

- Present:** M. Christine Castle, Vice Chair
Robynne Dunn
Timothy Eric (logged out at 8:00 p.m.)
Erica Gale
Laurie Kuchirka
Luis Licsi
Melanie Maloney
Miranda Pautler, Chair
Robert Toyama, Whitby in Bloom Committee Representative
- Also Present:** 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:** Beatrice Adesemowo
Gayle Giesbrecht
Deborah McCord
Judy Rivers
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Call to Order

Heather Oerlemans, Council and Committee Coordinator, advised that due to the ongoing COVID-19 State of Emergency, the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting is being held electronically. She provided Members of the Committee with an overview of meeting etiquette and procedures with respect to conducting the meeting electronically.

1. Disclosures of Interest
 - 1.1 There were no disclosures of interest.
2. Approval of Previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes - May 6, 2020

Recommendation:

Moved By Robert Toyama

That the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee Minutes of May 6, 2020 be approved.

Carried

3. Presentations

3.1 Jade Schofield, Project Manager, Sustainability and Climate Change,
Town of Whitby
Re: Whitby Green Standard

Jade Schofield provided a presentation regarding the Whitby Green Standard. Highlights of the presentation included:

- the goals and purpose of Green Development Standards;
- legislation and policies that support Green Development Standards such as the Planning Act, the Municipal Official Plan and municipal plans and policies;
- supporting Council's goals through the Whitby Green Standard; and,
- the four-tiered approach of the Whitby Green Standard.

A brief question and answer period ensued regarding the criteria used to determine the mandatory update cycle of four years for the Whitby Green Standard.

A brief discussion ensued regarding whether the Committee would endorse the Whitby Green Standard.

Recommendation:

Moved By Miranda Pautler

That the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee endorses the Whitby Green Standard and further supports the gradual increase of sustainability performance measures as provided in the Whitby Green Standard.

Carried

4. Delegations

- 4.1 There were no delegations.

5. General Business and Reports

5.1 Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee 2020-2021 Work Plan

Jade Schofield advised the Committee to consider the cancellation of Town events due to COVID-19 when reviewing the Work Plan.

M. Christine Castle requested that Members focus on specific areas of personal interest to help determine which activities they would like to participate in within the Work Plan.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- messaging around Town events and other events supported by the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee;
- supporting community gardens;
- determining enhancement of partnerships and how to partner with other organizations via virtual events;
- selecting a native pollinator to represent the Town in 2021; and,
- establishing a subcommittee to create a list of various events that may be of interest to the Committee for review.

It was the consensus of the Committee to establish a subcommittee for the purpose of reviewing initiatives within the Work Plan and how to move forward with those initiatives and align them with various events for the Committee to review.

5.2 Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Demonstration (EVID) Program: Grant Application Update

Jade Schofield provided an update regarding the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Demonstration (EVID) Program. Ms. Schofield advised that the Town of Whitby would be installing publicly accessible level 2 charging stations at a number of Town facilities in 2020. She further advised that the Town would be applying for the EVID 2021 grant opportunity.

5.3 Corporate Energy and Emissions Plan Update

Jodi Janwin advised that funding received from the Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) Energy Manager Program would be used to perform in-depth energy audits of Town facilities. Ms. Janwin further advised that

the audits would include recommendations to improve the Corporate Energy and Emissions Plan.

5.4 Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests (LEAF) Update

Jade Schofield advised that the Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests (LEAF) program was formally endorsed by Council and that the tentative launch date for the program was July 14, 2020.

5.5 Community Services Department Update

Jodi Janwin advised that the Culture Plan survey was now available for comments.

5.6 Whitby in Bloom Update

Robert Toyama advised that the Whitby in Bloom Committee June meeting and 2020 Garden Tour had been cancelled.

6. Correspondence

6.1 There was no correspondence.

7. Council Update

7.1 Councillor Yamada provided updates regarding:

- financial implications and impacts from COVID-19 as a result of the cancellation of Town programs and facility bookings; and,
- the Councillors in the Classroom program.

8. Other Business

8.1 There was no other business.

9. Next Meeting

9.1 Wednesday, September 2, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.
Committee Room One, Whitby Town Hall
575 Rossland Road East

10. Adjournment

10.1 Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Moved By Robert Toyama

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Note: These minutes were approved by the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee on September 2, 2020.