



To: Sustainable Peterborough Coordinating Committee
From: Kaitlyn Ittermann, SP Climate Change Coordinator
Meeting Date: December 4, 2018
Subject: Climate Change Coordinator's Update

Purpose

A report to update the SP CC on the activities of the Climate Change Coordinator.

Recommendation

That the report be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

No new spending items outside of the approved budget area to be introduced or discussed at this time.

The Peterborough & the Kawarthas Climate Reality Hub

The Hub met for the fifth and sixth time on Monday, September 17 and Wednesday, October 27 to discuss a shift in focus towards the Vote4SP, a group of local community members moving sustainability forward in preparation of the municipal election; regrouping after the election, the Hub discussed coming together quarterly to educate one another on progress and actions taken by local groups throughout the area working on climate change. The group will act as a central information hub to share resources with a focus on promotion and education like the earlier versions of the "Litter Bug" program or "Participation"; also working to bridge the age gap with a variety of partners including local schools and parent groups. Next meeting planned for the middle-to-end of December.

Peterborough-Kawarthas-Northumberland Region Envirothon

The Envirothon Steering Committee met for the first and second time on Thursday, October 11 and Wednesday, October 31 to begin planning for the third annual event. Coordination of the Peterborough-Kawarthas-Northumberland Region Envirothon is ongoing. The event will be held at Fleming College, Sutherland Campus. The workshop day is on Wednesday, April 24, 2019, with the competition day on Friday, May 3, 2019. Next meeting planned for Monday, December 3.

Community Engagement & Outreach

- The Wasted Food Committee, a collaboration between the Peterborough Public Health Unit, City of Peterborough, Peterborough County, GreenUP, and Nourish, held their community event on Thursday, September 27, and have regrouped to determine the

feasibility of piloting a hands-on project in three selected site areas with a goal to reduce food waste and increase use of backyard/community garden composting;

- The 2017 Sustainable Peterborough Report Card presentation to Peterborough & the Kawartha Economic Development Board on Thursday, October 25 was a success and concluded the Report Card presentations for the year;
- Continuing to collect municipal and community data for 2016 as the CCAP re-inventory;
- Maintaining active online presence on social media platforms; and
- Accumulating and identifying a list of community and corporate 2018 actions & projects.

Planet Protector Academy (PPA)

- Zero Heroes 10 classrooms registered as of Wednesday, November 7;
- Keep Cool 11 classrooms registered as of Wednesday, November 7;
- Promotional email blasts were made on October 10, 11 and 12 to all elementary school teachers in the City and County, approximately 331 elementary teachers (Grades 2-6) in both public and catholic school boards have been emailed;
- Promotional email blasts were made again on Thursday, November 8 and Tuesday, November 13, with promotional posts also being shared on all social media platforms; and
- Have a scheduled meeting with the PVNCCDSB Board of Principals giving a presentation during their Family of Schools meeting on Wednesday, November 21 to promote both programs as well as Ontario EcoSchools.

Funding Opportunities

1. FCM Climate Change Staff Grant – application to fund SP Climate Change Coordinator unsuccessful.

Workshops & Webinars

- Participated in the second Green Procurement Webinar hosted by the Clean Air Partnership on Wednesday, September 19;
- Participated in the Designing Climate Solutions for Post-Carbon Cities Webinar on Tuesday, September 25;
- Attended and staffed the Love Local Tradeshow at the Evinrude Centre on Wednesday, October 3;
- Organized the Climate Adaptation meeting to discuss the Peterborough Public Health Unit's Climate Adaptation Plan on Wednesday, October 24;
- Attended Dr. Dianne Saxe, Ontario's Environmental Commissioner, event where she spoke on Ontario's Protected Land Shortfall on Thursday, November 15;
- Attended the second Hiawatha First Nation Community Energy Plan event hosted by S. Burnett & Associates on Monday, November 19;
- Attended the How Climate Change Will Affect Your Insurance Rate hosted by For Our Grandchildren on Tuesday, November 27; and
- Organized the Community Climate Change Working Group meeting to discuss best-practices and next steps moving forward.

Submitted by,

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