



Essex Climate Adaptation Team Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 17th, 2020

Location: Virtual Zoom Meeting

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Present: Councillor Kim Verbeek

Amandeep Hans

Maddie Peters

Matthew Child

Kelsey Amlin

Brian Lennie

Gina Pannunzio

Brian Hyland

Megan Balsillie

Also Present: Niharika Bandaru, Climate Change Analyst

Claire Sanders, Climate Change Specialist, ERCA

Jeff Watson, Planner, Planning Services

Corinne Chiasson, Assistant Planner, Planning Services

Sarah Aubin, Planning Assistant, Recording Secretary

Lori Chadwick, Director of Development Services

Regrets: Tyler Oglan

William Baker

Brandi Bechard

Andrea Descargar

Dan Metcalfe

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest noted at this time.

3. Adoption of Published Agenda

3.1 Thursday, December 17th, 2020 Essex Climate Adaptation Team “ECAT” Agenda

Moved by Kim Verbeek, Councillor

Seconded by Amandeep Hans

(ECAT 2020-12-20) That the published agenda for the December 17th, 2020 Essex Climate Adaptation Team “ECAT” regular meeting, be adopted as presented

Carried

4. Adoption of Minutes

4.1 Wednesday, October 7th, 2020 Essex Climate Adaptation Team “ECAT” meeting minutes.

Moved by Brian Lennie

Seconded by Amandeep Hans

(ECAT 2020-12-21) That the minutes for the October 7th, 2020 Essex Climate Adaptation Team “ECAT” regular meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. New Discussions

5.1 Town of Essex Senior Management Remarks

Lori Chadwick, Director, Development Services thanked the members for being a part of the Essex Climate Adaptation Team. She stated that the input, hard work, and coloration has truly played a pivotal role in the outcome of the Climate Adaptation Plan. She stated that the members should all give themselves a pat on the back for a job well done.

5.2 Claire Sanders, Update on the Essex Community Energy Plan

Clair Sanders, Essex Region Conservation Authority provided a presentation on the progress Windsor – Essex has made with regards to climate adaptation.

6. New Discussions

6.1 Recap of Climate Adaptation Planning

Niharika Bandaru, Chair recapped the progress made by the committee with regards to the Climate Adaptation Plan and thanked them for their input and expertise.

6.2 Draft Adaptation Plan Review

Niharika reviewed the most up to date Climate Adaptation Plan with the members.

6.3 General Comments

Brian Lennie thanked administration for the Climate Adaptation Plan and all the information that was placed within it. He stated that the plan was easy to understand and follow.

Kim Verbeek, Councillor concurred with Brian Lennie on the ease of understanding and reading the Plan. She also stated that she was happy to see that the committees input and suggestions were placed within the Plan.

Gina Pannunzio stated that the plan is well written but that she had some suggestions. She suggested that administration consider COVID-19 and the current impacts. She suggested that administration do a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunity's, Threats), exercise against some of the recommended action items to ensure its feasibility.

7. Delegations

None

8. Future Meetings

No Future Meetings – Committee has dissolved.

9. Adjournment

Moved by: Brian Hyland

Seconded by: Kim Verbeek, Councillor

(ECAT 2020-12-21) That the meeting be adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Carried

Chair

Recording Secretary

Date