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Sustainable Peterborough Climate Change Working Group

Friday, January 16, 2015 from 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

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

Present: Al Slavin, Melanie Kawalec, Liana Urquhart, Donna Churipuy, Briana Salmon, Margo Perun, Sheridan Graham, Shawn Telford

Guests: Jeff Garkowski & Liz Nield of LURA

Regrets: Atul Jain, Stephen Hill, Jane Gray, Lynda Langford

1. Welcome & Introductions

Welcomes were held and Liz was introduced to the group.

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

Donna provided an update on Dr. Karen Morrison's work to review climate change adaptation frameworks for the purpose of identifying preferred frameworks to be used by public health to prepare for climatic events such as flooding and extreme precipitation. Donna discussed the progress following the November 24th community meeting, particularly the ...

A second Climate Change Collaborative meeting has been set for Friday, January 23 from 1:30 to 3:30 at the Health Unit to discuss the preferred adaptation framework model – the MEME model, review flooding case examples from Minden and Peterborough, review key themes, showcase the MEME4CC Model, and receive feedback. The project must be complete by mid-March, as per funding requirements.

3. Update on Vulnerability Assessment (VA)- Shawn

Shawn provided an update on the project. She is looking at groupings, and waiting for Provincial framework update. Peel Region and London/Middlesex used the WHO/PAHO framework for their VA. Shawn is looking at current or future VA related to community level health risks associated with climate change. Considering using the MEME4CC that incorporates the feedback loop, incorporates critical actions, indicators & outcomes. This will work better for benchmarking. Planning to have a Master's student work on this project and develop communications this summer.

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

a) Project Update

Jeff presented a project update that outlined the planning process, provided an overview of Corporate and Community structure, as well as a set out the baseline data collection needs. A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes.

The WG agreed that relationship between “Corporate” and “Community” needs to be more clearly defined & presented (e.g. change corporate to Municipal and First Nations Operations).

The WG supported the need to address deeply profound, moral, local issues to make significant change happen. With community actions, they want to strive for a change in the way of living. The Plan needs to be detail oriented, outlining the steps to be taken that we want people to engage in. Story telling is an important tool to lead people to make change happen.

ACTION: Consulting Team to explore opportunities to benchmark community behaviours & awareness.

b) Planning & Engagement Structure

Jeff reviewed the collaborative approach with the Corporate Stakeholder Committee and Community Stakeholder Working Group. The WG discussed the community focus, the planning process and engagement. The public campaign was briefly discussed.

For community participation, the WG discussed having something meaningful for community recognition. They suggested a similar PCP recognition product as an award for active community partners to display.

The WG asked for clarification on how the Corporate and Community sectors overlap and the level of influence available. The suggested changing “Corporate Planning” to “Corporate Policy” to differentiate the planning sectors.

The Community Focus Groups were discussed based on theme areas. Need to build on work which is already happening in the community. LURA is proposing to invite people to these focus group through a comprehensive plenary session, followed by theme area breakout sessions. LURA suggests a day long event with products and review at the end of the day. Suggest 4 events in total:

- First is end of Phase 2: situation and reduction target focus
- Second is midway through Phase 3: action development
- Third is midway through Phase 4: implementation
- Fourth is midway through Phase 5: plan comes together and reporting

Aim is to seek organizational commitment to action and implementation. Will also need to have ongoing monitoring or actions reported annually.

Consider implementation on a watershed level, natural geography level, political level (provincial, national, local, First Nation) vs. purely on a political level.

Once a plan is established, GPA will need to prepare a delegation to Provincial ministries on what we are doing, actions planned, and what is the Province doing to fit in or lead in these areas.

ACTION: Consulting Team/Melanie to explore coming up with both a First Nation PCP milestone award and a Community Climate Change Partnership recognition award.

ACTION: Consulting Team/Melanie to explore opportunity to have a local community awarding ceremony to present PCP Milestone awards.

ACTION: Margo offered to prepare a summary of key points in climate change communication literature review and share with the WG.

Three phases of engagement mechanisms planned: Phase 1: Grounds for Change; Phase 2: Planning for Change; Phase 3: Ready for Change. Branding will be AODA compliant. Branding can be shared with other agencies and pushed out through the community.

Community needs to know where they are at in order to address change – pre- and post baseline of where they are at to track impacts of change. We need to provide measurements that they can identify with. We will focus on leadership that matters and influencers as well as a strong presence of story telling. The survey in Phase 1 will stand as a 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.**

5. Other Business

Trent University in partnership with the Ontario Climate Consortium is in the process of rescheduling their second Town Hall meeting to later on in March 2015.

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