

Present: Dave Ashton
Stephan Barg
Lindsay Beyger, Vice-Chair
Nestor Chornobay
Costanzo D'Angelo
Rebecca McHolm
Miranda Paulter
Jane Snyder

Also Present: Ed Belsey, Manager, Long Range Planning & Strategic Design
Michelle Frenette, Whitby Public Library Representative
Aimee Pugao, Planner II
Meaghan Craven, Staff Liaison, Senior Planner - Sustainability
Heather Oerlemans, Council and Committee Coordinator
(Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Paul Davidson
Cylma Foxton
Cameron Richardson, Chair
Caitlin Rochon

The meeting began at 7:03 p.m.

1. Disclosures of Interest

1.1 There were no disclosures of interest.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes - May 2, 2018

Recommendation:

Moved By Rebecca Holm

That the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee minutes of May 2,

2018 be approved.

Carried

3. Presentations/Deputations

3.1 Brian Kelly, Manager of Sustainability, Regional Municipality of Durham
Re: Community Energy Plan

Brian Kelly appeared before the Committee and provided information regarding the Community Energy Plan. Key highlights of the presentation included:

- a 30 year long-range strategy consisting of 6 implementation programs to achieve an innovative, diversified sustainable energy solution;
- a fulsome strategy that encompasses all forms of energy, supply, demand, storage, and transmittal;
- multiple funding sources which included Ontario Ministry of Energy, Region of Durham, 8 Durham municipalities, and 4 local energy utilities;
- increased adoption of solar power, electric vehicles, and wind generation by residential and commercial sectors; and
- a switch to 100% net zero houses as the building standard by 2050.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- the public sector mechanisms (property taxes) required to fund the project;
- encouraging the private sector to lead by example;
- issues related to setting regional standards that may not be implemented province-wide; and
- incentives to encourage current home owners to retrofit their homes.

Recommendation:

Moved By Costanzo D'Angelo

That the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee supports the Durham Community Energy Plan as a method of reducing carbon emissions and being a leader in these kinds of efforts, however, acknowledges the following changes with the implementation of the plan with respect to:

- affordability for current home owners;
- public acceptance and education of the plan;

- corporate buy-in; and
- leadership.

Carried

3.2 Ed Belsey, Manager, Long Range Policy Planning Re: Brooklin Urban Design and Sustainable Development Guidelines

Ed Belsey appeared before the Committee and provided an overview of the Brooklin Urban Design and Sustainable Development Guidelines. Mr. Belsey advised that these guidelines would be used to maintain design elements in future developments and identified key themes that derived from public consultations including:

- a compact walkable community;
- a balanced multi-modal transportation network;
- the relationship between areas to develop and areas to protect;
- maintaining the heritage downtown "feel"; and
- a sustainable approach to development to ensure new developments utilized new technologies and would be compatible with future technologies.

Mr Belsey also provided details of key design elements including features such as:

- maintaining the vibrancy of the historic downtown in new developments and commercial growth;
- ensuring elements of active transportation would be incorporated into designs such as walking paths and bike lanes;
- pedestrian friendly designs to connect neighbourhoods and provide access to local amenities;
- standards for signage, lighting, and tree canopy; and
- integrating high density with low density areas.

A question and answer period ensued between Members of the Committee and Mr. Belsey regarding:

- the orientation of buildings to provide optimal efficiency of sustainable energy practices such as solar power;
- working with developers to achieve 'buy-in' of the guidelines; and
- cash in lieu of parkland space.

Recommendation:

Moved By Jane Snyder

That the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee supports the Draft

Brooklin Urban Design and Sustainable Development Guidelines moving forward for further consultation and consideration by Council.

Carried

4. General Business and Reports

4.1 Promotional Material Update

Meaghan Craven provided an update regarding the promotional materials for the Harvest Festival and requested permission to purchase seed packets to give away at the event.

4.2 Review of 2017 Social Media Results

Meaghan Craven advised that no update regarding the 2017 Social Media Results was available, as the Social Media Strategy Report was still outstanding.

4.3 2018 Social Media Strategy

Meaghan Craven advised that Paul Davidson had received all of the tweets from Committee Members and they would be posted in the near future.

4.4 2018 Events Participation

Meaghan Craven reviewed the Committee Members' availability to attend various events throughout the year as representatives of the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee and provided a recap of Members' commitments.

4.5 WSAC Budget Staff Update

Meaghan Craven provided a recap of the Committee's purchases and advised that the expenditures were approximately \$3,100.

4.6 Youth Council Update

There was no Whitby Youth Council update.

4.7 Whitby Library Update

Michelle Frenette advised that currently there were 18 people registered for the June 20, 2018 Pollinator Workshop.

4.8 Whitby in Bloom Committee Update

There was no Whitby in Bloom Committee update.

5. Correspondence

5.1 There was no correspondence.

6. Council Update

6.1 Councillor Emm was not in attendance, therefore there was no Council update.

7. Other Business

7.1 Downtown Whitby Community Improvement Plan

Ed Belsey advised that the recommendation report for the Downtown Whitby Community Improvement Plan would be heard at the Planning and Development Committee on June 11, 2018.

7.2 Urban Design Guidelines

Ed Belsey advised that staff were given authorization to consult with stakeholders regarding the Urban Design Guidelines at the June 4, 2018 Council meeting.

7.3 Sustainable Development Guidelines

Meaghan Craven advised that the Terms of Reference for the Sustainable Development Guidelines were approved by Council on June 4, 2018.

8. Adjournment

8.1 Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Moved By Nestor Chornobay

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

H. Oerlemans, Council/Committee
Coordinator

Paul Davidson, Committee Chair