

Present: M. Christine Castle
Gayle Giesbrecht
Stacey Kerr
Melanie Maloney
Miranda Pautler, Chair
Deborah McCord
Judy Rivers

Also Present: Regional Councillor Yamada, Mayor's Designate
Jodi Janwin, Staff Liaison, Energy and Sustainability Programs
Coordinator
Heather Oerlemans, Council and Committee Coordinator
(Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Adel Abdollahzadeh, Vice-Chair
Beatrice Adesemowo

1. Disclosures of Interest

1.1 There were no disclosures of interest.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes - June 5, 2019

It was the consensus of the Committee to amend Item 5.1, Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee Work Plan, by adding the following point to the discussion portion:

- "Town Staff advising that further development of the Work Plan was unnecessary".

Recommendation:

Moved By Debrorah McCord

That the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee minutes of June 5, 2019, as amended, be approved.

Carried

3. Presentations

3.1 Kristy Kilbourne, Project Manager, Regional Municipality of Durham
Re: Agricultural Sector Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

Kristy Kilbourne provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Agricultural Sector Climate Change Adaptation Strategy. Highlights of the presentation included:

- the Region of Durham's role as a leading agricultural producer in the Greater Toronto Area;
- the critical role farmers play in climate resiliency through farming best practices;
- continuing adaptation of climate change strategies via farming practices; and,
- census information regarding agriculture in Whitby by industry groups.

Ms. Kilbourne advised that the Agricultural Sector Climate Change Adaptation Strategy was an addendum to the original Durham Community Climate Adaptation Plan. She further advised that the plan was approved in principle by the Region of Durham and Area Municipalities, and that implementation of the plan was underway.

Ms. Kilbourne advised that there were risks and opportunities associated with climate change to crops and yields and provided an overview of the types of strategies that could be used to mitigate risks.

A question and answer period ensued between Members of the Committee and Ms. Kilbourne regarding:

- whether research on current crop yields existed;
- how Watershed planning was defined and what it entailed; and,
- whether there were links between urban growth and the Envision Durham plan.

3.2 Catherine O'Conner, Member, Sustainable Durham 2019 and Ceileigh McAllister, Member, Sustainable Durham 2019
Re: Youth Challenge International's (YCI) Innovate MY Future Program

Catherine O'Conner provided information regarding Youth Challenge International's Innovate MY Future Program. Highlights of the group's accomplishments included:

- collecting information regarding climate-change related issues that the residents of Durham Region were most interested in such as waste management, air/water pollution, preserving greenspace, and public education; and,
- focusing on waste management and voter education.

Ceileigh McAllister advised that two garbage clean-ups were scheduled to engage the community in environmental care. She further advised that the clean-ups would be used as a platform to informally discuss voter education (when, where, and how to vote).

A question and answer period ensued regarding opportunities for the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee to contribute and assist in Sustainable Durham's initiatives.

4. Delegations

4.1 There were no delegations.

5. General Business and Reports

5.1 Sustainable Prizes

Jodi Janwin requested that the Committee provide feedback regarding the events they would like to attend, how to support those events, and 'give-aways' that could be distributed. She advised that the Farmers' Market and Culture in The Square would be opportunities for Summer 2020.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- using a committee booth to engage the public in a meaningful way;
- determining the target audience for each event to narrow down engagement activities;
- offering contests and games to educate and engage the public;
- capitalizing on social media such as Twitter to capture a wider audience; and,
- making events zero-waste.

5.2 Whitby in Bloom Committee Update

Stacey Kerr advised that the Whitby in Bloom Committee's Open Doors event was a success and that a master gardener table had been set up to educate participants on invasive species.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Demonstration Program (EVID): Grants

Jodi Janwin advised that the Town was applying for funding to add five Electric Vehicle charger locations throughout the Town.

6.2 Global Covenant of Mayors

Jodi Janwin advised that a request would come forward at the September 16, 2019 Committee of the Whole meeting for Council to endorse the Global Covenant of Mayors. She further advised that the Global Covenant of Mayors goals were in alignment with many of the Town of Whitby's initiatives regarding climate change mitigation and adaptation.

6.3 Waste Reduction Week Proclamation

Jodi Janwin advised that a proclamation request would be brought to the September 23, 2019 Council Meeting to acknowledge October 21 to 27 as Waste Reduction Week in Canada.

6.4 Tree Planting Project at Rosedale Park Sponsored by TD Bank Green Space Grants and the Arbor Day Foundation

Jodi Janwin provided information regarding the Tree Planting Project at Rosedale Park and advised that the event would be held on October 5, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and that the event was open to volunteers of all ages.

7. Council Update

7.1 Regional Councillor Yamada advised that the Durham Regional Council received a Planning and Economic Development Committee report at the June 26, 2019 meeting regarding employment ready lands. He further advised that the report included a strategy for developing lands that were currently not viable for business development. Regional Councillor Yamada advised that the public consultation page for the Region of Durham's Official Plan Review could be accessed through Envision Durham's website.

8. Other Business

8.1 Monarch Ultra

Jodi Janwin provided information regarding the Monarch Ultra relay

race. She advised that the relay race was an international run across North America to raise awareness of monarch butterflies and their migration to Mexico. She further advised that the race would begin in Peterborough, Ontario and more information was available at www.themonarchultra.com.

8.2 Civic Centre Survey

Jodi Janwin encouraged Members to complete the Civic Centre survey provided on the Town's website. She provided a brief overview of the two design options (Option A and Option B) for the Civic Centre.

9. Next Meeting

9.1 Wednesday, October 2, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.
Committee Room One, Whitby Town Hall
575 Rossland Road East

10. Adjournment

10.1 Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Moved By Melanie Maloney

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

H. Oerlemans, Council and Committee
Coordinator

M. Pautler, Committee Chair