

**TOWNSHIP OF BILLINGS
Climate Action Committee**

AGENDA

Wednesday April 6, 2021

7:00-8:30pm

Via Zoom

1. Opening of Meeting

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Delegations

None

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

5. Adoption of Minutes

March 24, 2021

6. Council Update Report

7. Old Business

a) Climate Change Engagement Survey Results

8. New Business

9. Correspondence

None

10. Next Meeting Wednesday April 21, 2021

11. Adjournment

TOWNSHIP OF BILLINGS
MINUTES
Climate Action Committee (CAC)

March 24, 2021

Virtual Meeting – Zoom@7pm

PRESENT: Mayor Anderson, Councillor Bryan Barker, Bob Clifford, Paul Darlaston, John Hoakstra, Chris Theijsmeyer, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Climate Change Coordinator (CCC), Economic Development Officer (EDO)

REGRETS: None.

PUBLIC MEMBERS:

Lori Thompson – Manitoulin Expositor, Sandy Cook, Barb Erskine

1. Opening of Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by moved P. Darlaston and B. Clifford
Carried

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by P. Darlaston and J. Hoakstra
That the agenda for the March 24, 2021 meeting be accepted.
Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Motion by P. Darlaston and J. Hoakstra
That the minutes from the February 24, 2021 are accepted
Carried

5. Delegation

None.

6. Council Report

MEP funding extension motion recommended by CAC to Council was approved - paperwork has been submitted by CAO

Motion to continue partnering with Central Manitoulin to implement climate change plans has been approved.

7. Old Business:

- a) FCM/MEP Project Update - Review deliverable dates and adjust schedule
 - i. Paperwork has been submitted
 - ii. Timeline is still May for CEEP approval at Council
 - iii. CAC may need to consider more than one meeting in April to meet these timelines

8. New Business

- a) **Climate Change Engagement Survey Results** - facilitated discussion on survey results:

General results – participation vs. population and an acknowledgement of error:

- o The committee discussed the general validity of results comparing participation to multiple population counts:
 - 188/496 = 37.9 % (MPAC – Population)
 - 188/739 = 25.5% (MPAC – Household)
 - 188/601 = 31.2 % (Census)
 - 188/520 = 36.1%

In general, there was committee consensus that participation rates for the survey were exceptional in comparison to other similar community wide surveys.

Notes and acknowledgement or error included:

- The survey did not capture as many seasonal residents as the committee would have liked and this should be noted in the discussion of results for CEEP
- Committee members noted that the graph with the people could be confusing for some readers – CCC will follow up with Ethelo to see if this can be designed more clearly

GHG targets? Does this survey provide clarity of setting GHG targets for the CEEP?

Committee members discussed these questions until the 1/2hr timeframe allocated for survey discussion was exhausted. Discussion ended with 2 for and 2 against setting a 50% target. More discussion on each question and results for survey will be continued at the next CAC meeting.

Composter Prize Draw for Survey:

- Thursday April 22 – Earth Day – video tape and post on Facebook pages for Central/Billings

Survey Results – release and advertising:

- CCC will wait until Ethelo provides a better design for the “people” support question
- Looking to release the survey and post on the Billings website by April, 22 – Earth Day

Review of Action/Implementation section of draft CEEP - Open for comment and feedback from Municipal Staff, Council and CAC committee

CCC went through Action/Implementation chart for draft CEEP – requested committee feedback on structure and whether or not a chart like this could be helpful for committee to facilitate discussion and acceptance of planning actions at Council.

The committee is in support of the general concept of the table.

One committee member questioned whether or not it might be too complicated. The CCC indicated that we could have a detailed table in the appendix of the CEEP and then simplify action in the body of the report.

Questions from committee members to CCC:

Where did the CCC come up with actions and seven main categories?

- By reviewing over 20 other published CEEPS across the country
- By studying Natural Resources Canada designations for minor, major, deep and net zero building standards for energy efficiency in buildings
- By having over 10yrs experience helping/advising public and private sector organizations how to adjust internal processes/procedures in order to qualify for ISO 50001 sustainability standards and reduce environmental/climate change risk
- Over 8yrs of engineering and risk management professional qualifications and applied experience in the construction and asset management field
- The seven main categories for action mirror exactly the main sections of the Township of Billings Strategic plan

How does this relate to survey?

- Where there is community support for GHG reductions – this table will help the committee work on actions they can take to achieve GHG reductions and;
- Demonstrates how climate actions save money and contribute to co-benefits in health, safety, environment, recreation and culture and
- How the municipality plans to implement actions that might be supported in the community
- Ultimately, survey results could be used help the committee prioritize these actions based on support in the community

Committee agrees that further discussion on the survey results is required before more detailed discussion can occur on the action/implementation table. CCC will continue working on areas of draft CEEP that do not correlate to survey results.

c) Correspondence

None

d) Information

None

e) Notices of Motion

None

f) Closed Session

n/a

g) Next Meeting:

2 meetings in April to help meet May deadline for Council approval of CEEP

- Committee agrees to 2 meetings
- Week of April 11th is agreed
- Will review other Council dates and email committee week of March 29 on dates for April meetings

h) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. on a motion by P. Darlaston