

Present: Poonam Dewan
Robynne Dunn
Laurie Kuchirka
Patti Mavins, Whitby in Bloom Committee Representative
Judy Rivers
Michelle Thornley, Vice Chair

Also Present: Councillor Yamada, Mayor's Designate
Jade Schofield, Project Manager, Sustainability and Climate Change
Suprajha Vaithianathan, Staff Liaison, Energy & Sustainability
Programs Coordinator
Heather Ellis, Council and Committee Coordinator (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Beatrice Adesemowo
David Budd
Timothy Eric
Mahroz Hussain, Chair
Miranda Pautler

Call to Order

1. Disclosures of Interest

1.1 There were no disclosures of interest.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes - May 4, 2022

Recommendation:

Moved By Laurie Kuchirka

That the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee minutes of May 4, 2022 be approved.

Carried

3. Presentations

3.1 Eleri Davies, Consultant, Sustainability Solutions Group
Re: Whitby Climate Change Master Plan

Eleri Davies provided a presentation regarding the Whitby Climate Change Master Plan. Highlights of the presentation included:

- an overview of Whitby's climate action timeline including the Corporate Sustainability Plan, Climate Change Emergency Declaration, Whitby Green Standard, Zero Carbon Whitby, and the Whitby Climate Change Master Plan;
- climate adaption actions to minimize risk and damage caused by climate change;
- identifying areas more vulnerable to climate change impacts;
- analyzing climate change impacts in Whitby in 2022 versus 2070;
- analyzing the financial cost of inaction versus action based on the value of asset damage; and,
- climate mitigation actions to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions that cause climate change.

A brief question and answer period ensued regarding why the Town was moving forward with adaptation before mitigation.

4. General Business and Reports

4.1 Pollinator Week Update

Suprajha Vaithianathan stated that two events were planned for Pollinator Week which included:

- a honeybee presentation at Whitby Civic Park from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on June 21, 2022; and,
- a planting event at Vanier Park from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on June 23, 2022.

4.2 Eco Quiz

Suprajha Vaithianathan advised that the Committee would be playing an Eco Quiz game in celebration of the last meeting for the 2018-2022 term. Ms. Vaithianathan stated that the top three players would win prizes.

4.3 Committee Feedback and Discussion

Suprajha Vaithianathan requested feedback from the Committee regarding areas of improvement for the upcoming term.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- committee recruitment for the 2022-2026 term; and,
- Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee achievements throughout the 2018-2022 term.

5. Correspondence

5.1 There was no correspondence.

6. Council Update

6.1 Councillor Yamada provided an update regarding:

- tree debris and yard waste collection would begin early June;
- the 2023 citizen budget tool was now live until July 22, 2022;
- summer program registration would be open on June 8, 2022;
- the Town would be hosting a special event on June 18, 2022 leading up to National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21, 2022 from 11:00 am to 2:00 p.m. at Celebration Square;
- the Perspective magazine would be released on June 2, 2022; and,
- a public feedback session was open on Connect Whitby regarding fireworks.

7. Other Business

7.1 There was no other business.

8. Next Meeting

8.1 To Be Determined

9. Adjournment

9.1 Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Moved By Robynne Dunn

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.