



City of Hamilton
CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA

Meeting #: 006
Date: November 26, 2024
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Room 264, 2nd Floor, City Hall (hybrid) (RM)
71 Main Street West

Beatrice Ekwa Ekoko, Project Manager - Climate Change Initiatives (905) 546-2424 ext. 6885

Pages

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

The City of Hamilton is situated upon the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Mississaugas. This land is covered by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which was an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabek to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. We further acknowledge that this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Today the City of Hamilton is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island (North America) and we recognize that we must do more to learn about the rich history of this land so that we can better understand our roles as residents, neighbours, partners and caretakers.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Added Items, if applicable, will be noted with *)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 October 29, 2024

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5. COMMUNICATIONS

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

6.1 Trees in City Parks Initiative - Lee Fairbanks

Reason(s) for delegation request

To present a Sustainable Forestry/Parks Plan to Save the City \$Millions while

Improving Air Quality for 100,000s of Hamiltonians for Generations To Come.

Fulfilling Hamilton's Urban Forest Canopy goals while Increasing Biodiversity

7. CONSENT ITEMS

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS / DELEGATIONS

9. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

10.1 Staff Updates

Update Regarding Community Liaison Groups

10.2 Working Groups Updates

- Nature-based Solutions

- Community Engagement

- Climate Justice

- Transportation

-Buildings

-Technical and Governance

10.3 Office of Climate Change Initiatives: Updates

10.3.a Climate Change Reserve Updates

10.4 Green Building Standards (Deferred from October 29th Meeting)

10.5 Urban Boundary Expansion Frameworks Update

- Climate Change Advisory Committee Comments

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11. MOTIONS

12. NOTICES OF MOTION
13. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS
14. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL
15. ADJOURNMENT



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CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES 24-001

6:00 p.m.

October 29, 2024

**Room 264, 2nd Floor,
City Hall**

Present: B. Akomolafe; A. Amer; I. Borsuk (Co-Chair); G. Casimirri; J. Harti; S. Heenan; L. Iannantuono; G. Kalapos (Co-Chair); A. Khetan; Councillor C. kroetsch Z. Kuszczak; T. Maclaurin; T. Nguyen; S. Rempel; M. Scanlon; M. Tutty; J. Hudecki; M. Velasco; F. Lenarduzzi; Councillor A. Wilson.

Absent with Regrets:

J. Boyer; G. Henry; E. Smoke; J. Matthews; M. Sergeant; Councillor C.Cassar.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (Item 1)

(i) Land Acknowledgement (Item 1.1)

The Land Acknowledgement was read by Gaby Kalapos (Co-Chair).

(b) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 2)

The Staff Liaison advised the Committee that there were no changes to the agenda.

(L. Iannantuono/S. Heenan)

That the agenda for the October 29, 2024 meeting of the Climate Change Advisory Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(c) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no Declarations of Interest.

(d) MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)

(i) September 24, 2024 (Item 4.1)

(S. Heenan/S. Rempel)

That the Minutes of the September 24, 2024 meeting of the Climate Change Advisory Committee, be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (ITEM 9)

(i) Draft Framework for Processing and Evaluating Urban Boundary Expansion Applications (Item 9.1)

Charlie Toman Program Lead, Policy Planning and MCR addressed the Committee with a presentation respecting the proposed framework for processing and evaluating Urban Boundary Expansion (UBE) applications.

(S.Rempel/ L. Iannantuono)

That the Presentation respecting the draft UBE evaluation framework be received.

CARRIED

(ii) 2024 City-Led Projects Recommended for Climate Change Reserve Funding (Item 9.2)

Lynda Lukasik, Director of the Office of Climate Change Initiatives, presented to the Committee a list of City-led projects recommended for Climate Change Reserve Funding.

(S. Rempel /S. Heenan)

That the Presentation respecting the 2024 City-led projects recommended for Climate Change Reserve Funding, be received.

CARRIED

(L. Iannantuono/S. Heenan)

That a delegation submission from a member of the Climate Justice Working Group, be approved for an upcoming meeting of the General Issues Committee, to share their concerns on the existing process and recommendations for improvements to incorporate a more community-focused, climate justice lens for next year's funding allocation.

CARRIED

(f) DISCUSSION (ITEM 10)

(i) Staff Updates (Item 10.1)

Committee members discussed updates on the Climate Action Strategy's Annual Update, the recent WWF Award, and the We Love Hamilton Campaign.

(L. Iannantuono/S. Heenan)

That the Staff Update be received.

CARRIED

(ii) CCAC Working Groups Updates (Item 10.2)

The Committee members of the Various Working Groups shared information updates.

