

Present: Adel Abdollahzadeh, Vice-Chair
Beatrice Adesemowo
M. Christine Castle
Gayle Giesbrecht
Stacey Kerr
Melanie Maloney
Miranda Pautler, Chair
Deborah McCord
Judy Rivers
Leslie Tate

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

Regrets: Stuart Livingstone

1. Disclosures of Interest

1.1 There were no disclosures of interest.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes - April 3, 2019

Recommendation:

Moved By Judy Rivers

That the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee Minutes of April 3, 2019 be approved.

Carried

3. Presentations

3.1 There were no presentations.

4. Delegations

4.1 There were no delegations.

5. General Business and Reports

5.1 Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee Work Plan

Jodi Janwin provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee's Work Plan. Highlights of the presentation included:

- mirroring the language of Whitby Council's 2019-2022 Goals;
- aligning the Work Plan with the Town of Whitby's Corporate Strategic Plan 2019-2022, the core values of "WE CARE", the Town of Whitby's Corporate Sustainability Plan, and the Committee's mandate; and,
- grouping items based on the three key goals of the Committee as well as the amount of time required to complete each item.

Jodi Janwin distributed copies of the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee's Work Plan and requested input from the Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the next steps required to refine the Work Plan such as reducing the number of items, aligning items with the Town's corporate goals and other departments and committees in the Town; and,
- tasking three volunteers to refine the Work Plan.

5.2 Climate Change Declaration

Jade Schofield advised that additional municipalities have declared climate change an emergency. She provided a PowerPoint presentation which included:

- the avenues that could be taken to bring this matter before Council;
- presenting a PowerPoint presentation to Council for information; and,
- recommending that Council declare Climate Change an

Emergency in Whitby.

Recommendation:

Moved By Gayle Giesbrecht

That the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee requests that the Council of the Town of Whitby endorse the following:

1. That Council recognizes that climate change poses a significant threat to both current and future social, economic, and environmental well-being of the community;
2. That Council recognizes the need to strive for an extensive reduction in greenhouse gas emissions to reduce the local and global impacts of climate change;
3. That measures to promote mitigation and resiliency be considered and implemented across the community to ensure that the community remains prosperous and protected from climate change;
4. That Council declare a climate emergency as a way of strengthening Whitby's commitment to reducing the short and long term impacts of climate change;
5. That Council demonstrate leadership and encourage the community to consider the urgency of climate change in all daily activities, and;
6. That Council request staff to consider climate change as a priority in all activities and works completed across the municipality to strive for a deep reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and to consider comprehensive and proactive implementation of measures to promote mitigation and resiliency in the face of climate change.

Carried

6. Correspondence

6.1 Backyard Biodiversity Program

Jade Schofield provided information regarding a resident's inquiry about establishing a Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests (LEAF) Subsidy Program in Whitby. Jade Schofield advised that this program offers subsidized trees or expert advice through a not-for-profit organization. She further advised that the benefits of the program included:

- planting the right trees in the right locations (local environment);
- providing affordable trees and plants;

- providing tree education;
- utilizing plantable space in Whitby (private properties); and,
- replacing trees that were damaged from the ice storm and Emerald Ash Borer.

Jade Schofield advised that the next steps to implement such a program would be to prepare an overview of the project for senior management and Council and to work with LEAF to design a program that could be implemented.

6.2 Durham College Lecture Series at the Whitby Central Library - May 24, 2019

Jodi Janwin provided information regarding a lecture series on how to promote sustainable development in our communities. She advised that the event would take place at the Whitby Central Library on May 24, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

6.3 Development of a New Stand-Alone Election Signs By-law

Stacey Kerr advised that the Whitby in Bloom Committee submitted correspondence to the Town of Whitby supporting the new stand-alone election signs by-law. Leslie Tate advised that election signs could present safety concerns by obstructing the view of drivers and posed environmental concerns.

6.4 Co-Collection Waste Collection Event - June 15, 2019

Jodi Janwin advised that there would be a collection of e-waste, household hazardous waste and re-usable items at the Whitby Operations Centre on June 15, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

She further advised that the waste collected at the Downtown Whitby Spring Clean-up included 53 pounds of recyclables, 84.8 pounds of regular waste and a large amount of cigarette butts.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- tweeting the amount of waste collected to educate the public on the importance of using waste receptacles;
- the toxicity of cigarette butts;
- working with the Downtown Whitby Business Improvement Area Board of Management to set up cigarette butt waste receptacles in key downtown areas;
- third party groups who could recycle cigarette butts;
- the behavioural changes required to encourage the public to use waste receptacles; and,

- the education strategies that would teach kids 'which waste goes where' such as computer games or apps.

7. Council Update

- 7.1** Regional Councillor Yamada provided an update regarding the development of a stand-alone election signs by-law.

Regional Councillor Yamada advised that the Town of Whitby had been awarded platinum-level International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 37120 certification from the World Council on City Data (WCCD) in 2019.

8. Other Business

- 8.1** Fatal Light Awareness Program (FLAP)

Stacey Kerr provided information regarding the Fatal Light Awareness Program (FLAP) which included bird-friendly window solutions such as art work on windows and using different types of glass.

Stacey Kerr advised that bird-friendly window solutions should be added to the Work Plan and that FLAP could be invited to be a guest speaker at an upcoming Committee meeting.

The Committee agreed that this initiative should be pursued.

- 8.2** Brooklin Horticultural Society Plant and Rain Barrel Sale

Jodi Janwin advised that the Brooklin Horticultural Society Plant and Rain Barrel Sale would take place at Grass Park, Brooklin on May 25, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- 8.3** Durham Community Energy Plan

Jade Schofield provided an update on the Durham Community Energy Plan and advised that the Plan was endorsed by Regional Council and would be presented at an upcoming Town of Whitby Committee of the Whole meeting.

9. Next Meeting

- 9.1** June 5, 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 Deborah McCord

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

H. Oerlemans, Council and Committee
Coordinator

M. Pautler, Committee Chair