

Minutes

**Sustainable Peterborough Coordinating Committee
Sutherland Room - Peterborough City Hall
May 12, 2016 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Present: Cheryl Lyon, Ken Doherty, Brianna Salmon, Melanie Kawalec, Linda Slavin, Meredith Carter, Brigid Ayotte, Anca Pascalau, Sheridan Graham, Katie Allen, Amber Dickinson, Stephen Hill, Larry Stinson

Regrets: Jenny Olauson, Jeannette Thompson, Dawn Berry-Merriam John Knight

Guests: Jane Gray, Gillian Lind

1. Call to order/Opening Remarks

Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 1:35 p.m.

2. Introductions

Roundtable introductions were held

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Sheridan Graham

Seconded by: Linda Slavin

THAT the Agenda for the May 12th meeting be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

5. Approval of previous Minutes (March 30, 2016)

Moved by: Larry Stinson

Seconded by: Brigid Ayotte

THAT the minutes of the March 30, 2015 meeting be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Presentations

2015 Report Card Presentation – Ken Doherty and Anca Pascalau – the presentation can be seen [on our website](#).

Evergreen medium size project – Ken Doherty

In the summer of 2015 Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough approached the City of Peterborough with the proposal that Peterborough participate in the Evergreen project. Evergreen is a pilot project looking at the role of medium size cities in Ontario. A Steering Committee has been formed, with Ken, John Good, Rhonda Keenan and Sandra Dueck among its members. The project is taking place in Peterborough, London, Sudbury and St. Catharines

(although St. Catharines has since withdrawn); the communities can choose what they wish to focus on. Peterborough will bring together two groups of leaders, the first group made up of the Trent and Fleming presidents, Dr. Salvaterra from the Health Unit, among others. The second group will contain representation from a broad spectrum, such as social activists, environmentalists, etc. They will look at what is needed for Peterborough to move forward and will identify priority areas. Peterborough has chosen to focus on green economy and green community. A presentation will go before Council on June 20th with a recommendation that Council embrace the project and proposal.

Regional Centre of Expertise for Lifelong Learning in Sustainability Education – Brianna Salmon and Jane Gray – the presentation can be seen [on our website](#).

Motion that the Sustainable Peterborough Coordinating Committee endorse the proposal to apply for Peterborough to become a Regional Centre of Expertise for Lifelong Learning in Sustainability Education.

Moved by: Sheridan Graham

Seconded by: Cheryl Lyon

THAT the Sustainable Peterborough Coordinating Committee endorses the proposal to apply for Peterborough to become a Regional Centre of Expertise for Lifelong Learning in Sustainability Education.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion that the Sustainable Peterborough Coordinating Committee support the proposed framework in principle but request to be continuously engaged in the process.

Moved by: Larry Stinson

Seconded by: Sheridan Graham

THAT the Sustainable Peterborough Coordinating Committee supports the proposed framework in principle but request to be continuously engaged in the process.

MOTION CARRIED

Sheridan Graham, Stephen Hill and Linda Slavin will represent Sustainable Peterborough in the application process.

Motion to receive presentations

Moved by: Stephen Hill

Seconded by: Linda Slavin

THAT the presentations be received.

MOTION CARRIED

7. Administration

- Staffing Resources for CCAP – Ken Doherty

There is a need for staffing resources to coordinate the implementation phase of the project. The Steering Committee is conducting preliminary discussions with LURA to hire a full time staff person for one to two years. The salary will be potentially covered through Trillium 50% (if accepted by Trillium) and LURA will apply to an employment program for the balance. This will not go through the Sustainable Peterborough operating budget.

- Staff Report – Anca Pascalau - the report can be read [on our website](#).
- 2015 Year End Financial Statement – Anca Pascalau – the [financial statement](#) was distributed to the committee via email prior to the meeting. No discussion.
- 2016 Financial Statement to Date – Anca Pascalau - the [financial statement](#) was distributed to the committee with the pre-meeting package. No discussion.
- Staff Report – Katie Allen - the report can be read [on our website](#).

