

## **Melanie's input to the SP CC May 13, 2019 Meeting**

### **CCAP Update:**

- Community pressure to declare a Climate Emergency at the City, similar to the City of Kingston, Hamilton, Vancouver. Resistance relates to what the declaration actually does. Having adopted a CCAP in Dec 2016 and passed a council resolution in January 2019 to embed sustainability and CC into daily operations, insert a climate lens on Council reports.
- City is working to identify all cc related projects through the 2020 budget, highlighting climate adaptation and mitigation projects. This is a response to the January council resolution.
- Green Economy Canada received NRCAN funding and has awarded it to Peterborough as the next cohort, working towards a Green Economy Hub for Peterborough. Brianna of GreenUP, Cathy of PDI, Suzanne of PKED and I have completed M1; working towards M2 & M3 by August 2019. James will provide key resources over the summer. Funding is for M1 to M6, of the 8 milestone process.
- The City is also launching their Peterborough Environmental Advisory Committee (PEAC). Terms of Reference goes to City Council this evening, followed by a posting for 8 vacant community positions which are scheduled to be filled in June. Appointment preference shall be given to members with experience in, or knowledge of; the environment, sustainability and resiliency, water and wastewater, ecology, biology, natural resources, geography and landscape design, indigenous perspectives and youth.

PEAC will launch in September. Their mandate is to:

- consider environmental matters related to larger projects and initiatives
  - assist in formulating and recommending environmental policies, plans and practices
  - encourage activities in environmental matters
  - support initiatives in the area of sustainability and Climate Change.
- Mayor Therrien and Dr. Salvaterra hosted a Leaders Luncheon on May 9<sup>th</sup> where Dr. Diane Saxe, previous provincial Environmental Commissioner, spoke about the impacts and severity of climate change. Thanks to Linda Slavin for thinking of the event and pulling it together. Close to 60 people attended.
  - The City is hosting their 3<sup>rd</sup> Changemakers workshop on Climate Adaptation, Risk and Vulnerability on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Plans are to have a draft report prepared by December 2019 for City Council's consider in the spring.
  - Ian Boland is the City's Climate Adaptation Stormwater Project Manager. This position is funded through the FCM CC staff grant. He is launching the Watershed Plan in June with formation of a technical committee, stakeholder committee and project committee.

- Selwyn Twp hired Anna Currier as their CC Coordinator, through the FCM CC staff grant.
- And lastly, I would like to introduce James Byrne, a Master's in CC student from the University of Waterloo, as Sustainable Peterborough's newest staff member. He will serve as SP's Climate Change Coordinator until August 30, 2019. This is James' second week on the job.

### **FCM CEDI Update**

- Transitioned into a Steering Committee format with four Working Groups, namely:
  - Education & Communication
  - Regional Economic Development Collective
  - Planning & Consultation
  - Indigenous Tourism
- Through the Education & Communication Working Group:
  - Mayor Joe Taylor of OSM, Councillor Jeff Loucks of HFN, and myself representing SP, drafted a Friendship Accord CEDI Partner that outlines our relationship, our partners, how to interact and engage for common projects.
  - I prepared a staff report; Rhonda drafted FAQs. This staff report and Friendship Accord was presented and approved in draft by OSM, HFN, Selwyn, County and PKED. Just awaiting word from CLFN.
  - A ceremonial signing of the Friendship Accord, witnessed by youth, is being planned for October 20<sup>th</sup> at Lang Pioneer Village. The WG is formalizing the plans for the event.
  - To honour the signing, a wampum belt has been commissioned. As well, the Friendship Accord will be designed and presented in a circular fashion.
  - CIRNAC (Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada) have taken an interest in our CEDI project. A subcommittee will be working that CANDO, FCM and CIRNAC to put together a 4-minute video of interviews with our key players and clips of our local community to tell our story, culminating in the signing of our Friendship Accord. Hope to air some of our interviews and clips during our Signing Ceremony.
- Regional Economic Development WG is proposing to host a workshop in the fall.
- Planning & Consultation WG has commissioned a GIS mapping project of archeological lands to help guide development; Jeannette is developing a first decision tree for municipal development applications.
  - Iain Mudd, Manager of Planning at the County and Dr. Julie Kapyrka, Land & Resource Consultation Officer for CLFN will be presenting on the CEDI project with a focus on Planning & Development progress at the May FCM 2019 Annual Conference in Quebec City.