(L. Iannantuono/S. Heenan)

That the CCAC Working Group Update, be received.

CARRIED

(iii) Green Building Standards Update (Item 10.3)

This update has been deferred to the next meeting, as the Committee ran out of time.

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 15)

(S. Heenan/S. Rempel)

That there being no further business, the Climate Change Advisory Committee adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gaby Kalapos, Co-Chair Climate
Change Advisory Committee

Respectfully submitted,

Ian Borsuk, Co-Chair Climate
Change Advisory Committee

[Beatrice Ekoko]
Staff Liaison



Hamilton

Planning and Economic
Development

Meeting Notes

Date: October 29, 2024

Subject: **Meeting Notes – Climate Change Advisory Committee – Draft Framework for Processing and Evaluating Urban Boundary Expansion Applications.**

Meeting: Climate Change Advisory Committee

Date/Time: October 29, 2024, at 6:00pm

Location: Room 264, Hamilton City Hall

Attendees: Alex Wilson, Shelley Rempel, Su Heenan, Jeff Harti, Lucia Iannantuono, Beatrice Ekwa Ekoko, Lynda Lukasik, Trevor Imhoff, Cathrin Winkelmann, Bayode Akomolafe, Tristan Maclaurin, Adan Amer, Maryluz Velasco, Cameron Kroetsch, Giuliana Casimirri, Aditya Khetan, Matthew Tutty, Mary Ellen Scanlon, Tran Ngyuen

1 Presentation made by City Staff.

2 Items of Discussion

2.1 Strength of the Framework

- Committee member expressed concern regarding the framework having the necessary 'teeth' to deny applications. Committee member asked if the goals identified in the Dillon memo will lead to denial of applications? Committee needs a clear idea of how the framework will help achieve the goals identified in the memo provided by Dillon.
- Staff Response: The framework won't be able to stop applications from being received or appealed but will allow for the application to go through a rigorous process. The Framework will control what information comes in with the applications so the City will have a full picture of all the land use implications and will require that the criteria and goals identified in the framework are considered by the applicant in their application.
- Committee member asks if the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) will take the Urban Boundary Expansion Framework seriously when making decisions.
- Staff Response: Unable to comment on how the OLT will decide on these matters. However, when the framework is implemented through Official Plan Policy, it provides something that the City can point to support their position at the OLT.
- Suggestion by committee members to include additional technical details to give the framework more 'teeth'.

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- OCCI Staff suggest that the technical detail may come from the development of specific guidelines or terms of reference for reports such as the Energy and Climate Change Assessment Report, which can then be referenced at the OLT.

2.2 External Agency Review Fees

- Committee member asked how external agencies will be compensated for their review of these applications, is it the responsibility of the City?
- Staff Response: External agencies have the ability to set their own fees for application review.

2.3 Impacts to Servicing

- Committee member asked what the relationship is between this new Urban Boundary Expansion Framework process and the City's Servicing Plans? Is the City under an obligation to service expansion lands?
- Staff Response: If an urban boundary expansion is approved by either Council or the OLT, there will be an expectation that development of those lands be on full municipal services. If an urban boundary expansion is approved, a Secondary Plan is required before development applications can proceed. Similar to urban boundary expansions, landowners can appeal Council's refusal or delay in making a decision on a Secondary Plan directly to the OLT. Hamilton's infrastructure plans are continuing on the basis of a no urban boundary expansion framework (meaning making sure we increase infrastructure capacity within the built-up area to meet our growing population and employment. A major challenge is understanding what impacts an 'unplanned' expansion would have on those larger infrastructure plans.

2.4 Suggested Criteria to be Included.

- Committee members suggested the following be considered for inclusion in the framework:
 - Specific Green House Gas (GHG) targets for applications.
 - Carbon Budget for Urban Boundary Expansion Area – Which will set a cap for the amount of emissions in a particular area.
 - A requirement that development not rely on fossil fuels.

2.5 Associated Methodologies, Terms of Reference, & Guidelines.

- Suggestion provided by a committee member to provide specific technical guidance to applicants to make submissions more consistent. As an example, staff should consider identifying specific methodologies or tools to calculate Green House Gas emissions for a development to help make applications more consistent. An example provided by the committee member is the Sustainability Solutions Group GHG Calculator for municipal projects.

3 Next Steps

- Additional written comments from the Climate Change Advisory Committee can be provided in any manner the committee prefers.
- Staff ask that the comments be provided by December 9th, 2024.
- Comments received will be made public and submitted to Council as part of an engagement summary report.