



Hamilton

## **CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES CCAC 25-003**

**6:00 p.m.**

**March 25, 2025**

**Room 264**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall**

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**Present:** Councillors C. Cassar (virtually), C. Kroetsch (virtually), and A. Wilson (virtually)  
G. Kalapos (Co-Chair), I. Borsuk (Co-Chair) (virtually), B. Akomolafe (virtually), G. Casimirri (virtually), J. Harti, S. Heenan, J. Hudecki (virtually), L. Iannantuono, A. Khetan (virtually), Z. Kuszczak (virtually), F. Lenarduzzi, T. Maclaurin (virtually), S. Rempel, and M. Velasco (virtually)

**Absent with**

**Regrets:** J. Boyer, G. Henry, M. Scanlon, M. Sergeant, and M. Tutty

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Co-Chair G. Kalapos called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **2. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES**

#### **2.1 Land Acknowledgement**

Co-Chair G. Kalapos read the Land Acknowledgement.

### **3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**(Heenan/Rempel)**

That the agenda for the March 25, 2025 Climate Change Advisory Committee meeting, be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

### **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

## **5.1 February 25, 2025**

Councillor Kroetsch commented on the procedures for filling vacancies on sub-committees and advisory committees.

### **(Borsuk/Rempel)**

That the Minutes of the February 25, 2025, Climate Change Advisory Committee, be adopted, as presented.

**CARRIED**

## **6. DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

## **7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

### **7.1 Biodiversity Action Plan Update**

Shauna Hasselman, Senior Program Coordinator, Environmental Services, Planner, Jennifer Allen, Planner I, and Lauren Vraets, Senior Project Manager, Community Engagement, addressed Committee respecting a Biodiversity Action Plan Update, with the aid of a presentation.

### **7.2 Office of Climate Change Initiatives Updates**

#### **7.2(a) Climate Change Reserve Update**

Lynda Lukasik, Director, Climate Change Initiatives, provided an update and sought further feedback from the Committee regarding the Climate Change Reserve priority lists.

#### **7.2(b) Office of Climate Change Initiatives Annual Update Report**

Lynda Lukasik, Director, Climate Change Initiatives, provided an update and sought advice from the Committee regarding the Office of Climate Change Initiatives Annual Update Report that will be presented to the General Issues Committee.

### **7.3 Climate Change Advisory Committee Working Group Updates**

Co-Chair Kalapos relinquished the chair to Co-Chair Borsuk to provide the following update.

#### **7.3(a) Buildings Working Group**

G. Kalapos provided an update.

Co-Chair Kalapos assumed the Chair.

**7.3(b) Community Engagement and Climate Justice Working Group**

S. Rempel provided an update.

**7.3(c) Technical and Governance Working Group**

L. Iannantuono provided an update.

**7.3(d) Nature-Based Solutions Working Group**

G. Casimirri provided an update.

**7.3(e) Transportation Working Group**

I. Borsuk provided an update.

**(Borsuk/Heenan)**

That the following Items for Information, be received:

- 7.1 Biodiversity Action Plan Update
- 7.2 Office of Climate Change Initiatives Updates
  - 7.2(a) Climate Change Reserve Update
  - 7.2(b) Office of Climate Change Initiatives Annual Update Report
- 7.3 Climate Change Advisory Committee Working Group Updates
  - 7.3(a) Buildings Working Group
  - 7.3(b) Community Engagement and Climate Justice Working Group
  - 7.3(c) Technical and Governance Working Group
  - 7.3(d) Nature-Based Solutions Working Group
  - 7.3(e) Transportation Working Group

**CARRIED**

**8. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

There were no Items for Consideration.

**9. MOTIONS**

There were no Motions.

**10. NOTICES OF MOTION**

There were no Notices of Motion.

**11. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS**

**11.1 Voluntary Advisory Committees Review Update**

The Committee discussed the transition of the Climate Change Advisory Committee to the new civic engagement model of resident-led, staff-facilitated Community Liaison Groups of volunteers.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Climate Change Advisory Committee adjourned at 7.35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beatrice Ekoko  
Staff Liaison  
Climate Change Advisory  
Committee

Gaby Kalapos  
Co-Chair,  
Climate Change Advisory Committee