Motion to receive administrative updates

Moved by: Larry Stinson

Seconded by: Melanie Kawalec

THAT the administrative updates be received.

MOTION CARRIED

8. Working Groups update

Food and Farming

Linda Slavin - The urban agriculture report is still being edited.

Sheridan Graham – the soils classification and mapping project is moving forward.

Ken Doherty – the Agricultural Society Strategic Plan was approved by the board and received by the City, it is redefining the role of food and farming. Ken will provide the strategic plan report to be posted to the website.

Climate Change – Stephen Hill

The federal government is going through a public engagement process for their climate change plan. The comment period is still open, you can submit ideas. There is Co-ordinated Land Use Planning Review Open House, discussions about the Greenbelt, scheduled in Peterborough on June 28th. The Climate Change Working Group is planning to invite the City and County planners to speak on how they are planning to respond – responses are due in September. They should perhaps be invited to present to the SPCC in September as well.

Energy – Melanie Kawalec

PDI and City of Peterborough applied and were successful in receiving grants to install EV chargers, one of 26 awards; approved for 9 EV chargers in 6 locations.

Healthy Kids Community Challenge – Larry Stinson

The May theme is water promotion, healthy hydration. The coordinator, Claire Townshend, is on maternity leave and the new coordination is Deanna Moher.

Sustainable Peterborough Business Initiative – Melanie Kawalec

The group hasn't met, next meeting is scheduled for May 16.

Water – Melanie Kawalec

The group hasn't met since the inaugural meeting. The group is trying to find a focus. They discussed incorporating stronger water themes into the official plans. The Curve Lake drinking water crisis could also be a focus for the group.

9. Informational Items

Stormwater Management Feasibility Study – Melanie Kawalec
City and Peterborough Utilities are looking at creating a user fee and what this fee should consist of.

Maryam Monsef's request to appoint a Sustainable Peterborough representative to the Social, Cultural and Arts Development Committee – Ken Doherty
Larry Stinson volunteered to be the primary representative, and Linda Slavin agreed to act as a back-up representative.

10. Upcoming Events

- Meredith Carter noted that ORCA and SP will share a table at all farmers' markets in the County and the City
- Larry Stinson – the launch of Myrtle's Kitchen is taking place on June 10th at 11:30; the Health Unit is hosting an open house on June 10th from 3-6pm.

11. Roundtable Update

- Cheryl Lyon – Purple Onion Festival is taking place on September 25th and will again feature an EV meet.
- Brigid Ayotte – Millbrook BIA purchased a bike rack for downtown Millbrook; it will be installed as soon as the construction and street enhancements are finished.
- Melanie Kawalec – the City is proposing to approach elementary schools with an art campaign, kids to create a design for each of the new EV parking spaces and paint them.
- Stephen Hill – read the City's response to the Parkway expansion (especially as it relates to section 2.5, sustainability and climate planning) and wrote a reply to contest the erroneous misrepresentation of the section.
- Linda Slavin – another LEAP meeting is taking place tonight
- Brianna Salmon – Ecology Park will open with the plant sale on May 22nd; transportation programming is happening; Brianna is the new GreenUP Executive Director
- Sheridan Graham – The County applied for Trillium funding for the Agricultural building at Lang and to hire a full time interpreter for the season for the First Nations encampment.
- Ken Doherty – The Urban Forestry Policy is being brought back for review at the May 30th Committee of the Whole meeting.
- Amber Dickinson – reviewed the hydro bill to compare 3 months' usage data before and after improvements. January 2015 consumption was 41,000 kwh and cost \$6,000 and January 2016 consumption was 24,000 kwh and cost \$4,000. February 2015 consumption was 46,000 kwh and February 2016 consumption 25,000. March 2015 consumption was 43,000 kwh whereas March 2016 consumption was 25,000 kwh.

Motion to adjourn

Moved by: Stephen Hill