

## Minutes

**Sustainable Peterborough Coordinating Committee  
210 Wolfe St. Auditorium  
May 13, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Sheridan Graham, Brianna Salmon, Melanie Kawalec, Anca Pascalau, Meredith Carter, Amber Atkinson, Sandra Clancy, Stephen Hill, Larry Stinson, Dawn Berry Merriam, Linda Slavin, Trish O'Connor, John Desbiens, Brigid Ayotte, James Byrne

**Regrets:** Jeannette Thompson, Andrea Connell, John Tourangeau

**Guests:** Danielle Rocheleau, Rachel Pott

### 1. Call to order/Opening Remarks

Meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chair at 12:05 p.m.

### 2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Stephen Hill

Seconded by: Larry Stinson

**THAT the Agenda for the May 13th meeting be approved.**

MOTION CARRIED

### 3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

### 4. Approval of previous Minutes (February 5, 2019)

Moved by: Amber Atkinson

Seconded by: Stephen Hill

**THAT the updated minutes of the February 5th meeting be approved.**

MOTION CARRIED

### 5. Presentation

[Sustainable Peterborough Governance Review Final Project Presentation](#) – Danielle Rocheleau, Laridae Group

The options presented by Laridae Group, as well as potential next steps, were discussed. In order for the governance piece to be decided upon, we need to perform a Plan refresh/Strategic Plan exercise. The SP CC felt that SP needs to coordinate with local area organizations, especially environmental ones, core partners to be brought to the table to discuss options, core funding, etc. If we decide to become a non-profit, SP would lose some municipal funding, but would have to significantly increase its core funding to pay for an Executive Director and Coordinator, potentially additional staff, overhead, etc. We would also lose our affiliation with

municipal government, and having been an advisory committee/arm's length government organization has proven beneficial in the past and has given us additional credibility.

The possibility of incorporating SP into the new Green Economy Hub was discussed, as GEH does come with NR Can funding, and Sustainable Kingston has done this. Concerns were raised that the GEH framework doesn't fully align with SP's, as GEH looks into incorporating sustainability and climate change into every business. Its focus is on supporting larger businesses, not as much smaller ones, and specifically focuses on CO2 tracking but doesn't touch much on all other aspects of SP such as food, healthy communities, water, etc. Dawn expressed that many themes would not fit under GEH and she worries about losing some important components, such as the food, social and cultural pieces. While affiliation with the municipal government is important, we also cannot lose the grassroots and community focus, that is what made the current arrangement under PKED so beneficial. John indicated that PKED would likely be open to continuing the present governance model/arrangement, with a more structured reporting process and better defined terms. Sheridan indicated that we do not have sufficient funds in our reserve to pay for a consultant to facilitate the strat plan, but that Larry and Dawn suggested that since we are most knowledgeable about the SP Plan we could perhaps drive it ourselves. Melanie expressed that we should establish a Strat Plan Subcommittee, but Sheridan indicated that we should hold off for now until Laridae presents to the PKED Board, following that the next step will be to meet with PKED, City and County, then a larger meeting with core and potential partners, and take it from there.

## 6. Administration

[Staff Report](#) – Anca Pascalau

[2019 Revised Budget and financial statement to date](#) – Anca Pascalau

Moved by: Larry Stinson

Seconded by: Amber Atkinson

**THAT the 2019 revised budget be approved**

MOTION CARRIED

[Climate Change Action Plan, Working Group and FCM CEDI Project updates](#) – Melanie Kawalec

**THAT the administrative updates be received.**

Moved by: Brianna Salmon

Seconded by: Brigid Ayotte

MOTION CARRIED

## 7. Working Groups update

Future of Food and Farming – Dawn Berry Merriam

The group met 2 weeks ago, with the next meeting scheduled for the end of June. The report from the Trent Research Project was received, starting to look at deficits and gaps and what areas to focus on initially.

Maryam Monsef's Committees – Larry Stinson and Linda Slavin

The committees haven't met in years and there has been no update. Larry requested that this item line be taken off the agenda going forward.

## **THAT the Working Groups Updates be received**

Moved by: Trish O'Connor

Seconded by: Brigid Ayotte

MOTION CARRIED

### **8. Upcoming Events** – add Peterborough Pulse, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 10-3

### **9. Roundtable Update**

- Trish O'Connor – the 3<sup>rd</sup> Envirothon was successful, 7 teams competed, Kenner won. The Home flood Protection Program was launched at Fleming, accessible online across Canada. Fleming launched programs with low carbon economy fund, such as the geothermal program and the post grad certificate in leadership in sustainable practices.
- Brianna Salmon – spring programs are underway. Depave and SUN projects are underway. Jane's Walk was successful. Ecology Park is now open for the season, received funding to improve infrastructure.
- John Desbiens – PKED is in the process of creating the new strategic plan. The "Communities in transition" document is complete.
- Dawn Berry Merriam - Trent Centre for Aging & Society is holding a conference at the end of May.
- Stephen Hill – Clean Tech Commons had a meeting last week. Trent is hiring tier 2 research chairs in the departments of Cultural Studies and School of the Environment.
- Meredith Carter – it's tree planting season, 4,100 trees planted thus far, about 35,000 to go. Finishing the turtle crossing signs in Curve Lake. June 6<sup>th</sup> is ORCA's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, July 9<sup>th</sup> all day free admission to Warsaw Caves.
- Sheridan Graham – finalized the Aabnaabin video, final version is 8 minutes, we will view it at a future SP CC meeting.

### **Motion to adjourn**

Moved by: Brigid Ayotte