

**TOWNSHIP OF BILLINGS
MINUTES
Climate Action Committee (CAC)**

October 21, 2021

Virtual Meeting – Zoom@7pm

PRESENT: Councillor Bryan Barker (Chair), Bob Clifford, Paul Darlaston, John Hoekstra, Chris Theijsmeijer,

Staff: Todd Gordon (EDO, Recorder)

REGRETS: None.

Members of the Public: 4

Media: Lori Thompson – Manitoulin Expositor

1) OPEN

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Moved by P. Darlaston; Seconded by Chris Theijsmeijer

Carried.

2) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda for the October 21, 2021, meeting was approved.

Moved by B. Clifford; Seconded by Chris Theijsmeijer. Carried.

3) DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

4) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes for the July 8, 2021, meeting were approved.

Moved by B. Clifford; Seconded by P. Darlaston. Carried.

5) DELEGATIONS

None.

6) COUNCIL REPORT

No new business arising from Council for CAC

7) OLD BUSINESS

I. Questions/Comments – Regarding Final CEEP

The committee briefly discussed the final CEEP document and some typographical errors were identified. C. Theijsmeijer and P. Darlaston agreed to collate the needed revisions and forward to the EDO for inclusion in the electronic version.

8) NEW BUSINESS

II. Update – Central Manitoulin/Billings – Climate Action Collaboration – Discussion

The Chair provided an update on efforts to continue collaborating on climate action with The Municipality of Central Manitoulin. This included an overview of a virtual meeting attended by the chairs of both CAC's, the CAOs from both municipalities, and the Billings EDO. Among the outcomes of that meeting, the attendees agreed to advocate for continued collaboration between the two CACs, including pursuing a shared implementation coordinator. The committee discussed the desired frequency of joint meetings with the Central CAC, and who should be involved in these joint meeting. Consensus was that all members of the two CACs should attend joint meetings. There was discussion of the reality that the Central CAC is a sub-committee of Central's property committee.

III. Climate Change Implementation Coordinator – Discussion -Linked to item I.) above

The Chair provided an update on the effort to hire a Climate Action Implementation Coordinator jointly with Central Manitoulin. This is expected to happen, but it will likely be early 2021 before the position is filled.

IV. Carbon Credit Presentation – Chris Theijsmeijer - Discussion

C. Theijsmeijer provided a presentation on the current carbon credit situation in Canada, and carbon credits should be considered by the Municipality of Billings.

Recommendation: That Council hear the same carbon credits presentation from C. Theijsmeijer on behalf of the CAC.

Moved by P. Darlaston, Seconded by J. Hoekstra. Carried

V. CAC – Terms of Reference - Discussion

The committee discussed the aspects of the TOR that will need to be revised/included as the committee transitions from an ad hoc committee oriented to CEEP development to a committee tasked with assisting Council in CEEP implementation. The draft TOR will be developed by staff, and final approval will be by Council. The CAC expressed their desire to have the opportunity to review the TOR before it is finalized.

VI. Hydro Generation Future Plans – Paul Darlaston - Discussion

P. Darlaston lead by suggesting some considerations that Council should take into account in thinking about the future of the Kagawong Generating Station lease agreement. The Chair acknowledged the considerations from P. Darlaston and other committee members, and reminded the committee that the matter of entering discussions with OEC on current lease extension was still before Council for decision.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

9) INFORMATION

None

10) CLOSED SESSION

None

11) RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL

As above:

1. That Council hear the same carbon credits presentation from C. Theijnsmeijer on behalf of the CAC.

12) NEXT MEETING

November 24th, 2021 @ 7:00 pm. Virtual (Zoom)

13) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm, on a motion by J. Hoekstra.