

Climate Change Meeting

Date: April 18, 2012

Time: 2:30 – 4:15 p.m.

Place: Meeting Room #3, 10 Hospital Dr.,

Present: Melanie Kawalec, Axel Tscherniak, Liana Urquhart and Donna Churipuy

1.0 Climate Change Adaptation Workshops

- 1.1 Melanie and Donna reported on the Climate Change Workshops hosted by CAP. Melanie also reported on a conference she attended on climate change and infrastructure from an engineering perspective. Risk management becomes a key factor in designing, planning and building infrastructure. Melanie encouraged us to take advantage of opportunities to work with engineers to change their perception and uptake of climate change adaptation.
- 1.2 The City is a member of PCP. Melanie is preparing a report for City Council on energy use before July. Currently there are no indicators of fuel consumption or propane use only electricity and water. Melanie and Liana discussed the Demand-Response program and how certain facilities can earn money dependent on agreements to shed energy demands during peak times. Melanie is considering highlighting high profile (not necessarily high users) buildings e.g. libraries to promote this initiative. More information about the initiative is on the OPA website. Generally it is a program that is used by big industry. The group asked if there are other communications opportunities.
- 1.3 Melanie pointed out that the MNR is a great resource for information on climate change and we could better use those resources to develop/inform local best practices.

2.0 Sustainable Peterborough – Priority Actions

- 2.1 Priority actions need to be led by the City and the County. There are two streams under the PCP – corporate and community. It is clear that the City and municipalities in the County are leaders in the corporate stream. Leadership for the community stream needs to be determined. Energy is very closely linked to Climate Change. The City and County need to set targets. Melanie's report to City council is a great opportunity to bring this to council. It is still possible to make changes to the Official Plan. The group asked whether more could be done at the site planning level. A community action plan is needed. A community coalition is one option. Funds may be available through ICLEI or green municipal funds (FCM).

3.0 Energy

- 3.1 Melanie and Sheridan Graham are setting up a meeting with stakeholders in the MUSH sector to discuss mandatory reporting for the Green Energy Act. Sheridan has been trained on LAS. Douro-Dummer was a pilot community. It is anticipated that this will be the first task of the Sustainable Peterborough – Energy Working Group.

4.0 Next Steps

4.1 Need to develop a local action plan

- 4.1.1 Can we ask another community to share their experience in developing Climate Action Plans
- 4.1.2 Group agreed to look at other community action plans
- 4.1.3 May be able to include health messaging
- 4.1.4 Melanie can forward reports to council for information at any time
- 4.1.5 Need to determine other community partners e.g. Gordon Earle, ORCA and Sheridan Graham, County of Peterborough

5.0 Next Meeting

- 5.1 Group agreed to meet again in one month.

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