

Local Government Climate Change Working Group

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 9th 2019

Time: 2-3:30

Location: 210 Wolfe St. Auditorium

Attendees:

Chair: James Byrne

Sheridan Graham

Anna Currier

Shari Paykarimah

Brigid Ayotte

Krista Coppaway

Amy Brickmore

1. Recap from last meeting:

PCP Reporting: James has been working with each Township and First Nation (FN) to collect data to report to the Partners for Climate Protection on progress implementing their Climate Change Action Plans. He is drafting reports on both Corporate and Community GHG emissions data and progress on actions to-date. These reports will help to determine what has changed and how far we've come.

Corn and GHG emission reductions: Sheridan mentioned that corn fields act as carbon sequesters, curbing GHG emissions. Information on acreage of corn in Peterborough is available through the Peterborough Federation of Agriculture. This is based on the notion of "no-till" farming.

2. Roundtable CCAP Progress Updates:

-Some Townships and FNs have taken advantage of IESO's "Save On Energy" energy retrofit incentive programs: <https://saveonenergy.ca/>

-The County will be rolling out a comprehensive recycling information campaign with the contracting of the new collector, Emterra. Emterra has a stronger focus on proper sorting and recycling 97% of the recycling they manage: <https://www.emterra.ca/>

3. Update on CCAP Report Progress

-James used the Asphodel Norwood report (which is nearly done) as the example.

Report Structure

Section 1: Introduction

Section 2: Overview of PCP process, connecting back to what has been done within each plan

Section 3: Milestone 4, Implementation- actions taken since 2013 to reduce GHG emissions.

Section 4: Milestone 5, Monitoring progress and reporting results

-Please note: We will notice a significant reduction in GHG emissions due to the closing of coal-fired plants around 2013-2014.

-GHG data is reported on for each sector and source

-Future corporate actions: what are we going to do in the next 12 years? Identified as completed or ongoing.

-Decisions making process and Works Cited at the end

Progress on remaining reports...

Trent Lakes: similar stage- waiting on ICLEI

North Kawartha: waiting on a comment

Douro Dummer: waiting on corporate fleet information

HBM: all info received just transferring over

Cavan- Has received permission to go into PCP tool

Curve & Hiawatha: report will be a bit different because goals are unique

Community Data

-Reports are almost the exact same as corporate, but sectors and sources differ slightly. Community data is mid-accuracy because it's challenging to track down definitive numbers.

Community Actions

ICLEI wants to know about community actions, i.e. "participation among the community and decision-making power in reducing GHG emissions". However, it is a consistent challenge to know the kinds of sustainable initiatives that are happening across the community. I.e. community groups, business, residents integrating sustainability into their lives. ORCA has been contacted for information on community initiatives happening in the Townships and First Nations, i.e. Tree planting days, conservation efforts, etc.

Reporting to Councils

Sheridan raised the point of whether each Township and FN should present these reports to their council or to have Sustainable Peterborough do so on their behalf as delegations. This will be discussed on a case by case basis.

4. Potential County-Wide Climate Change Coordinator: Sheridan brought forward the idea of posting a Clean Tech Internship to hire a County-wide Climate Change Coordinator. All attendees were supportive. The position would be minimum one-year, full-time and the candidate must be a recent grad.

Sheridan has drafted a job description and Anna will pass on some other examples from her FCM network.

5. Other Business

-EV Charging : stay tuned for more information on the potential Ontario Power Generation Ev charging infrastructure network

-County Official Plan TAC: Anna sits on the TAC advocating for the inclusion of climate-related policies. If you're interested in knowing what's being considered or suggesting your own, contact Anna.

-Climate Action Incentive Fund MUSH stream through Environment and Climate Change Canada is releasing program information at the end of 2019-beginning of 2020. Stay tuned:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/climate-change/carbon-pollution-pricing-proceeds-programming/climate-action-incentive-fund/municipalities-universities-schools-hospitals.html>

-Waste Reduction Week is Oct. 21-27: Proclaim it on behalf of your Township of FN here:

<https://wrwcanada.com/en/node/add/proclamation?destination=/proclamation>

-Municipal Natural Asset Initiative is an organization that helps to identify and protect natural assets which serve a purpose that engineered infrastructure also serves, i.e. a wetland for water filtration and flood management. To learn more, visit: <https://mnai.ca/>

-Peterborough and Kawarthas Climate Hub: For Our Grandchildren initiated the hub and Anna will help to manage it. As you become aware of climate/environmental-related organizations in your communities, please share them with Anna!