



## **GREEN ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP MINUTES**

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**Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Conference Call**

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### **ATTENDANCE:**

**Members Present:** Councillor Rob Rainer  
Bob Argue  
David Poch  
Jennifer Dickson  
Douglas Barr

**Members Absent:** Chair, Deputy Reeve Barrie Crampton  
Peter Nelson

**Staff Present:** Noelle Reeve, Planner  
Allison Playfair, Planning Administrative Assistant,  
Recording Secretary

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.  
Councillor Rob Rainer will be the Chair for this meeting. The Chair conducted Roll Call.  
A quorum was present.

The Chair overviewed the Teleconference Participation Etiquette that was outlined in the Agenda.

### **2. AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as presented.

### **3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

None at this time.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

##### **i) Minutes – March 12th, 2021**

The minutes of the Green Energy and Climate Change Working Group Meeting held on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 were approved as presented.

#### **5. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

None.

#### **6. BUSINESS**

##### **i) Climate Change Action Plan**

- Implementation of the Next Priority Item

Noelle Reeve, the Planner commented on the essential items in the Climate Action Plan and their status to date. It was also mentioned that the Clerk would like to set up a meeting with Bob Argue, the Treasurer and the Public Works Manager to discuss the Climate Lens and how to incorporate this in Township reports, tender documents and the Tay Valley Budget.

Another priority item is to reduce methane from the Township's landfill. It was noted that a waste management plan with a waste audit is a Council priority and is hoped to be completed in the next few months.

A grant is coming from the Federal Government for the Building Condition Assessment so the results and opportunities for GHG reduction and energy savings should be available to be discussed before the Budget discussions this Fall.

##### **ii) Communications**

- Lanark County Climate Change Committee Update – Chair – attached page 6

In the absence of the Deputy Reeve Barrie Crampton, Noelle Reeve, the Planner, updated the Working Group on the Lanark County Climate Change Committee and noted the Striking Committee had not yet met to formalize appointments to the Committee.

However, Climate Network Lanark, who is a key member of the Committee (as well as undertaking community liaison for the County Climate Action Plan), has been meeting with lower tier Councils and co-ordinating its seven working groups to move the Climate Action Plan agenda forward in Lanark County <https://www.lanarkstewardshipcouncil.ca/climate-network-lanark/> They are working with Nature Canada on Nature Based Climate Solutions as well as with

Ecology Ottawa on Engagement Training. Any committee member or Tay Valley resident is welcome to join their working groups or take part in the webinars or training.

- IESO Natural Gas Consultations – Planner

The Planner, Noelle Reeve, commented that the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is looking for comments on the possibility of phasing out Natural Gas. She noted an article in Municipal World encouraging natural gas busses in the future seemed to be going in the wrong direction, but the City of Ottawa announced they were going to switch to electric busses in the future. The Working Group suggested looking into sending a letter to Municipal World.

- Lanark County Climate Change Liaison – Bob Argue - *attached page 11*

Jennifer Dickson thanked Bob Argue for taking on this appointment with the County Climate Action Committee.

Bob said the Committee had yet to reach out to him. A discussion was held about the role that Bob Argue has with the Committee and how the information would be relayed between the County, Tay Valley Township Council, the Working Group members and staff.

Noelle Reeve reviewed parts of the Terms of Reference for the Climate Action Committee and the roles of the Committee members.

Councillor Rob Rainer commented that the Committee should be able to explain how this would work.

## **7. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS**

A discussion was held about updating the new website with current environmental topics and information the community should be aware of related to climate change, e.g., nature-based climate solutions, the drought in Eastern Ontario, food security impacts of the drought in California, as well as information on Gypsy Moths, etc..

## **8. NEXT MEETING DATE AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS**

Next Meeting: August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Proposed Agenda Items:

- Climate Action Plan Update
- Update on the Lanark County Climate Action Plan
- 2022 Budget Items to implement the Climate Action Plan

**9. DEFERRED ITEMS**

*\*The following items will be discussed at the next and/or future meeting:*

*None at this time.*

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The Working Group adjourned at 10:59 a.m.



