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Sustainable Peterborough Climate Change Working Group

Friday, November 21, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon
Peterborough Health Unit, Committee Room

Present: Stephen Hill, Al Slavin, Melanie Kawalec, Liana Urquhart, Lynda Langford,
Donna Churipuy, Jane Gray, Briana Salmon

Guest: Jeff Garkowski, LURA

Regrets: Atul Jain, Margo Perun, Sheridan Graham

1. Welcome & Introductions

Jeff was welcomed to the meeting and introductions were held.

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

Dr. Karen Morrison of York University has been engaged to coordinate the work. A work plan has been drafted. A community meeting has been scheduled for Monday, November 24 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. [NOTE that this meeting had to be rescheduled to Monday, December 15th from 1:30 to 3:30]

How can the Climate Change Working Group help?

- Use Peterborough flood as 1 scenario
- Local vs. others around the country
- Adaptive capacity of Health Units
- Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to be developing a hazard assessment based on local modelling
- Will need some modelling capacity so Kristie Ebi has been hired to do this work

3. Vulnerability Assessment - Donna

- Shawn Telford is working on an susceptibility assessment to climate change and adaptive capacity from Nov 2014 to April 2015
- Access to data and data sources is challenging, will need some collaboration from Townships and other health care organizations
- Proposing to work on collaborative approach for data sharing, mitigation and adaptation to have the biggest impact for our community
- Looking at existing vulnerability assessments completed by Middlesex/London, Peel Region, Toronto
- Peterborough Health Unit is working with the City of Peterborough on access to data

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

- CCWG noted that there is a strong need to build adaptation into the CCAP
- Jeff noted that ICLEI runs the BARC (Building Adaptive & Resilient Communities) Program, providing a technical and planning framework for municipalities which can be complicated for smaller townships
- CCAP will compare other municipalities as well as research ICLEI’s database for who has done what, successfully
- May want to consider using the project team structured for the Public Health Agency Work as the CCAP People & Health Task Force, which may help to move the PHA work into the CCAP work plan
- Anticipate setting an overarching Community Sector Subcommittee with representation from each theme area and cross representation from residential; institutional, commercial & industrial; transportation; and solid waste:
 - Land Use Planning
 - Transportation
 - Energy
 - Waste
 - Natural Assets & Water
 - Agriculture & Food
 - Economic & Business
 - People & Health
- CCWG questioned the timing for setting reduction targets, as it is hard to set prior to establishing the actions, consider setting a soft target and firm up once actions are agreed to
- Aim to fee into existing agencies for theme and sector coverage
- Fleming College is considering setting up a Climate Change Round Table for Community Sector in August 2015
- Need to simplify the Mitigation and Adaptation language to “Reduction” and “Getting Ready”
- Stressed the need to document all those things that are happening currently in the community, for example, since adoption of Sustainable Peterborough:
 - Green Space Coalition
 - 4RG – For Our Grandchildren & speakers forums
 - Carbon Neutral through GreenUP
 - Transition Town Peterborough
 - Annual Climate Change Rally
 - TRCA – OCC

Action: Melanie to ask ICLEI which sector Peterborough Utilities should fall under – Corporate or Community?

5. Other Business:

- Trent University in partnership with the Ontario Climate Change Consortium out of the Toronto Region Conservation Authority is proposing to host the second Town Hall meeting on February 26, 2015. A second pre-planning meeting will be scheduled in mid December to regroup on this event.
- Stephen encouraged members to take a look at Alces.ca as a good model for land use planning

Action: CCWG to start putting a list of upcoming events and opportunities, especially through local agencies, as ways to engage the community.

Action: CCWG to look at what each Focus Group/Task Force should look like and what area of responsibility or sector will be included under each; consider targets and forecasts with qualitative narrative for the community.

6. Next Meeting: Friday, January 16, 2015 from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m.
Sutherland Room, City Hall, 500 George Street North, Peterborough