

Minutes

**Sustainable Peterborough Coordinating Committee
210 Wolfe St. Auditorium
September 11, 2018 from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.**

Present: Brianna Salmon, Melanie Kawalec, Anca Pascalau, Sheridan Graham, Meredith Carter, John Desbiens, Trish O'Connor, Kaitlyn Ittermann, Amber Atkinson, Allan Seabrooke, Brigid Ayotte

Regrets: Stephen Hill, Jeannette Thompson, Larry Stinson, Dawn Berry Merriam, Andrea Connell, Katie Allen, Ryan Ellis, Linda Slavin

Guests: Megan Boyles, Joelle Favreau

1. Call to order/Opening Remarks

Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 2:07 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Melanie Kawalec

Seconded by: Brigid Ayotte

THAT the Agenda for the September 11th meeting be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

4. Approval of previous Minutes (May 29th, 2018)

Moved by: Amber Atkinson

Seconded by: Brianna Salmon

THAT the minutes of the May 29th meeting be approved.

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5. Presentations

[SP Partner Organization Profile](#) – Locavorest – Megan Boyles

[SP Partner Organization Profile](#) – Nourish – Joelle Favreau

Moved by: Brianna Salmon

Seconded by: John Desbiens

THAT the presentations be received.

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6. Administration

Staff Report – Anca Pascalau, SP Coordinator

2018 Financial Statement to date – Anca Pascalau

Staff Report – Katie Allen, Partnership Development

Anca noted that Katie's availability has changed as she is pursuing her PhD in Guelph. She will no longer be available to attend meetings Mondays and Tuesdays until May 2019, however she is still working her 1.5 days/week for SP. To accommodate the majority's availability, 2019 meetings will mostly take place Thursdays, 2-4, invitations will be sent shortly.

Staff Report – Kaitlyn Ittermann, CCAP Coordinator

Governance updates – Sheridan Graham

Kaitlyn's contract expires December 31, 2018; the County applied for an FCM grant to continue funding this position, and we will find out whether we receive that at the end of the year. We were unsuccessful in receiving the OTF seed grant for the plan and governance review. A meeting is taking place next week to discuss next steps. Allan Seabrooke noted that he would support SP using reserve funds to hire a consulting firm to assess governance options.

THAT the administrative updates be received.

Moved by: Meredith Carter

Seconded by: Brianna Salmon

MOTION CARRIED

7. Working Groups update

Sustainable Peterborough Business Initiative – Anca Pascalau

The group met in August and commenced planning our participation in the Green Zone at the Love Local Expo. Katie and Kaitlyn will work with Cathy to create a rolling presentation containing success stories and testimonials, and Katie will solicit SP partners to table at the event. The group will meet in January to brainstorm nominations for the 2019 SP Awards.

Maryam Monsef's Social, Cultural, Arts Development Committee – Linda Slavin (via email)

Linda Slavin's electronic update noted:

"Unfortunately, I won't be at the meeting on Tuesday and I regret my absence. Please pass on the following to the committee.

Message 1. There has been no economic or social report although Maryam did have a rural Women's Summit over the summer...info/report on her webpage.

Message 2. I am most impressed with the SP Progress Report Final (and was that Katie's doing mostly?) Congrats to all who keep this work vital and who have achieved so much.

The questions that kept popping up in almost every category asked:

What has changed in the world beyond local that we should review/research/etc.?

What new goals in the light of changes should we add to each category? (...and are there others to move down in the priority list?)

The current concern for the Trent Watershed issue and the Casino influence on Harper Park adds to these questions: What do we do as a committee when authorities appear to ignore the law? Maybe it's the reconciliation work that has grounded me further in our desperate need to view the earth as our

support and our responsibility. We have to make every decision on the economy, social and cultural issues and the environment by looking at the interdependent cross-benefits and expenses in each category. Best of all, there can be positive stories from collaborative work...and how we approach these issues is key.

And recent articles in serious journals indicate that we have only until 2030 to stop carbon emissions if runaway climate change and a 'hot-house earth' is to be avoided. (links at the bottom of the page – please forward to everyone.)

