



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

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**Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
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### **ATTENDANCE:**

**Members Present:** Chair, Deputy Reeve Barrie Crampton  
Councillor Rob Rainer  
Bob Argue  
Jennifer Dickson  
Douglas Barr  
David Poch

**Members Absent:** 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.  
A quorum was present.

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

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

- i) Addition Under Communications: Lanark County Council Update.
- ii) Addition Under New/Other Business: Update to Climate Action Plan
- iii) Addition Under New/Other Business: ROMA Delegation

The agenda was approved as amended.

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

None at this time.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

i) **Minutes – September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The minutes of the Green Energy and Climate Change Working Group Meeting held on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, were approved as presented.

**5. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**6. BUSINESS**

i) **Budget Review Through a Climate Lens**

Noelle Reeve, Planner.

· **Tay Valley Township Budget 2022 (extracts)**

The Working Group held a discussion of the Tay Valley Township Budget 2022. The Planner advised the Working Group she will summarize the suggestions to provide from the Working Group to the Clerk to be included as an attachment to the agenda for the Budget Public Meeting to be held on November 23, 2021.

- Purchasing an electric vehicle and installing a charging station versus purchasing a hybrid. It was noted that the County of Lanark has an incentive of matching any federal incentive up to \$5000.00 towards an electric vehicle.
- Consideration for the New Deputy Fire Chief's vehicle to be an electric vehicle. The Planner advised the Working Group that a recommendation would need to go to the Fire Board.
- The possibility of the purchase of the new grader to be delayed for a couple of years to be able to buy an electric version.
- Waste audit has begun and once the components of the waste stream have been identified, a Waste Management Plan will be developed to divert compostables and additional recyclables from the waste stream. Diversion of compostables is a high priority in the Climate Action Plan because of their conversion to methane. It was also noted that tree planting will be completed on the berm between Harper Road and the waste site.
- A forest trail park will be initiated in 2022 beside the solar farm

- Road resurfacing and shoulder paving will allow for less grading maintenance on the roads so would reduce emissions and cost. It was noted that paving the shoulder does not allow enough room for a safe bicycle lane so more work on this issue is required.

The Working Group discussed the possibility of the Township passing a by-law or policy about vehicles idling similar to Perth's. The Planner noted she can bring that discussion up at the next Managers meeting. Bob added that an idling calculation is in the climate lens worksheet.

In response to a question about providing context for the Working Group report, The Planner let the Working Group know that the climate lens tool is used on every report to Council since September 2021 to help calculate Green House Gasses on all decisions.

## ii) **Communications**

- Lanark County Climate Change Committee Update –

Bob Argue, Lanark County Climate Change Committee representative updated the Working Group on the County's Climate Action Plan progress. He noted the Committee has organized and created a dashboard on how each of the townships are doing on the various issues on Climate Change and Tay Valley Township is doing very well compared to other municipalities.

- Natural Gas DSM

The Planner discussed with the Working Group the attached letter from the City of Ottawa on Natural Gas – Demand Side Management and asked member David Poch for advice if the township should echo Ottawa's request ask for an increase in conservation funding.

The Planner will forward the letter on Natural Gas – DMS to the Clerk to be added to the Council Communication package and will draft a motion for support of Ottawa's request.

Councilor Rob Rainer suggested the Working Group discuss with Council to reconsider the motion for Natural Gas phase out. The Planner will write a report to Council in the new year to reopen discussions for Natural Gas phase out.

- Lanark County Council Update

Deputy Reeve Barrie Crampton advised the Working Group that a motion was passed at County Council that future vehicles and motorized tools (lawn mowers, saws, etc.) are to be replaced with electronic vehicles. County Council does need to pass a motion to approve the purchase and it would need to be economical.

Deputy Reeve Barrie Crampton also advised the Working Group that the County committee is looking to recommend in-home composters instead of an outside container. Funding is being looked into to give incentives for households to use the composters.

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

### **i) Update Climate Action Plan**

The Planner advised the Working Group that she contacted the Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) to see what the new tool available for Milestone 3 would provide for the Climate Action Plan. A report will be written on the Climate Action Plan update to Committee of the Whole for the February 2022 meeting.

### **ii) ROMA Delegation**

The Planner explained to the Working Group that the County Warden had raised the issue of delegations to ROMA. Deputy Reeve, Barrie Crampton, and the Reeve, Brian Campbell, suggested that Tay Valley's Working Group could write the delegation requests to the Minister of Environment and the Minister of Energy.

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

Next Meeting: Friday, January 21, 2022

Deputy Reeve Barrie Crampton polled the Working Group about meeting in person in the new year because of the technical difficulties throughout the meeting. The Working Group would be in favor but if a member is not comfortable, they should have the option to meet virtually. The Planner will discuss with the Acting CAO/Clerk.

## **9. DEFERRED ITEMS**

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

- *Presentation from the consultant on the update to the Official Plan.*

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

The Working Group adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

  
Chair

  
Secretary