



**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST HANTS  
Municipal Climate Change Action Plan Committee (MCCAP)  
October 4, 2018, 2:00 p.m.  
Sanford Council Chambers**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Jennifer Daniels, Chair  
Councillor Rupert Jannasch  
Martin Laycock, CAO  
Kathy Kehoe, Director of Recreation  
Brad Carrigan, Director of Public Works  
Saira Shah, Planner  
Velma Macumber, Planning Admin Assistant

**REGRETS:** Madelyn LeMay, Director of Planning & Development  
Councillor Debbie Francis

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Daniels called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA & ADDITIONS**

**Moved and Seconded that the agenda be approved.**

**Motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF JULY 4, 2018**

**Moved and Seconded that the Minutes of the Municipal Climate Change Action Plan Committee of July 4, 2018 be approved noting errors or omissions.**

**Motion carried.**

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### **Update: Climate Change Staff Grant Program (Saira Shah)**

Ms. Shah advised that West Hants will find out by the end of December 2018 or early January 2019 if the funding application is approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Three Mile Plains Flood Risk Assessment Study Recommendation Report (Brad Carrigan)**

Mr. Carrigan advised that four tenders were received for the Three Mile Plains Flood Risk Assessment Study. The tenders were reviewed and evaluated, and Dillon Consulting was chosen as it had the lowest tender price, and the technical/financial submission scored high. He noted that Dillon Consulting prepared the Hantsport Storm Water Management Study as well.

**Moved and Seconded to recommend that Council award a contact to Dillon Consulting to conduct the Three Mile Plains Flood Risk Assessment Study, the amount of \$47,900 plus applicable taxes, with 50% funding coming from the Nova Scotia Flood Risk Infrastructure Investment Program (FRIIP), with the remaining 50% to come from the Gas Tax Revenue.**

**Motion carried.**

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Partners for Climate Protection (Saira Shah)**

Ms. Shah advised that staff have been looking into funding opportunities and resources to assist with a greenhouse gas emissions reduction plan. She noted that Council approved the resolution to join the Partners for Climate Change in September. It is a five-step milestone program to create a greenhouse gas emissions action plan.

### **Low Carbon Communities Initiative (Saira Shah)**

Ms. Shah advised that the Low Carbon Communities Initiative is a funding program that became available in September. The deadline to apply is October 12, 2018. It is a funding opportunity that can cover up to 75% of project costs to a maximum of \$75,000. Ms. Shah intends for Council to use the funds to cover the cost of hiring a consultant to assist with the greenhouse gas emissions plan. If the Municipality is awarded the FCM Staff Grant, the term contract staff member would assist by collecting data for the plan.

Discussion was held about encouraging Council to invest in green technology which results in economical benefits.

Mr. Carrigan noted that there are federal funding opportunities for green technology when constructing new buildings, i.e., the new arena.

Discussion was held with respect to creating a policy for green emissions technology. Ms. Shah mentioned that as part of the FCM Staff Grant program, the term contract staff member would create new policies for all departments to incorporate greenhouse gas emission reductions.

Mr. Laycock suggested to keep in mind the joint municipality when creating energy policies. Ms. Shah stated she will investigate the Town's policies for the next meeting.

### **Dalhousie Bachelor of Community Design Project (Saira Shah)**

Ms. Shah advised that she and Ms. Poirier prepared a list of projects for the Dalhousie School of Planning as they are always looking for new projects for the students to work on. One of the professors chose to focus an undergraduate studio class on coastal areas in West Hants. There are eighteen students working on it, and they visited the Hantsport, Avondale, and Cheverie areas. The students are organized into four groups looking at: GIS data, Census statistics, policy, and public awareness options. The students will be presenting to the MCCAP Committee in December.

### **National Disaster Mitigation Program (Madelyn LeMay)**

Ms. Shah reported that CBCL was hired to investigate flood risk in the areas of Avondale to Cheverie. The first kick off meeting is scheduled for the week of October 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Forestry Practices**

Councillor Jannasch inquired if the Committee could make a statement or ask Council to endorse the report on forestry practices by Dr. Leahy. He felt the report deals with climate change adaptations issues.

Mr. Laycock suggested that it would be useful if a summary report could be prepared. Ms. Shah stated she will look into it and prepare a summary.

Councillor Jannasch stated that he would send Ms. Shah some information.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next MCCAP meeting will be scheduled for December 5, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved and Seconded that the meeting adjourn.**

**Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

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Chair