

Minutes

**Sustainable Peterborough Coordinating Committee
210 Wolfe St. Auditorium
December 5, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.**

Present: Brianna Salmon, Michael Papadacos, Anca Pascalau, Meredith Carter, Larry Stinson, Dawn Berry Merriam, Trish O'Connor, James Byrne, John Desbiens, Linda Slavin

Regrets: Andrea Connell, John Tourangeau, Amber Atkinson, Brigid Ayotte, Sheridan Graham, Jeannette Thompson, Stephen Hill

Guests: Jocelyn Corradetti, Monique Beneteau

1. Call to order/Opening Remarks

Meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chair at 2:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: John Desbiens

Seconded by: Brianna Salmon

THAT the Agenda for the December 5th meeting be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Roundtable Introductions

Roundtable Introductions were held.

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

5. Approval of previous Minutes (Oct. 21, 2019)

Moved by: Larry Stinson

Seconded by: Trish O'Connor

THAT the minutes of the October 21st meeting be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

6. Presentation

[Climate Change and Health: An Introduction to Peterborough Public Health's \(PPH\) Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Plan](#) – Jocelyn Corradetti and Monique Beneteau, Peterborough Public Health

Moved by: Brianna Salmon

Seconded by: Meredith Carter

THAT the presentation be received.

MOTION CARRIED

7. Administration

- [Staff Report](#) – Anca Pascalau
- [Staff Report](#) – James Byrne

As James's contract is ending at the end of December, Meredith presented him with a thank you card and gift on behalf of the Sustainable Peterborough Coordinating Committee.

- SP Plan Update Subcommittee – Meredith Carter

The subcommittee was formed and consists of Sheridan Graham, Meredith Carter, Larry Stinson, Trish O'Connor, Stephen Hill, Dawn Berry Merriam, Brianna Salmon, and Anca Pascalau who will be coordinating activities, scheduling, etc. We met on November 29th. There was a collective lack of clarity on what the role of the subcommittee is. Some thought it was to define a process for the plan update, while others thought it was to lead the plan update, but once it was clarified that the group was intended to develop the process, lead the plan update, and actually do the plan update, it became clear that this is a huge job, and is both a plan update and strategic plan to guide SP moving forward. We also concluded that we would lack capacity to perform this large body of work without assistance. When Larry explained that Peterborough Public Health had used a consultant, Social Impact Advisors, to facilitate their strategic planning process, there was a very positive response to the concept of having some guidance to move through this process. Because of the importance of the SP Plan to the mandate of public health, PPH has agreed to share 50% of the cost of the consultant, if approved by the SP Coordinating Committee. John noted that we need to ensure that Rhonda Keenan is aware of the proposal to engage Social Impact Advisors and that she approves of this direction.

Moved by: John Desbiens

Seconded by: Trish O'Connor

THAT, pending approval from Rhonda Keenan, Peterborough & the Kawarthas President & CEO, the Sustainable Peterborough Coordinating Committee approves hiring Social Impact Advisors to facilitate the SP Plan Update process at the cost of \$9,000, to be funded from the SP reserve, through the 2019 budget.

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This discussion prompted a discussion on the status of the MOU between SP and PKED, Anca noted that a MOU draft is being finalized and will be sent to Rhonda shortly. The [SP PKED Service Agreement](#), on which the MOU is based, was presented at our last meeting, and approved by the SP CC and PKED.

Michael Papadacos expressed interest in joining the SP Plan Update Subcommittee. Meredith indicated he would be welcome and to email Sheridan an expression of interest.

Anca noted that the SP Plan Update subcommittee discussed and recommends that the 2019 Report Card and Event and Awards be postponed until after the Plan Update is completed, likely spring of 2021.

Moved by: Meredith Carter

Seconded by: Trish O'Connor

THAT the Report Card and Event be postponed in 2020 until after the SP Plan Update is completed.

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- [2019 financial statement to date](#) – Anca Pascalau

Moved by: Linda Slavin

Seconded by: Larry Stinson

THAT the Administration Updates be received

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7. Working Groups update

- [Future of Food and Farming – Dawn Berry Merriam](#)

The group provided a letter of comment on the City of Peterborough Official Plan. They are also in the process of planning the 5th Summit for spring 2020. The Summit will contain extensive consultation sessions with the farming community, ag sector, and food advocacy groups. The group has prepared a response to the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan's proposed Farm Diversification Plan. Dawn indicated that drafts of the two letters were provided to Sheridan for approval.

Moved by: Michael Papadacos

Seconded by: Brianna Salmon

THAT the Working Groups Updates be received

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8. Roundtable Update

- Trish O'Connor – Fleming College has earned a STARS Gold rating in recognition of its sustainability achievements from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE).
- Brianna Salmon – Brianna and James attended a Green Economy Hub funding workshop in Toronto, as GreenUP may consider hosting. A follow-up meeting will be finalized by the end of the year. GreenUP co-hosted with Endeavour Centre and the Builders for Climate

Action the “Buildings as a Climate Change Solution” event. Volunteers from the community participated on Oct. 18 in the Downtown Vibrancy Project and GreenUp's Depave Paradise Boulevard project in front of the GreenUp and Artspace building on Aylmer Street. The community volunteers included high school students from the Youth Leadership in Sustainability program and employees from SGS Lakefield.

- Michael Papadacos – The City's Climate Change Adaptation Plan is in its final stages before completion. They are in the process of finalizing the draft stakeholder buy-in from the workshops. Also in the process of finalizing the TRCA Transition 2050 agreements.
- John Desbiens – Asaf Zohar ran a consultation session that reviewed the PKED Strategic Plan with the student community and other community members. Some of the issues identified had to do with weak transportation systems (public transit, a rideshare program), and housing shortage, lack of housing, especially affordable housing.

Motion to adjourn

Moved by: Brianna Salmon