Chair



Secretary

# **BUSINESS**



## **CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE**

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**Approval Date: April 28, 2021**

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## **MISSION STATEMENT**

To provide strategic direction for the development of Lanark County's Climate Action Plan and recommendations for climate action initiatives in Lanark County by engaging with the community, climate experts, and stakeholders.

## **VISION**

To make Lanark County an environmentally sustainable place to live, work and play.

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Climate Action Committee is to:

- Prepare a Climate Action Plan to submit to County Council through the Public Works Committee based on:
  - Recommendations from staff, climate experts, and CNL Working / Advisory Groups
  - Input from the community, stakeholders, and lower-tier municipalities
- Provide overall strategic direction to the development of the Climate Action Plan (CAP) specifically with:
  - Scope
  - Climate action strategies
  - Implementation
  - Monitoring and Evaluation
- Provide reports and recommendations to County Council about climate action and the CAP
- Liaise and engage with the community, stakeholders, and lower-tier municipalities in Lanark County, and the Climate Network Lanark (CNL) Working / Advisory Groups about climate action and the CAP
- Assist, if needed, the lower-tier municipalities in Lanark County with their corporate CAP
- Respond to climate change concerns from the community by finding opportunities for climate action that address community concerns



## **COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

### **Voting Members**

Two (2) Partners for Climate Protection subject expert  
and CNL representative

One Representative from all Lower-tier Municipalities and Smiths Falls (9)  
(Councilor, staff, or community member\* by choice of the municipality)

Chair of Economic Development Committee  
*(assume Climate Action Committee Chair position)*

\*The representative can include community members as determined by each lower-tier municipality to best represent the community's interests. Examples of a community representative include members from the agricultural community, local business organizations, energy sector, waste management, and transportation.

### **Staff Resources**

County CAO

One (1) Staff Advisor  
Climate Environmental Coordinator

One (1) Staff Admin Support

## **MEETINGS**

There will be a maximum of nine (9) meetings per year. The meetings will be held on a day and time determined by the Committee at their first meeting. Generally, there will be no meetings in the months of January, February or July; however the chair may use his/her discretion in scheduling meetings. The meetings will be held in a meeting room at the County of Lanark Administration Building, 99 Christie Lake Road, Perth, Ontario.

## **REPORTING PROCESS**

The Climate Action Committee will provide updates and/or recommendations to County Council through the Public Works Committee.

## **STAFF AND SUPPORT SERVICES**

The Clerk's Office shall provide staff support for Climate Action Committee Agendas and Minutes.

## **BUDGET**

Council remuneration will be paid in accordance with the Elected Official – Meeting and Professional Development Remuneration Policy. Travel reimbursement shall be paid in accordance with Travel Management and General Expenses Policy. All amounts will be expended to the Governance Budget for salaries and wages and travel expense.

## **TERM**

The term of the Climate Action Committee will continue for the remainder of this Council term.

**From:** [TVT Clerk](#)  
**To:** [Leslie Drynan](#)  
**Cc:** [TVT Planning Assistant](#); [Bob Argue](#); [Barrie Crampton](#)  
**Subject:** Lanark County Climate Action Committee – Appointment  
**Date:** May 26, 2021 1:19:50 PM

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Hi Leslie,

Council at its meeting last night adopted the following resolution:

**Report #C-2021-18 – Lanark County Climate Action Committee – Appointment.**

**RESOLUTION #C-2021-05-17**

**MOVED BY:** Gene Richardson

**SECONDED BY:** Beverley Phillips

**“THAT, Bob Argue be appointed to the Lanark County Climate Action Committee.”**

**ADOPTED**

Thanks,

**Amanda Mabo, Dipl.M.M, CMO**

**Acting CAO/Clerk**

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