

Meeting Notes from April 30th, 2024 City of Hamilton Climate Change Advisory Committee Meeting

- BetterHomes Hamilton project: 50 homes will be part of the pilot. It is a financing program. Terms are from 10 – 15 years. Hamilton received 165 applications for the 50 spots. Using municipal funds for financing. 0% interest loans.
- Hamilton is developing a Climate Charter to identify how it will advance climate justice within the Climate Action Plans.
- It is important that Hamilton ensures it uses the most recent data for undertaking climate projections and setting a carbon budget. The present Hamilton Adaptation Plan is based on older IPCC reports.
- Hamilton is looking into a climate dashboard to increase transparency and community education and engagement.
- The climate department is responsible for coordinating the actions across the City, but climate action implementation takes place across City departments. Ex. Hamilton Water manages stormwater actions which is a big component of the Adaptation Plan.
- The Climate department is still working on figuring out the best way to weave all the different actions together to share progress on implementation, but in a way that captures co-benefits and co-dependencies. .
- There is a climate reserve that allocates \$ 2.5 million annually for climate action implementation across the municipality.
- The Committee would like to get more information on the projects that are/have been funded by the reserve.
- The Hamilton Climate department is now working on its 2024 progress report and collecting all the updates and data from different departments.
- It would be good to bring that progress report to the Committee to share that with them as well as collate input from the committee on questions and input.
- There is the ability to influence the scope of work for the Committee since the Terms of Reference will need to be reviewed on an annual basis.
- Concerns were raised with the lack of urgency language in the Terms of Reference for the Coomitet. Climate crisis/emergency language wasn't added into the terms, but the City passed a climate emergency.
- Hamilton's 2030 target is 50% reduction.
- There was interest from the Committee to not only be limited to the action identified in Hamilton's Plan but raising gaps in actions and there is interest in the Committee to be able to identify those gaps and drive progress towards implementation identified gaps. Ex. divestment re: municipal investments and, advocacy re: municipal pension.

- The Committee is interested in advancing working groups to advance work between committee meetings.
- Possible Working Groups Identified include (but are not limited to): Governance, Technical, Community Engagement, Corporate/Municipal (getting the municipal house in order), Transportation, Buildings, Nature Based Solutions and Climate Justice.
- It will be important to identify how there will be coordination between working groups and how the working groups and the committee will work together.
- There isn't the need to limit working group participants/presenters to only Committee members. Working groups can bring in external experts to the committee.
- Beatrice is the main point of contact for the committee.
- The present Terms of Reference was developed based on community consultation. There is the ability for the Committee to update the ToR on an annual basis.
- Do a doodle poll to find 2024 meeting dates. Evening time period seems to work (6-8).
- Set up google folder.
- Would be good to have a Committee resource hub where committee efforts can be accessed via the resource hub.
- Would also be good to have a living question repository.