



Burlington Sustainable Development Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 21, 2021
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Virtual

1. Members Present:

Tim Park (Chair), Susan Mattine, Dave Rokosh, Dave Bourns, Chris Ariens, Tom Krumins, Paul Fletcher, Jim Adams, Fahim Hoque, Anne Hammill, Rafiq Dhanji, Adria Cehovin, Niki Walton, Guy Sheppard, Laura Di Paolo

2. Others Present:

Councillor Sharman, Lynn Robichaud - Manager Environmental Sustainability, Laura Ross - Planner II, Suzanne Gillies (Clerk), Michelle Diplock - observer

3. Member Regrets:

Mathew McAuley, Jose Henao

4. Declarations of Interest:

None.

5. Approval of Minutes:

5.1 Approve the minutes from the meeting held March 17, 2021

On motion the minutes from the meeting held March 17, 2021 were approved as amended.

6. Delegation(s):

None.

7. Consent Agenda (items for approval):

7.1 Planning and Development subcommittee objectives for 2021

On motion the 2021 objectives for the Planning and Development subcommittee were approved.

7.2 Awareness subcommittee objectives for 2021

On motion the 2021 objectives for the Awareness subcommittee were approved.

8. Regular Items:

8.1 Upcoming events:

- a. InsightLecture: The Economics of Climate Change via McMaster University
- b. TheBusiness Battle with Climate Change via Sustainability Leadership
- c. BurlingtonGreen Clean up Green up

This event has been postponed. Check their website for up-to-date information.

8.2 Council and Staff updates:

- a. Councillor Sharman

Councillor Sharman provided the following updates:

- the Halton Official Plan and Integrated Growth Plan report went to Region Council (Suzanne to share the link)
- suggested checking out a publication by Michael Moffett regarding the housing market, aging population and demand (Suzanne to share the link)

- b. Lynn Robichaud - Sustainability

Lynn provided the following updates:

- the annual report for the Climate Action Plan will be going to the Environment, Infrastructure and Community Services Committee meeting on June 10, this is the first year the City is part of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy and will be reporting through the carbon disclosure program
- staff are working on finalizing an RFP to hire a consultant to support the Climate Adaptation Plan and at the same time working with staff to review climate impact statements used to identify risk which leads to mitigation tactics

- The Mayor and Council received correspondence from 'Bird Friendly Cities' that provided recommendations on becoming a bird friendly community - the awareness committee will discuss and bring it back to the COW if they feel we should invite them to speak at a meeting
- c. Laura Ross - Community Planning
- a. Regional Official Plan Review 48 and Integrated Growth Management Strategy
- Laura provided a presentation and answered committee questions. Suzanne to send the link to the online survey, the deadline to complete is May 28. Laura to provide map and report to Suzanne to circulate to the committee. Add this item to the agenda for the next meeting.
- b. Sustainable Building and Development Guidelines & Green Roof staff direction
- Laura provided a presentation and answered committee questions. The committee discussed different options for enforcing the Sustainable Building guidelines including making voluntary guidelines part of reports to council, non financial incentives (expedited approval process, urban design awards - sustainable category, sustainability being a baseline for any award), green standards similar to the City of Toronto with a tiered approach, advocating for a Regional approach, and advocating for changes to the Ontario Building Code when it is updated.

8.3 Business arising from the minutes:

- a. Year end report (2020) and 2021 objectives
- There were no updates, Tim has sent the final report to Suzanne. Suzanne will connect with Tim to assign budget amounts to the 2021 objectives.

8.4 Policy & Development subcommittee update:

Dave B provided the following updates:

- Dave B will be the Chair of the subcommittee with Mathew taking on co-chair responsibilities

- already discussed and approved the 2021 objectives for the subcommittee
- planning a working session with the City of Burlington planning department for the next subcommittee meeting

8.5 Awareness subcommittee update:

Susan provided the following updates:

- Susan will be the Chair of the subcommittee, still need a co-chair so if anyone is interested please let Susan know
- the 2021 objects were discussed and finalized (approved earlier in this meeting)
- discussed what could be possible for spring events? Talked about an event about electric vehicles, possibly with Plug and Drive, the Library is interested in hosting this event. Other suggestions for webinars were 'living with coyotes' and 'use of plastics' for fall events
- discussed if it would be possible for the committee to engage the community using something similar to what the Town of Oakville has called the Goose Game app. Suzanne will follow up with Recreation staff as they do community challenges, maybe SDC can partner or provided environmental challenges to be incorporated with what they are already doing.
- can the coyotes video be available on the SDC webpage?
- Is there money available for committee members to attend webinars? Suzanne confirmed that there is money available. Suzanne will send the report outlining how committees will access budgets moving forward.

8.6 Reports from external groups and conferences:

a. Bay Area Climate Change Council (Dave B)

Dave B gave the following update:

- attended a meeting last night
- commentary regarding the forum that took place last month, 300 people attend the virtual forum, all positive comments
- provided updates from the Building Implementation team regarding the retro fit program

- provided updates from the Transportation Implementation team regarding the collecting of data, this is a major project
- Bianca gave an update on her advocacy initiatives
- b. Halton Climate Collective (Lynn)

No update as there has not been a meeting.
- c. ITAC (Tim)

Tim provided the following update:

 - City staff attended and provided a presentation about the Integrated Mobility Plan
 - the committee worked on their workplan and will be approving it at the next meeting
 - June is bike month, the cycling plan was approved at committee and council
 - the Federal Government announced \$400 million of funding for active transportation

9. Other Business:

9.1 Future presentations for the committee to consider at COW meetings:

9.2 Upcoming meeting dates:

- a. Policy & Development - May 5 at 7:00 p.m. - zoom
- b. Awareness - May 12 at 7:00 p.m. - zoom
- c. Committee of the Whole - May19 at 7:00 p.m. - zoom

10. Adjournment:

Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m.