



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Climate Action Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Climate Action Committee held on Monday, September 30, 2019 in the Brovold Room.

Present

Councillor Amy Lubik, Vice-Chair
Elaine Golds
Rebecca Lyon
Katelyn Maki
Javney Mohr
Bryn Sadownik
Derek Wilson

Absent

Councillor Meghan Lahti, Chair (Regrets)
Eustina Musvoto (Regrets)
Duncan Smith

In Attendance

Philip Lo – Committee Coordinator
Laura Sampliner – Sustainability and Energy Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:07pm

2. Adoption of Minutes

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2.1 CAC19/013

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the minutes of the Climate Action Committee meeting held on Monday, July 22, 2019 be adopted.

3. Unfinished Business

4. New Business

Climate Action Open House #2 – November 14, 2019

- 4.1 The Sustainability and Energy Coordinator provided information on the second Climate Action Open House, scheduled for Thursday, November 14, 2019, from 4:00-7:00pm, noting that it will be one of the final community engagement actions, and that the public will be asked for input on 50 to 60 draft climate actions divided under seven focus areas.

The Sustainability and Energy Coordinator requested ideas from the Committee for interactive components of the Open House.

The Committee provided the following input:

- there is collection of participatory engagement tools online that can be forwarded to staff for use;
- ensure that participants achieve a basic level of learning before giving their opinions;
- initiate a collective art project;
- invite BC Hydro to provide information on how to remove gas appliances and convert to non-GHG emitting appliances;
- invite the Electric Vehicle Association to participate;
- provide a way for participants to calculate how much GHG was incurred or saved by the mode of transportation used to get to the Open House;
- provide a way for participants to calculate the GHG cost of the clothing they are wearing, based on where the clothing's country or manufacture;
- include personal narratives which speak to the "why" of climate action, as these are often powerful engagement tools;
- encourage conversations with a "speakeasy tea cart";
- display a continuous loop of video taken from first Open House, and provide an opportunity for participants to record additional videos; and
- provide a visual display of flood risk in Port Moody due to predicted sea level rise; the website seeing.climatecentral.org utilizes current IPCC data and could be used for this purpose.

**Climate Action Plan –
Next Steps**

4.2 The Sustainability and Energy Coordinator reviewed the next steps of the Climate Action Plan, noting the following:

- the Plan will include a range of estimated implementation costs;
- Metro Vancouver is encouraging the municipalities to collaborate and have symmetry in their respective Climate Action Plans; and
- the Committee will have further opportunities to review the actions and the draft Plan in the coming months before finalization;

The Committee noted the following in discussion:

- the Plan can be optimistic in outlook, but should also be credible and implementable and based on realistic outlook;
- the Plan should provide data about how much greenhouse gas (GHG) will be reduced by the Plan; and
- climate resilience – mitigation and adaptation – is an important component that should be emphasized in the Plan.

**Climate Action
Committee Photo**

- 4.3 The Sustainability and Energy Coordinator suggested that a photo of the Committee should be included in the Climate Action Plan in recognition of the Committee's contribution to the Plan.

The Committee members agreed to having their photo included as part of the Plan, to be taken in the theatre on October 28.

**DC Fast Charger
Update**

- 4.4 The Sustainability and Energy Coordinator provided an update on the installation of DC fast charger, noting the following:

- DC faster chargers could provide up to 80% charge in 30 minutes;
- funding for the installation of one charger has been approved by Council, the province, and NRCAN;
- wiring for the charger is current being put in, with rough-in wiring for a potential second charger; the charger is estimated to be installed by the end of October;
- there is increasing misuse of the existing charging station, with vehicles parked in the charging stall but not actually charging, and with vehicles charging but their owners not using the Rec Centre;
- staff is seeking Council approval for a revised fee structure to encourage vehicle turnover and to ensure appropriate usage of the stations; the fees are not meant to offset City costs for providing this service;
- implementation of the revised free structure is estimated to be in January 2020; and
- a reservation system for the charging stations could be considered.

The Committee suggested that there could be additional designated or priority parking spots for EVs, and include signage at charging stations indicating that the spots are for charging only and not for EV parking.

**Energy Step Code
Implementation
Update**

- 4.5 The Sustainability and Energy Coordinator provided an update on Energy Step Code implementation, noting the following:

- the corporate policy (i.e. non-Bylaw) portion of the Step Code is a voluntary commitment; however, Council could deny rezoning applications based on non-compliance with this policy;
- inclusion of a low carbon energy system is an optional subpath, and not a requirement of either the Building Bylaw or the Step Code; and
- the next steps include further training opportunities and outreach initiatives, including a dedicated web site.

Film Subcommittee

- 4.6 Councillor Lubik noted that the Committee had previously expressed an interest in working with the Port Moody Film Society to share and present climate-related films, and suggested that a subcommittee could explore this idea.

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Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

That a Film Subcommittee be formed with Bryn Sadownik as Chair, and Javney Mohr as subcommittee member.

5. Information

6. Adjournment

Councillor Lubik adjourned the meeting at 8:36pm.



Councillor Amy Lubik,
Vice-Chair



Philip Lo,
Committee Coordinator