

City of Port Moody

Minutes

Climate Action Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Climate Action Committee held on Monday, September 25, 2023, via Zoom.

Present

Councillor Samantha Agtarap, Chair
Aline Bennett
Nicole Blades
Tugce Conger
Kyle Demes
Norbert Haunerland
Eric Hedekar
Helen Howes
Gregory Millard
Poopeh Morakkabati

Absent

Councillor Haven Lurbiecki, Vice-Chair
Christine Schachtner (Regrets)

In Attendance

Arzan Balsara – Senior Sustainability and Energy Coordinator
Vanessa Washington – Legislative Services Coordinator

1. Call to Order

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1.1 The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

2. Territorial Land Acknowledgement

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2.1 The Chair provided the territorial land acknowledgement.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

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3.1 CAC23/005
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT the agenda of the Climate Action Committee meeting held on Monday, September 25, 2023, be adopted as circulated.

4. Adoption of Minutes

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4.1 CAC23/006

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the minutes of the Climate Action Committee meeting held on Monday, May 29, 2023, be adopted.

5. Unfinished Business

6. New Business

Extreme Weather Education Project

6.1 Staff provided an overview of the extreme weather education project, noting that the primary goal is to improve the City's emergency planning and preparedness.

The Committee discussed how to improve communication regarding weather events, noting that:

- advertising the City's Climate Action Plan could improve emergency preparedness;
- hard copies of communication materials should be available;
- bus stop advertising, in-person communication at events, school outreach, and multi-lingual communication materials could be explored;
- emergency preparedness messaging could be included in quarterly City newsletters;
- communication ahead of seasonal changes, collaborating with community groups, and creating an app on climate awareness could be beneficial; and
- connecting with seniors to determine the best communication methods would be ideal.

Staff and the Chair answered questions regarding the context of the project and the cost of sending out physical communication materials.

Extreme Weather Ambassadors Project

6.2 Staff provided an overview of the Extreme Weather Ambassadors Project, noting that:

- the goal is to engage, connect, and collaborate with neighbourhood groups to establish weather ambassadors; and
- weather ambassadors would be trained so that each community has leaders who will disseminate information to all members.

The Committee discussed the extreme weather ambassadors project, noting that:

- the number of ambassadors needed to reach the majority of the population should be established;
- adjusting messaging for different areas and housing types would be beneficial;
- pop-up events or a theme night at a brewery could be helpful in spreading awareness;
- collaborating with strata councils and police and fire departments could be explored;
- an open casting call for ambassadors could be conducted; and
- locating individuals who are passionate enough to become climate ambassadors could be a challenge.

Staff answered questions regarding community groups in Port Moody and collaborating with strata councils.

7. Information

Staff Updates

7.1 Staff provided the following updates:

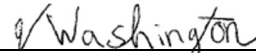
- greenhouse gas reduction pathway 2 was approved by Council, which sets out to reduce 80% of greenhouse gas emissions from civic facilities by 2030; and
- staff will bring forward a funding strategy for all climate action projects next year.

8. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:13pm.



Councillor Samantha
Agtarap, Chair



Vanessa Washington,
Legislative Services
Coordinator