I look forward to working with this able committee to make the changes we can for Peterborough and area communities.

Linda

p.s. For the round table info session: municipal politicians are being given sustainability information to help them form good policies and a survey for the public to learn about their policies that do support sustainability and its urgency. Visit www.v4sp.ca

Recent Research findings:

https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/entry/runaway-climate-change-2030-report_us_5b8ecba3e4b0162f4727a09f
<http://www.pnas.org/content/early/2018/07/31/1810141115>”

In response to Linda's update, Allan Seabrooke noted that the City and Otonabee Conservation are both represented on the SP Coordinating Committee and that both entities do not “ignore the law”, that they both operate within all applicable laws and statutes, such statements are incorrect and insulting to both organizations.

FCM CEDI Project – Melanie Kawalec

Workshop #2 was completed in May. Workshop #3 is scheduled for the end of November. This workshop will focus on building relationships, look at long and short term projects, establish a joint land use planning committee, look at regional tourism.

THAT the Working Groups Updates be received

Moved by: Trish O'Connor

Seconded by: Brigid Ayotte

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8. Upcoming Events

September 16, 11am – Plant Your Family Tree Day – Serpent Mounds Park, Hiawatha First Nation

September 30, 10am-2pm – Celebration of Mother Earth's Bounty of the Season Vendors Market – Gathering Place, Serpent Mounds Park, Hiawatha First Nation

October 4, 4-7pm – Kawartha Land Trust annual Thanks.Giving Guided Walk on Ballyduff Trails and social – South Pond Farms

9. Roundtable Update

- Melanie Kawalec – The City was selected as 1 of 3 Ontario (Caledon and Windsor were the others selected) municipalities to work through the FCM Climate Adaptation Changemaker project. The first workshop is taking place in Newfoundland in November and will focus on climate change adaptation and resilience, Melanie and Meredith are

attending. The Housing and Homelessness Plan is undergoing its 5 year review, climate change and environmental sustainability will be incorporated into the plan.

- Brigid Ayotte – The Township of Cavan Monaghan is hosting a harvest table dinner, with a percentage of the proceeds to go toward the new arena project. The dinner will feature 5 food producers, 3 located in the township. 210 tickets sold.
- Trish O'Connor – Fleming is working with Seneca and University of Waterloo on a home flood protection pilot program. Fleming was named 4th in North America by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. Fleming is again participating in the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup, details to be circulated via email shortly.
- Sheridan Graham – Attended the AMO Conference and AGM in August. The James A. Gifford Causeway reconstruction project discussed, looking at funding. This will be a multi-year project, but will be the largest ever freshwater fish restoration project in Canada.
- Brianna Salmon – GreenUP is running a few smaller Pulse pop-up events, details on their website calendar. Installed many demo gardens as part of the SUN project. GreenUP has partnered with the Peterborough DBIA and the City of Peterborough on the new Depave Paradise project, as part of the Downtown Vibrancy project, led by the DBIA. The Depave site is located at the southern end of Water Street, behind the No Frills parking lot.
- John Desbiens – Matthew Braithwaite has resigned from PKED and that position will not be filled for the time being. PKED is running a series of focus group for the "Communities in Transition" program. John encouraged committee members to attend the Kawartha Land Trust Thanks.Giving event, as the hike and property are spectacular.
- Amber Atkinson – the new farmers' market has been so successful that it established a few additional pop-up markets.
- Meredith Carter – SP and Otonabee Conservation have partnered again this year to co-host community engagement info booths at local farmers' markets. This collaboration has worked very well, with Anca coordinating the details and ORCA interns hosting the booths. She is hoping to continue this partnership in coming years. The markets went well and our info booth was well received, generated lots of interest. Otonabee Conservation is planting 150 trees in Millbrook along the new subdivision trail this weekend. The water response team met last week, we are still at a level 1 low water condition, and is meeting again in October.

Motion to adjourn

Moved by: Trish O'Connor