



GREEN ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP AGENDA

Friday, June 13th, 2025 – 2:00 p.m.
Municipal Office – Council Chambers – 217 Harper Road

Chair, Councillor Greg Hallam

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- i) **Minutes – April 11th, 2025 – *attached, page 4.***

Suggested Recommendation:

*“**THAT**, the minutes of the Green Energy and Climate Change Working Group Meeting held on April 11th, 2025 be approved as circulated.”*

5. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- i) **Our Perth Trees**
 - Homeowners' Tree Planting Program – Kate Donnelly

6. BUSINESS

- i) **Climate Action Plan Update**
 - Lanark Better Homes Retrofit Program Update - Planner
 - Rideau Valley Conservation Foundation Tree Planting along Tay River – Planner
 - Initial Climate Ready Assessment Tool for Advancing Implementation Training Initiative (AITI) Project – [*distributed as a separate package.*](#)

ii) **Communications**

- Lanark County Climate Change Committee Update – Planner
- First Eastern Ontario Region Climate Summit - Planner

7. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

None.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

Next Meeting: Friday, August 8th, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

9. DEFERRED ITEMS

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

- *None at this time*

10. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES

GREEN ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP MINUTES

Friday, April 11th, 2025

2:00 p.m.

**Tay Valley Municipal Office – 217 Harper Road, Perth, Ontario
Council Chambers**

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Chair, Councillor, Greg Hallam
Councillor, Angela Pierman
Bob Argue
Jennifer Dickson
Douglas Barr
Gilbert Rossignol

Members Absent: David Poch

Staff Present: Noelle Reeve, Planner
Genevieve Neelin, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.m.
A quorum was present.

2. AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as circulated.

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

None at this time.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

i) Minutes – February 14th, 2025.

The minutes of the Green Energy and Climate Change Working Group Meeting held on February 14th, 2025 were approved as circulated.

5. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

None.

6. BUSINESS

i) Climate Action Plan Update.

- **Lanark Better Homes Retrofit Program Update**

The Planner announced that the program will launch June 2nd. There will be a meeting April 24th to communicate details to municipalities and two meetings for contractors on May 2nd and May 28th. Contractors who attend this training session will be added to a list for use by the public.

Publicity materials will be sent to lower tiers in May to share online.

The goal is to achieve deep energy retrofits on 400 homes per year (approximately 60 per municipality). The interest rate for the loan will be 2.75%. There are several grant and loan programs and choosing the appropriate program can be confusing for homeowners so Climate Network Lanark will be offering educational sessions through their Climate Concierge Program. EnviroCentre Ottawa will also offer information about energy auditors. Tay Valley is offering a loan for the up-front cost of the energy audit and other municipalities may follow suit.

B. Argue asked whether there will be any targeted promotion done by Tay Valley Township, such as direct mailings. The Planner is going to e-mail stakeholder contacts (Lake Associations, Agricultural Associations, Subdivision Associations, and Community networks) and she will look at the Lightspark data to see if she can determine dwellings in energy poverty from it. Councillor G. Hallam suggested putting a notice on the tax bills. The Planner suggested putting up a poster with information at the Maberly Hall.

B. Argue asked whether the program offers any grants. The Planner explained that there is up to \$5,000 available to those in energy poverty.

- **Climate Adaptation Plan and Intern**

The Planner announced that Griffin Calder, a 4th year student in Geography, Environmental Studies, and Geomatics at Carleton University, will be at Tay

Valley Township one day a week in the summer of 2025 working on a Climate Adaptation Plan. The Plan is a federal requirement for funding applications. It identifies risks from Climate Change affecting the Township, analyzes which factors pose the greatest risk to residents, and maps those risks. Recommendations for adaptation to those risks are provided as part of the plan.

The Planner described the ICLEI Advancing Implementation and Training Initiative, a community of practice the Township was accepted into by ICLEI.

Councillor A. Pierman asked if the Township can make the public aware of projects the Township is working on, such as the Adaptation Plan, on the Township website and through other communication means.

ii) **Communications**

- Lanark County Climate Change Committee Update
 - The Planner informed members that Lanark County's project of mapping Natural Heritage features and developing Natural Heritage policies is moving forward.
 - A new \$5,000 grant will be available for non-profits from the County.
 - Mississippi Mills will be using the \$7,500 granted to municipalities by the County to hire a consultant to write a Climate Action Plan.
 - Tay Valley will most likely put those funds towards the Electric Vehicle for the Chief Building Official.
 - County will pay 50% of the cost of a tree giveaway organized by a lower-tier municipality.
 - County is undertaking a Green Infrastructure Inventory as required by the Province's Asset Management Plans. The Planner has asked them to provide their template to Tay Valley.
 - Building to Net Zero Cohort – The County has paid to be part of this ICLEI program to provide guidelines for contractors to build Net Zero homes.
- Material for Township Website
 - The Planner suggested some resources and events the Township can share with residents, including an upcoming EarthFest event in Carleton Place.
 - The Planner suggested making videos, perhaps with the help of the incoming intern, telling first person stories about local climate change impacts.
 - Councillor A. Pierman said that the Township website should have content about Electric Vehicles because this was a hot topic around the Township previously.

- D. Barr asked about retrofitting homes for fire resistance. The Township can share the Intact Centre for Climate Change Factsheets about Wildfire protection and Flooding protection.
 - J. Dickson made three suggestions for content to add to the website – where and how can people participate in tree giveaways; what are the requirements for Tiny Homes in Tay Valley Township; and how do you decide what is the best use of your land (for instance, for conservation purposes)? The Planner informed the group about the Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program and Forest Tax Incentive Program.
- Greener Neighbourhood Pilot Programs by Natural Resources Canada
 - G. Rossignol provided an overview of this program that aims to validate the benefits and business cases of aggregated deep energy retrofit approaches in up to six community housing neighbourhoods in Canada. EnviroCentre Ottawa is one of the pilots. <https://natural-resources.canada.ca/funding-partnerships/greener-neighbourhoods-pilot-program>

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None.

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9. DEFERRED ITEMS

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10. ADJOURNMENT

The Working Group adjourned at 3:00 p.m.