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Sustainable Peterborough Climate Change Working Group

Thursday, February 26, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Sutherland Room, City Hall, 500 George Street North, Peterborough

Present: Al Slavin, Stephen Hill, Melanie Kawalec, Liana Urquhart, Briana Salmon, Margo Perun, Shawn Telford

Guests: Jeff Garkowski & Liz Nield of LURA

Regrets: Atul Jain, Donna Churipuy, Jane Gray, Lynda Langford, Sheridan Graham

1. Welcome & Introductions

Welcomes were held.

2. Update on Public Health Agency (PHA) Work – Donna

On Donna's behalf, Melanie advised that Dr. Karen Morrison's review of climate change adaptation framework is scheduled for completion by mid-March 2015. Melanie will email Stephen and Lynda a copy of the draft report.

3. Update on Vulnerability Assessment (VA)- Shawn

The Province is set on using the WHO's PHOW model, however they are taking so long to come out with the guidelines, that Shawn is required to keep moving on her project as proposed. To date the research has been completed, about to start writing the paper. Work from May to June 19 on the vulnerability assessment with adaptation plan portion, followed by a two-week group project review and feedback. The group has agreed to act as a sounding board for Shawn's project.

The Ministry of Health proposes to provide all of the modelling for the Health Unit, but not released until later this year.

Liz mentioned that Brian Montgomery of the City of Hamilton Health Unit might be a resource to Shawn on this project.

4. 4RG Delegation to County Council – Al

4RG initiated a community petition on climate change. The results were sent to all local politicians to draw attention to SP, adaptation, mitigation, and to consider a price on carbon. As a follow-up, Al and Drew Monkman made a presentation to County Council on January 21, 2015. County Council accepted the presentation and referred it to SP for follow-up.

ACTION: Melanie will provide LURA with a copy of 4RGs petition and presentation, which LURA will incorporate into the CCAP project where possible.

Sheridan will note that the SP CCWG has addressed County Council's direction at this meeting.

5. Ontario's Climate Change Discussion Paper

4RG is trying to get Minister Glen Murray of the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change to host a regional meeting for Ontario's Climate Change discussion paper in Peterborough or an environmental round table meeting. The closest meeting is in Oshawa on Tuesday, March 2, 2015. Liz did mention that Hamilton has just set up a round table meeting with the Minister for a meeting with the business sector.

CCWG questioned whether they should prepare a position paper to present to SP. Since there is nothing planned from the City or the County, at this time, Stephen and AI offered to prepare a submission on carbon to present to the SP CC at their next meeting on March 26th. They will present their draft position to CCWG at their next meeting, then immediately on to the SP CC later that day. Submission deadline is March 31, 2015.

Discussion ensued on carbon cap & trades vs. carbon tax experiences in Quebec, New Zealand, B.C.

6. Climate Change Action Plan update – Jeff Garkowski, LURA

a) Project Update

Jeff presented a project update, discussed feedback to date, provided an update on the engagement strategy, provided sample rack cards, and circulated the City's leisure guide.

b) Community Engagement Program

- Propose to create an asset local maps that are interactive, showing vulnerability & gaps
- Considering an on-line conversation on the web site
- Creating community champion profiles and stories
- Consider a using a map of local pictures as a story board, like Hamilton has produced
- Considering an on-line fluid survey to analyze
- LURA has a partnership with Mindmix as a crowd sourcing tool and conversation starter
- Stephen has a 1st year class of about 300 students that he is considering an assignment of:
 - a climate story, interview someone at least 40 years old, ask questions about a climate story,
 - or a 3-page narrative or an audio file on the same
- Trent requires approval for public use of their story, but consider having an ongoing testimonial of stories outlining what good has come out of it, what changes you have seen, recognize who is making change.
- Discussion ensued around list of GPA events that CCAP should attend.

ACTION: CCWG to email Jeff with listing of community events between now and August 2015

c) CCWGs Role on Community Collaborative

CCWG needs to identify the Chair/Facilitator of the lead person for each Community Sector theme area. This person will be point of contact for the community theme. CCWG will help to create the timelines, focus, and populate the “task forces”, as they will now be called, rather than “community collaborative”.

d) Community Sector Task Force

CCWG worked through each of the Community Sector themes, recommending a Facilitator and suggesting local agencies or individuals. In the sake of time, Jeff suggested sending out a working list of Community Sector Task Force suggestion to date, for the CCWG to continue to populate.

ACTION: Jeff to circulate a working list of Community Sector Task Force members by theme area so that the CCWG may continue to populate the list.

7. Other Business

a) 2nd Town Hall Meeting on the impacts of Climate Change on Agriculture

Trent University, the Ontario Climate Consortium, and local agencies are hosting the 2nd Town Hall Meeting on the impacts of Climate Change on Agriculture on Monday, March 30, 2015 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Market Hall.

b) Storm Water Management Quality Master

The City of Peterborough’s Storm Water Management Quality Master Plan has come out in draft form. The recommendations include that the City is only planning to a 1 in 100-year storm. CCWG suggests providing feedback to increase the design standard limits.

c) Portrait of the Community

Next meeting we will need to discuss how to get a portrait of the community in Phase 1 as a pre-project benchmark.

8. Next Meeting: Thursday, April 23, 2015 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Doris Room, City Hall, 500 George Street North, Peterborough

Adjourned at 11:40 a.m.