

Minutes

**Sustainable Peterborough Coordinating Committee
Zoom Meeting
February 10, 2021 from 2:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.**

Present: Meredith Carter, Larry Stinson, Dawn Berry Merriam, Trish O'Connor, Linda Slavin, Stephen Hill, Brigid Ayotte, Sheridan Graham, Karen Jopling, Brianna Salmon, Anca Pascalau

Regrets: Andrea Connell, John Tourangeau, Jeannette Thompson, Michael Papadacos, Asaf Zohar

Guests: Anna Currier, James Byrne, Ryan Goldie

1. Call to order/Opening Remarks

Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 2:35 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Stephen Hill

Seconded by: Linda Slavin

THAT the Agenda for the February 10th meeting be approved.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Roundtable Introductions

Roundtable Introductions were held. Sheridan welcomed Karen Jopling, Manager, Corporate Projects & Services for the County of Peterborough, to the SP Coordinating Committee.

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

None declared.

5. Approval of previous Minutes (February 10, 2020)

Moved by: Trish O'Connor

Seconded by: Brianna Salmon

THAT the minutes of the February 10th, 2020, meeting be approved.

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6. Presentation

[GreenUP/KWIC Sustainable Development Goals project update](#) - Brianna Salmon

Moved by: Stephen Hill

Seconded by: Brigid Ayotte

THAT the presentation be received.

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7. Administration

- [Staff Report](#) – Anca Pascalau
- [Chair Report, SP Plan Update](#) - Sheridan Graham

Sheridan noted that once the new Strategic Plan is drafted it will be presented to the SP CC for feedback and approval, and once finalized, presented to the PKED BOD, as well as City and County Councils for approval. Sheridan thanked the SP Plan Update Subcommittee, Meredith, and Anca, for all the work on the SP Plan Update project thus far.

- [2020 unreconciled financial statement](#) – Anca Pascalau

Anca distributed the financial statement via email with the pre-meeting package. 2020 expenditures were under-budget by approximately \$12,900 (exact figure will be communicated once all year end expenses are posted and the account reconciled) due to Covid as well as our regular projects having been halted due to the Plan Update work. The funds will be added to the SP unspent funds account, and will be used in 2021 and 2022 to fund upcoming Plan Update work (strategic plan and new SP plan design, new website, consultant fees, etc.)

Moved by: Stephen Hill

Seconded by: Larry Stinson

THAT the 2020 unreconciled financial statement be approved and that the Sustainable Peterborough Coordinating Committee approve the re-allocation of approximately \$13,000 from the 2020 year to the unspent funds account (also referred to as the reserve fund).

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- [2021 Draft Budget](#)

Anca and Sheridan noted that this is a draft budget that will incur some changes during the year, as we go through the Plan Update process and determine our needs with respect to hiring SDG specific expertise, strategic plan and new SP Plan design/print, new website, etc. These potential upcoming expenses will be noted in the "Actual Committed" column and will be brought forth to the SP CC for approval. Trish recommended that we reach out to Fleming to inquire about the 2021 Fleming Sustainability Award that we sponsor annually to ensure that it will still be issued this year, Anca to follow up.

Moved by: Linda Slavin

Seconded by: Brigid Ayotte

THAT the 2021 draft budget be approved

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THAT the Administration updates be received

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8. Upcoming Events

-Leaving No One Behind: Advancing the SDGs in Nogojiwanong/Peterborough February 24, 2021,
10:00am - 12:30pm
February 24, 2021, 7:00pm - 8:30pm
February 25, 2021, 10:00am - 12:30pm

9. Roundtable Update

- Stephen Hill – Dr. Anne Pasek, Trent University Research Chair in Media, Culture and the Environment, is working on the cultural politics of climate change, focusing in particular on how carbon becomes mediated in different institutional and social contexts.
- Linda Slavin – For Our Grandchildren has started making outreach attempts to the County and townships (Cavan Monaghan so far, the rest to follow); they are very supportive of the climate change initiative that the County and GreenUP have started.
- Sheridan Graham – the County entered into a pilot partnership agreement with Peterborough GreenUP to support achieving targets as part of a collaborative of climate change action plans in the county, townships, Hiawatha and Curve Lake First Nations.
- Brianna Salmon – GreenUP is working on establishing the Climate Action Committee in partnership with the County. GreenUP is also working towards increasing energy efficiencies in the City and the County, they are releasing videos on how homeowners can become carbon neutral in the City and the County.
- Larry Stinson – the majority of PPH staff has been redeployed to Covid work but they are still trying to maintain business continuity by offering some programs delivered by a small core group of staff. They expect to be mainly Covid focused until at least September.
- Brigid Ayotte – There is interest in the community and Council to revisit the township's Climate Change Action Plan. The township is in the process of establishing a community-based committee to look at initiatives defined in their CCAP and to promote climate change initiatives. Final budget read is going before council end of February.
- Anna Currier – Looking forward to the County Climate Action Committee. The Link rural bus service launches May 3, 2021. It is a 3-year pilot project funded through the Province of Ontario and partners include Selwyn Township, Curve Lake First Nation, Community Care and the City of Peterborough. Covid protocols are aligned with what Peterborough Transit has in place.
- James Byrne – The City is pursuing the home energy efficiency program offered through FCM. The submission was made in January, they are hoping to hear back in the spring.
- Trish O'Connor – Working with two masters in sustainability programs students on SDG projects, specifically the viability of VLRs.
- Dawn Berry Merriam – Peterborough Immigration Partnership and the New Canadians Centre are commencing their strategic planning processes; community consultations will be held. The Trent Centre on Aging and the Age Friendly Plan are developing a report on the impact of social isolation on seniors, available in March. The Future of Food and Farming Working Group's strategic planning process will be wrapped up next month.
- Meredith Carter – the tree seedlings sale is open online, with delivery taking place April or May, depending on weather.

Motion to adjourn

Moved by: Meredith Carter