



Hamilton

## **CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES CCAC 26-02**

**6:00 p.m.**

**February 24, 2026**

**Room 264**

**1<sup>st</sup> Floor, City Hall**

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**Present:** G. Kalapos (Co-Chair), I. Borsuk (Co-Chair) (virtually), G. Casimirri (virtually), S. Heenan (virtually), L. Iannantuono, Z. Kuszczak (virtually), F. Lenarduzzi (virtually), T. Maclaurin (virtually), S. Rempel (virtually) and M. Scanlon (virtually).

**Absent with**

**Regrets:** Councillors C. Cassar and C. Kroetsch – Personal; Councillor A. Wilson – City Business  
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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/Borsuk)**

That the agenda for the February 24, 2026, Climate Change Advisory Committee meeting be approved, as amended.

**CARRIED**

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

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

**5.1 December 09, 2025**

(Iannantuono/Rempel)

That the Minutes of the December 09, 2025, Climate Change Advisory Committee, be adopted, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6. DELEGATIONS**

There were no Delegations.

**7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**7.1. Annual Update to General Issues Committee: Co-Chairs Presentation**

Co-Chair Kalapos gave an overview of the draft presentation of the Annual Update to the General Issues Committee, scheduled for March 25, 2026.

**7.2. Climate Change Advisory Committee's 2026 Meeting Schedule and Themes**

Co-Chair Kalapos gave an overview of the draft 2026 Climate Change Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule and themes.

**7.3. Office of Climate Change Updates**

**7.3(a) Call for Volunteers Climate Change Reserve Adjudicators**

Co-Chair Kalapos requested two volunteers to assist the Climate Change Steering Committee in reviewing 2026 Climate Change Reserve applications. Members Kuszczak and Scanlon volunteered.

**7.3(b) Better Homes Hamilton Update**

Cathrin Winkelmann, Senior Project Manager, Office of Climate Change Initiatives gave an update on her Better Homes Hamilton presentation to the General Issues Committee.

**7.3 (c) Carbon Budget and Accounting Framework**

Trevor Imhoff, Senior Project Manager, Office of Climate Change Initiatives gave an update on the progress of the Carbon Budget and Accounting Framework which will be submitted to the General Issues Committee.

**7.4. Climate Change Advisory Committee Working Group Updates**

**7.4(a) Community Engagement and Climate Justice Working Group**

Member Heenan informed the Committee of updates on the upcoming April 15, 2026 eco-anxiety workshop, which will be focused on the climate crisis and active hope and will feature Swelen Andari from the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH).

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

**7.4(b) Buildings Working Group**

Co-Chair Kalapos provided an update on upcoming Working Group meetings and plans.

Co-Chair Kalapos reassumed the Chair.

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

Member Iannantuono gave an update on opportunities for updating Hamilton's Climate Action Strategy, which included a pathway to decarbonization; what has changed (such as new tools like more heat mapping that are now available that weren't before), with the aid of a presentation.

Member Iannantuono introduced the following Notice of Motion:

That members from the Technical and Governance Working Group of the Climate Change Advisory Committee provide a written and/or verbal delegation to the April 15, 2026 General Issues Committee, or a subsequent General Issues Committee when the Carbon Budget and Accounting Framework is brought forward.

Pursuant to Section 5.4(7) of the City of Hamilton's Procedural By-law 21-021 the Staff Liaison advised the Chair at 7:05 p.m. that quorum was lost. Pursuant to Sections 5.4(8) and (9), the Chair decided to allow those in attendance to discuss items of interest, with no decisions being approved.

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

There was no update.

**7.3(e) Transportation Working Group**

Co-Chair Borsuk informed the Committee that a Working Group meeting date will be circulated, and asked members to send him topic ideas.

**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**

There were no Items of General Information / Other Business.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Pursuant to Section 5.4(7) of the City of Hamilton's Procedural By-law 21-021 at 7:05 p.m. the Committee Liaison advised those in attendance that quorum was lost, therefore, the meeting would stand adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beatrice Ekoko  
Staff Liaison  
Climate Change Advisory  
Committee

G. Kalapos  
Co-Chair,  
Climate Change Advisory Committee