

# Climate Action Advisory Committee

Council Chambers  
Pembroke, Ontario  
October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
6:30 p.m.

## 1. Welcome

### Present:

Mayor LeMay  
Councillor Jacyno  
Dorian Pearce  
Maxine Jeffrey  
Brittany Stares  
Ann McKay  
Eric Dionne

### Also Present:

Cameron Montgomery  
Duncan Noble  
Terry Lapierre  
Brian Lewis  
Erin Williams

Mr. Lapierre called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

## 2. Self Introductions

All present introduced themselves.

## 3. Roll of Climate Action Advisory Committee

Mr. Lapierre reviewed the Pembroke Climate Action Advisory Committee Terms of Reference.

- A consensus is a general agreement that where members can 'live with' the results.
- It was decided by a census that advisory members can nominate and second nominations for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair.
- All information that members want to share with the Committee must be sent to Erin Williams, and Erin Williams is to distribute. Erin to look into potential of developing a repository for the storage of files.

## 4. Election of Committee Chair and Vice Chair

Mr. Lapierre asked for nominations for the position of Chair.

Cameron Montgomery nominated Dorian Pearce for the position of Chair.  
Seconded by Maxine Jeffrey.

Dorian Pearce accepted the position of Chair.

Mr. Lapierre asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chair.  
Eric Dionne nominated Maxine Jeffrey for the position of Vice Chair.  
Seconded by Duncan Noble.

Maxine Jeffrey accepted the position of Vice Chair.

## **5. City Environmental Actions/ Operational Practices Review**

Mr. Lewis reviewed the report. A discussion was held and the following points were made:

- Electric Vehicle charging spaces will be installed throughout the City of Pembroke through an initiative by Ottawa River Energy Supplier.

## **6. Committee Priorities**

Chair Dorian Pearce initiated a conversation on the priorities of the Committee and asked members and advisory members to discuss main priorities. The following points were raised as potential priorities for the Committee:

- A river clean-up initiative with community involvement.
- Increase food security through amending existing by-laws to allow for community gardens.
- Amend existing by-laws to allow for longer lawn lengths in order to grow 'wildflower lawns' to support bee populations.
- To review the Community Improvement program and ensure that community grants include environmental requirements
- To review the process of selecting sites for developments in order to ensure the protection of green space where possible.
- To amend existing by-laws to allow for the development of 'tiny-homes'
- To develop a Climate Action Plan for Pembroke or to research similar municipalities with existing plans in order to benchmark
- To complete a carbon footprint audit or to research similar municipalities with existing reports in order to benchmark
- To ensure climate change is considered in Pembroke's procurement process
- To review existing Provincial/ Federal legislation as it relates to climate change in order ensure Pembroke is complying
- To develop a large tree planting initiative throughout Pembroke, including edible trees. Potential to involve the community and schools.

The Committee agreed through consensus that members are to consider all above listed priorities and are to develop any additional priorities before the next meeting. At the next meeting, the Committee will develop a mandate outlining the top 2-3 priorities. The Committee additionally discussed whether or not to declare a Climate Emergency in Pembroke. The following points were raised:

- A climate emergency is a symbolic action on its own. Declaring an emergency will have more purpose and strength if the declaration is attached to a climate action plan.
- The Committee did not come to a consensus on whether to declare a climate emergency.

- The Committee agreed through a consensus that they will discuss further the potential of declaring a climate emergency at the next meeting.

#### **7. Next Meeting**

A discussion was held to determine the next meeting of the committee.

- It was decided through consensus that the Climate Action Advisory Committee will meet monthly, on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

#### **8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.