



GREEN ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP AGENDA

Friday, June 3rd, 2022 - 10:00 a.m.
Municipal Office – Council Chambers – 217 Harper Road

Chair, Deputy Reeve Barrie Crampton

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA
3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- i) Minutes – April 8th, 2022 – *attached, page 4.*

Suggested Recommendation:

“THAT, the minutes of the Green Energy and Climate Change Working Group Meeting held on April 8th, 2022 be approved as circulated.”

5. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

None.

6. BUSINESS

- i) **Climate Action Plan**
 - Official Plan Update 2022 - Climate Change – Noelle Reeve, Planner
 - Natural Asset Management Plan Training – Noelle Reeve, Planner
 - Home Energy Retrofit Project – Noelle Reeve, Planner

ii) **Communications**

- Lanark County Climate Change Committee Update – Bob Argue – Tables can be viewed at the links below.

[Climate Action Priorities.xlsx \(civicweb.net\)](#)

[Corporate Climate Action Table.xlsx \(civicweb.net\)](#)

7. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

None.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

Next Meeting: TBD

9. DEFERRED ITEMS

**The following items will be discussed at the next and/or future meeting:*

- *None at this time*

10. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES

GREEN ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP MINUTES

Friday, April 8th, 2022

10:00 a.m.

GoToMeeting

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present:

Chair, Deputy Reeve
Barrie Crampton
Councillor Rob Rainer
Bob Argue
Jennifer Dickson
David Poch

Members Absent:

Douglas Barr
Peter Nelson

Staff Present:

Amanda Mabo, Acting CAO/Clerk (arrived at 10:24 a.m.)
Noelle Reeve, Planner
Allison Playfair, Planning Administrative Assistant,
Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.
A quorum was present.

The Chair overviewed the Video Conference Participation Etiquette that was outlined in the Agenda.

2. AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

i) Addition Under New/Other Business: County of Lanark Official Plan Update

The agenda was approved as amended

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None at this time.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

i) Minutes – February 25th, 2022

The minutes of the Green Energy and Climate Change Working Group Meeting held on February 25th, 2022, were approved as presented.

5. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

None.

6. BUSINESS

i) Climate Action Plan

- Climate Action Plan Project List for 2023

The Planner noted that under the Terms of Reference we need to produce an annual report to Council.

The Planner circulated a draft Climate Action Plan Report Card that lists all the Township's Climate Action projects and the status of each project. She commented on each project and made suggestions on how to move forward and will track the progress of the Action Items – *attached page 6.*

The Acting CAO/Clerk arrived at 10:24 a.m.

The Working Group discussed that the 3-page document should be condensed down to 1 page possibly identifying 5 municipal projects and 2 community projects. The Working Group Members will email the Planner their choices of what the priorities should be. Working Group Member Bob Argue will help condense the list into the top priorities.

ii) Communications

- Lanark County Climate Change Committee Update – Bob Argue

Working Group Member Bob Argue updated the Members on the Lanark Country Climate Change Committee meeting. He noted the committee has developed a more focused short list of climate action items. They cut the long list of 87 items down to 27 priority items.

He then brought to the attention of the Working Group that a Request for Proposal (RFP) was placed in the paper April 7, 2022 requesting bids to convert the heating of buildings at three of the County's social housing sites to natural gas from electricity.

However, no discussion was held with the County Climate Committee about the proposed heating change and the possibilities for energy improvement. No Climate Lens appears to have been applied to the RFP because natural gas would not have been proposed if the Lens had been applied. The Lens would have pointed to the need to retrofit the buildings and then consider the energy source. There is no point pumping heating into a leaky building.

Air source heat pumps can both heat and cool buildings and do not use fossil fuels which the County Climate Change Committee had stated was their main guiding principle.

The Working Group asked if Deputy Reeve Barrie Crampton could bring this up with the County to see if they could retract the RFP and ask for a new RFP that gave more consideration to beneficial Climate Change options.

- Township Newsfeeds/Website – “Drawdown Stories” – Councilor, Rob Rainer

Councilor Rob Rainer suggested the Climate Change Website page have “drawdown stories” which would be stories of individuals that would help demonstrate what has been done and what could be an opportunity to others. Some examples would be of local people who invested in an electric vehicle and why they made that choice or who retrofitted their house to be energy sufficient.

The Clerk explained to the Working Group how the website works and that the Members could provide content that can be added to the website. She also noted that the Township could also send out a newsfeed of content Members submitted. The Clerk will let the Working Group Members know how many subscribers are on the newsfeed list.

The Planner also advised the Working Group that the EMC has content weekly on stories provided by Climate Network Lanark that potentially could be added to the website if we had permission.

- Communication suggestions – Peter Nelson

The Planner commented on the content Peter Neilson submitted and noted it was for information and could be added to the website.

7. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

- i) County of Lanark Official Plan Update

Deputy Reeve Barrie Crampton noted that the County, as part of their update to their Official Plan next year, has hired Ducks Unlimited and The Land Between to look at Natural Heritage Systems across the County.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

Next Meeting: Friday, June 3, 2022

9. DEFERRED ITEMS

**The following items will be discussed at the next and/or future meeting:*

- ***Presentation from the consultant on the update to the Official Plan.***

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Working Group adjourned at 11:14 a.m.