



Burlington Sustainable Development Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: September 15, 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, Rafiq Dhanji, Adria Cehovin, Niki Walton, Guy Sheppard, Laura Di Paolo

2. Member Regrets:

Mathew McAuley, Fahim Hoque, Anne Hammill, Jose Henao, Councillor Sharman

3. Others Present:

Lynn Robichaud, Laura Ross, Suzanne Gillies (Clerk), Dave Tourchin, Barry Coombs, Todd Evershed, Dianne (observer), Desiree (observer), John (observer),

4. Declarations of Interest:

None.

5. Approval of Minutes:

5.1 Approve the minutes from the meeting held June 16, 2021

On motion the minutes from the meeting held June 16, 2021 were approved.

6. Delegation(s):

6.1 Dave Tourchin - Bird Friendly Hamilton/Burlington team member

Dave Tourchin and Barry Coombs provided a presentation about the Bird Friendly initiative outlining how a city can be designated a Bird Friendly community. Presentation attached.

7. Consent Agenda (items for approval)

Oval Court development application was discussed. Laura will let us know when the deadline to submit comments is and if there will be another statutory public meeting. Chris will circulate the comments to the committee for review.

8. Regular Items:

8.1 Council and staff updates:

a. Councillor Sharman

Councillor Sharman sent his regrets as he was unable to attend the meeting.

b. Lynn Robichaud - Sustainability

Lynn provided brief updates on the status of climate initiatives, home energy retrofit program, renewable energy initiatives and funding applications.

c. Laura Ross - Community Planning

Laura provided the following updates:

- John Stewart will be taking over the staff role from Community Planning starting in the new year
- MTSA and the Housing Strategy have been main focus and will be coming back to this committee with updates
- Urban Design Guidelines have been postponed to the spring of 2022

8.2 Policy & Development subcommittee updates:

Dave provided the following updates from the subcommittee:

- discussion around the information released about the hotel located at Spencer Smith Park and the Oval Court development application
- If there is still an opportunity to submit comments on 407 Martha Street, will the committee like to do so?
- the deadline for comments for the Brant and Ghent development is today, we have not finalized any comments

8.3 Awareness subcommittee update:

Susan provided the following updates from the subcommittee:

- the topic for the fall webinar will be 'single use plastics', library staff are agreeable to this topic, the committee discussed who could be a guest and do the webinar - Susan and Paul will reach out to possible hosts for the webinar
- the committee also discussed what else the committee could do for awareness, ideas included a letter campaign, blog, develop a communications plan and bringing issues to City Council, Lynn suggested starting by figuring out what the committees objectives are and then moving forward from there
- the committee will address the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals - review to ensure objectives are addressed, this will take place over two meetings, one meeting to review the UNSDG's and then another meeting to align Burlington Sustainable Development Committee objectives, or figure out how to align moving forward

8.4 Reports from external groups and conferences:

- a. Bay Area Climate Change Council (Dave B)
No update as there were no meetings over the summer.
- b. Halton Climate Collective (Lynn)
Lynn provided the following updates:
 - Hosting HCC reads this fall, launching soon, featuring Katharine Hayhoe from Texas University, HDC reads will host a webinar in November
 - Henn and HCC annual work with students, generation green, active transportation is theme for conference
- c. ITAC (Tim)
No update as there were no meetings over the summer.

9. Other Business:

9.1 2022 Workplan (Suzanne)

The 2022 workplan has been added to the agenda as a reminder/placeholder to start thinking about what objectives and projects the committee would like to focus on in 2022. The workplan and budget request needs to be approved at the January SDC committee meeting.

9.2 Upcoming meetings:

- a. Policy & Development sub committee - October 6 at 7:00 p.m. - zoom
- b. Awareness subcommittee - October 13 at 7:00 p.m. - zoom
- c. Committee of the Whole - October 20 at 7:00 p.m. - zoom

10. Adjournment:

Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.