



MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST HANTS

Municipal Climate Change Action Plan (MCCAP) Committee

January 27, 2016 9:02 a.m.

Sanford Council Chambers

PRESENT: Councillor Randy Matheson
Councillor Greg Miller
Councillor Tom Brown (9:20 a.m.)
Jeanne Bourque, Planner
Karen Dempsey, Director of Planning
Rick Sherrard, Director of Public Works
Kathy Kehoe, Director of Recreation
Cathie Osborne, CAO

STAFF: Don Dignan, REMO Coordinator
Martin Laycock, Director of Finance
Velma Macumber, Admin. Assistant

GUESTS: Alexander Wilson, CBCL Limited

Ms. Dempsey called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. She asked that Committee members introduce themselves for the benefit of the new members sitting on the Committee.

Ms. Dempsey advised that the West Hants MCCAP was adopted by Council in December 2013. The MCCAP was an amendment to the ICSP which the Municipality was required to submit to the Province in March 2010 as per the Municipal Funding Agreement to access gas tax funds.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Ms. Dempsey called for nominations for Chair.

Councillor Matheson nominated Councillor Miller as Chair.

Ms. Dempsey called for further nominations, hearing none, declared Councillor Miller as Chair.

Chair Miller accepted the position, and asked for nominations for Vice Chair.

Councillor Matheson nominated Ms. Dempsey for Vice Chair.

Chair Miller called for further nominations, hearing none, declared Ms. Dempsey for Vice Chair.

Ms. Dempsey accepted the position.

Approval of Agenda & Additions

Ms. Dempsey suggested that Ms. Bourque give a more in detail summary of the MCCAP Committee.

Moved by Councillor Matheson and Ms. Bourque that the agenda be approved as amended.

Motion carried.

Ms. Bourque advised that it has been almost a year since the last MCCAP Committee meeting. The purpose of the Municipal Climate Change Action Plan (MCCAP) Committee was to act as an advisory committee to Council on implementing the West Hants MCCAP, which was adopted by Council in December 2013. The MCCAP concentrates on both climate change adaptation and mitigation and will define how the Municipality plans to address climate change.

The MCCAP Committee has been developing a work plan which includes the action items outlined in the MCCAP. Ms. Bourque advised that more work is needed to be done on this plan, as well as determining what funding is available for various activities.

Ms. Bourque advised that Council accepted a proposal from CBCL Limited to do the Falmouth Stormwater Management Plan which was funded with gas tax monies through the capital budget. Mr. Wilson of CBCL will provide an overview of the project later in the meeting.

Ms. Bourque asked the Committee if they were interested in having Graham Fisher from Municipal Affairs come to a meeting to provide an overview of the MCCAP and how it came about, as well speaking about funding for MCCAP action items. Mr. Fisher may also share any progress being made on how other municipalities are progressing on implementation of their MCCAPs. The Committee agreed that it would be beneficial to have Mr. Fisher come to a meeting. Ms. Bourque will make the arrangements.

Approval of the Minutes of March 26, 2015

It was suggested to defer the approval of the minutes until the next meeting in order to give Committee members an opportunity to review them.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Update – Draft MCCAP Work Plan

Ms. Bourque advised that she hopes to have a draft Work Plan for the Committee to review for the next meeting.

Update – Falmouth Stormwater Management Plan

Mr. Wilson gave a presentation with respect to the progress of the Falmouth Stormwater Management Plan. CBCL has gathered a great deal of scientific data and from that prepared a number of maps illustrating the various computer flood models of the Falmouth Growth Centre. These maps show where storm waters gather, and how this is affected by factors such as culvert size and location, development activity, and various weather events such as extreme rainfalls. The findings are being gathered in a report that will be presented to Council in the near future. They are also preparing an animated flood model.

Committee members had a wide variety of questions for Mr. Wilson, and were encouraged to see the scientific data that will now be available to inform future planning and public works activities. Mr. Wilson and the Committee discussed the different flood forecasting scenarios and actions that could be taken in preparation for flooding events.

Ms. Osborne excused herself from the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

New Business

2015-2016 MCCAP Budget Item

Ms. Dempsey asked Mr. Laycock to speak on the matter of MCCAP budget monies that were unspent from the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

Mr. Laycock advised that there are unspent monies in the MCCAP budget, approximately \$16,000.00 that should be carried over into the 2016-2017 fiscal year in order to fund committee activities. A recommendation report from the MCCAP Committee requesting this carry over should go to the February 2016 Council meeting.

Moved by Councillor Matheson and Ms. Bourque to recommend that Council carry over the remaining 2015-2016 MCCAP funds to the 2016-2017 budget.

Motion carried.

Miscellaneous

Ms. Bourque circulated information about a workshop called "Sharing Outcomes and Making Strides" being held on February 19, 2016 at Shubie Park in Dartmouth. This is being sponsored by the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities and ICLEI Canada, with a guest speaker discussing how communities can accelerate the implementation of climate change adaptation related actions. Ms. Bourque encouraged Committee members to attend and advised that it is a free workshop and mileage can be reimbursed.

Next Meeting

The next MCCAP Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Matheson and Ms. Dempsey that the meeting adjourn.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Chair