



**MUNICIPALITY OF THE DISTRICT OF WEST HANTS  
Municipal Climate Change Action Plan Committee (MCCAP)  
December 5, 2018, 10:00 a.m.  
Sanford Council Chambers**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Jennifer Daniels, Chair  
Councillor Rupert Jannasch  
Councillor Debbie Francis  
Martin Laycock, CAO  
Kathy Kehoe, Director of Recreation  
Madelyn LeMay, Director of Planning & Development  
Saira Shah, Planner  
Sara Poirier, Planner  
Kristyn Remme, Waste Educator  
Velma Macumber, Planning Admin Assistant

**GUESTS:** Dalhousie Bachelor of Community Design Students

**REGRETS:** Brad Carrigan, Director of Public Works

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Daniels called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**PRESENTATION: DALHOUSIE BACHELOR OF COMMUNITY DESIGN PROJECT  
(SAIRA SHAH)**

Ms. Shah introduced the students to the Committee. The students presented their findings and recommendations on coastal flooding in Hantsport, Avondale and Cheverie. The presentation highlighted their:

- project background, goals and structure;
- inventory detailing the methods used and key findings; and
- recommendations including adaptation options and action items.

The Committee expressed their appreciation of the presentation.

The full report will be available to the Committee in the coming weeks.

Dalhousie Bachelor of Community Design Students left the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA & ADDITIONS**

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

**Motion carried.**

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 4, 2018**

**Moved and Seconded that the Minutes of the Municipal Climate Change Action Plan Committee of October 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 the Federation of Canadian Municipalities intends to make their decision about this funding application on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

Ms. Remme gave an update with respect to the ongoing work of the Three Mile Plains Flood Risk Assessment.

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

Ms. Shah stated that she did not have an update. She noted that she submitted an application for the Low Carbon Communities Initiative in October.

### **National Disaster Mitigation Program (Saira Shah)**

Ms. Shah advised that the consultants held two public information sessions on November 24<sup>th</sup> with respect to coastal flooding. One session was held in Summerville; the other in Belmont.

Councillor Jannasch commented that the public information session held in Summerville was well attended. He stated the public thought that the mailouts were a great idea and encouraged them to attend. Councillor Jannasch noted that good discussion had taken place, and that the property owners were appreciative of the efforts undertaken in the community.

### **Forestry Practices (Saira Shah)**

Ms. Shah advised at the last MCCAP meeting, staff was asked to prepare a summary of Dr. Williams Lahey's "An Independent Review of Forestry Practices in Nova Scotia." Ms. Shah reviewed her summary with the Committee.

The Committee discussed the importance of the forestry policies. Discussion was held with respect to the impact of biomass production on climate change.

**Moved and Seconded that the report be presented to Council and that a letter be sent from Council to the Province in support of the forestry practices outlined in Dr. Williams Lahey's report.**

**Motion carried.**

Ms. Shah stated that she will investigate biomass production separately and prepare an information report for MCCAP.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was heard.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Tide Notifications (Councillor Jannasch)**

Councillor Jannasch stated he would like the Municipality to develop a notification system to inform residents about unusually large tidal events such as spring or king tides. He thought we could utilize technology that is already available through a smart phone application, similar to what some waste collection organizations use to notify residents of collection dates.

Mr. Laycock advised that there would be a cost associated to establish the technology and people would have to sign up for it which could result in only a small number of people on the list. He suggested this may be a good idea to discuss with the new REMO Coordinator and see if something could be done through REMO.

#### **Dalhousie Bachelor of Community Design Project Report**

Chair Daniels noted that Mr. Laycock asked about capped assessments. Mr. Laycock stated he would like to review the full report before investigating the capped assessment system.

Ms. Shah stated that she would circulate the final report to the Committee when she receives it. Mr. Laycock suggested that the final report should only go to the MCCAP Committee due to some perceived inadequacies.

Chair Daniels asked about a resolution with respect to coastal erosion. Mr. Laycock suggested waiting for the final report .

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next MCCAP meeting will be scheduled for January 2019.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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Chair