



MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST HANTS
Municipal Climate Change Action Plan Committee (MCCAP)
June 1, 2016, 9:00 a.m.
Sanford Council Chambers

PRESENT: Councillor Greg Miller, Chair
Councillor Randy Matheson
Jeanne Bourque, Planner
Karen Dempsey, Director of Planning
Rick Sherrard, Director of Public Works
Kathy Kehoe, Director of Recreation
Martin Laycock, Director of Finance
Don Dignan, REMO Coordinator

STAFF: Velma Macumber, Admin. Assistant

REGRETS: Councillor Tom Brown
Cathie Osborne, CAO

Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA & ADDITIONS

The following item was added under New Business:

- Town of Windsor Planner Request

Moved and Seconded that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2016

Moved and Seconded that the minutes of the Municipal Climate Change Action Plan Committee of April 6, 2016 be approved noting errors or omissions.

Motion carried.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Update – Draft MCCAP Work Plan

Ms. Bourque advised that she did not have an opportunity to prepare a draft MCCAP Work Plan that included Hantsport for this meeting, but she would have something for the next MCCAP meeting.

Update – Falmouth Storm Water Management Plan

Ms. Bourque advised that she would like to have some discussion with respect to the Falmouth Storm Water Management Plan presented by CBCL to the Committee of the Whole on May 23, 2016. It was referred to the MCCAP Committee to review the recommendations from that plan. Ms. Bourque asked Mr. Sherrard for his interpretation of those recommendations.

Mr. Sherrard advised that it was referred to the MCCAP Committee to review the plan and make recommendations to Council. He believed that the Storm Water Management Plan recommended addressing low impact development in the planning documents, and suggested things for instance such as adding grass swales, infiltration trenches, permeable pavement, etc. Mr. Sherrard stated these items will help alleviate some flooding, but it will not prevent it from occurring. Upsizing of culverts can be done when DOT does regular repair and maintenance, and we can develop a policy for low impact development as part of the plan review process.

Discussion was held about how to proceed with the Falmouth Storm Water Management Plan recommendations. Discussion was also held about creating best management practices and/or policy, as well as tools to assist with it.

Moved and Seconded that the Falmouth Storm Water Management Plan be received.

Motion carried.

The Committee agreed to review the plan recommendations for the next meeting and that staff will meet and discuss next steps with respect to low impact development, and ways to achieve it.

The Committee recognized that Falmouth residents have made a significant investment in the infrastructure and newcomers may need to share the burden on a go forward basis.

Update – Amendments to Terms of Reference

Ms. Bourque circulated a revised draft Terms of Reference to the Committee.

Discussion was held with respect to incorporating the Hantsport Municipal Climate Change Action Plan into the West Hants Municipal Climate Change Action Plan. The Committee was advised that Graham Fisher of Municipal Affairs was contacted about this, and he felt it was unnecessary to merge the two plans as Hantsport is part of West Hants already and that their MCCAP is part of the overall municipality. Mr. Fisher suggested reviewing the two documents for conflicts and staff found no conflicts.

It was suggested that the Terms of Reference only refer to the West Hants MCCAP.

Update – Avondale Wharf and Museum

Ms. Bourque advised that staff was looking at the Avondale Wharf and Museum as a long term pilot project. She stated that she had sent a letter to Dr. Danika Van Proosdij with respect to any suggestions for practical ideas for short term and long term goals. Ms. Bourque advised that she has not received a response yet as the letter was just recently sent out.

Mrs. Kehoe advised that the Avondale Community had a public meeting and they are working with an engineer about pricing options. The community is looking at this as a short term project and would like something done as soon as possible. The group is gathering information and will be forwarding it to the CAO in order to have it presented to Council.

Ms. Bourque commented that when thinking about spending public monies, they have to think about what the best option is for the long term.

Ms. Bourque noted that there are monies allocated in the budget for MCCAP, and asked if approval is required by Council before spending any money. Mr. Sherrard advised that if the budget item for MCCAP was approved by Council, then it would be permitted, however there are tendering guidelines and Council would have to approve the spending depending on what the threshold amount is. Mr. Sherrard suggested that Council has to decide whether this project would be a MCCAP item and discuss where they want to proceed with it.

Ms. Bourque advised that it would be a pilot project and any actions would have to go to Council for them to decide.

Mrs. Kehoe advised that the community public meeting, three project options were suggested, either to rebuild the wharf or that the Municipality turn it over to the community, or the community lease it. The community has to make a decision and contact the CAO with what they decide.

Ms. Bourque suggested that perhaps they could bring the community in on the pilot project. Mr. Sherrard suggested that the Committee review the MCCAP policies.

NEW BUSINESS

Town of Windsor Planner Request

The Committee was asked if they would consider including the planner for the Town of Windsor as either a participant or guest at the West Hants MCCAP meetings. The Committee agreed that the Town of Windsor planner be an invited guest at the meetings.

MISCELLANEOUS

No miscellaneous business to be heard.

NEXT MEETING

The next MCCAP Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved that the meeting adjourn.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Chair