That Council direct staff to report back on the implementation of the Carbon Reduction Accounting Framework outlined in the Zero Carbon Whitby Plan as part of the annual budget process starting in the year 2022;
- 4. That Council require staff to report back to Council annually on the performance of the Zero Whitby Carbon Plan as part of the Annual Sustainability Report; and,
- 5. That all new Town facilities are built to a minimum of Tier 3 of the Whitby Green Standard, and that existing facilities be retrofitted with design considerations to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045.

Carried unanimously on a recorded vote as follows:

	For	Against	Abstained
Councillor Drumm	x		
Councillor Leahy	x		
Councillor Lee	x		
Councillor Mulcahy	x		
Councillor Newman	x		
Councillor Shahid	x		
Councillor Yamada	x		
Mayor Mitchell	x		
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5. Confirmatory By-law

5.1 Confirmatory By-law

Resolution # 83-21

Moved By Councillor Newman
Seconded By Councillor Leahy

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law and to dispense with the reading of the by-law by the Clerk to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Town of Whitby at its special meeting held on April 19, 2021 and the same be considered read and passed and that the Mayor

and the Clerk sign the same and the Seal of the Corporation be thereto affixed.

Carried

6. Adjournment

6.1 Motion to Adjourn

Moved By Councillor Shahid
Seconded By Councillor Drumm

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Christopher Harris, Town Clerk

Don Mitchell, Mayor