



THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY

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**CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2021 at 7:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 400 CENTRE ROAD, LIONS BAY  
AND VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE**

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**MINUTES**

In Attendance: Greg Weary, Ruth Simons, Norman Barmeier, Clara George, Christina Lee, Jaime Cunliffe, Rebecca Loyo Mayo, Jon Povill.

Committee Members: Greg Weary, Ruth Simons, Norman Barmeier, Clara George, Christina Lee, Jaime Cunliffe, Rebecca Loyo Mayo, Jon Povill

Staff: Peter DeJong

Public: Marek Sredzki

**1. Call to Order**

J. Cunliffe called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**2. Appointment of Recorder – Norm Barmeier**

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved/Seconded

THAT the agenda be adopted as submitted

CARRIED

**4. Appointment of the Co-Chair – Norm Barmeier**

**5. Public Questions & Comments**

**6. New Business**

A. Terms of reference for CAC – review

a. Discussion ensued on the goals of the CAC as outlined in the TOR and the roles and responsibilities. Emphasis on public education and review, research, and analysis.

b. Discussion on lack of progress on climate action goals since 2008/2009.

c. CAO emphasized lack of staff capacity to move goals forward.

Question; RS how do we know when we're done? Oct 15, 2022.

Can we add local and technical perspective; change under Purpose.

What are the council strategic principles.

Could there be a dedicated section of the Village website, particularly interacting with the residents. Agenda from 2010 version of CAC, there were a whole bunch of items that were useful.....what was implemented, what was useful? Are any results available of any implemented initiatives. What assets are available to residents, and how would they find out about them. (Ruth can send reports to the group)

(GW) The purpose only captures half of what we do (GW); there is also the angle of adapting to climate change. Draft resolutions have 2 points, 1 to reduce GHGs, and 2 adapt to the reality of climate change. We will not reduce GHGs enough to address natural assets? Insert 5 words into the purpose.....and adapting to climate change. Wildfire is a big problem which will increase as a result of climate change. Changes to wildfire management should be discussed, GW will take this on.

CG suggests that in the bullet point section what is missing is that there is lack of alignment and partnership with bigger communities near by; add this.

JP under the context of purpose, would like to see outreach and communication, PD pointed out that it's covered off.

CG – add bullet point that reads “research, recommend and engage with sustainable partners outside our community.”

CAC recommends changes to the TOR to capture the above. Motion passed, PD captured recommendation to council.

B. Climate Emergency Declaration – request council resolution

- RLM feels the motions as drafted is concise accurate and provides adequate context.

- PD provided some context on other similar declarations and trying to define the word “emergency” It doesn't fit within the emergency act or within our emergency bylaw; so the declaration of an emergency needs definition and has implications in terms of resources thrown at the “emergency”

- JP feels it helps prioritize Village actions within the context of what the Village can do, water shortages is an example, will there be a supplemental water plan?

- RS response to PD suggests this resolution has been around for a long time, other communities have implemented this and the concerns around the word “emergency” should be considered in the past. It's an aspirational resolution to impart the message that climate change is real and poses a threat.

- CG feels that it is in fact an emergency, and the definition is already out there on a global level. We are looking to join a larger movement that recognizes climate change as an emergency.

- RLM seconds that we are beyond debate on the word definition.....so we could insert the Oxford dictionary definition; which is a formal definition....add in as AND WHEREAS the oxford definition of climate emergency adopted in 2019 is a situation

in which urgent action is required to reduce or halt climate change and avoid potentially irreversible environmental damage resulting from it.

- Date change to May 25<sup>th</sup> – moved and passed motion to declare climate change with changes as noted above; ad definition of climate emergency; change of date to May 25<sup>th</sup>; and many metro communities. RS to provide list of communities to staff through the chair.

Moved/Seconded

THAT the Climate Action Committee recommends THAT Council declare a Climate Emergency through the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has recommended emissions reduction targets of 45 percent below 2010 levels by 2030 and 100 percent below 2010 levels by 2050 in order to limit global warming to no more than 1.5 C above pre-industrial levels;

AND WHEREAS these emissions reduction targets are not being met at the national, provincial or local level in Canada and Canadians have some of the highest per capita emissions worldwide;

AND WHEREAS the most recent scientific evidence indicates that climate change is accelerating and increasing in severity and extent, including in Canada;

AND WHEREAS the impacts of climate change will continue to be felt in communities across Canada, including Lions Bay, and significant emission reductions are required to minimize these impacts;

AND WHEREAS Lions Bay is already facing significant costs to deal with the impacts of climate change, including sea-level rise, stormwater and water management, and forest fires;

AND WHEREAS District of West Vancouver, District of Squamish, Islands Trust, Bowen Island Municipality, District of North Vancouver, City of Vancouver, City of Richmond, City of New Westminster, City of Port Moody and the City of North Vancouver and many more jurisdictions around the world have recently declared or officially acknowledged the existence of a global climate emergency;

AND WHEREAS the oxford definition of climate emergency adopted in 2019 is a situation in which urgent action is required to reduce or halt climate change and avoid potentially irreversible environmental damage resulting from it.

AND WHEREAS Section 473(3) of the Local Government Act requires local governments to incorporate within their official community plans targets, policies, and actions for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Village of Lions Bay adopted Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 408, 2008 and enacted Bylaw No. 408, 2008, Amendment Bylaw No. 420, 2010 (the OCP as amended) committing to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) Council recognizes that climate change constitutes an emergency for the Village of Lions Bay; AND
- 2) Staff be directed to report back at the May 25, 2021 regular Council meeting regarding:
  - a. actions referred to in Section 9 of the OCP as amended that the Village is presently taking to reduce GHG emissions (corporate and community) and performance metrics regarding emission targets;
  - b. actions the Village is presently taking to adapt to climate change.

**CARRIED**

Carry to unfinished business:

- C. OCP Amendment and associated targets – review/update
- D. CARIP Report – define
- E. Resident Survey – CAC to draft
- F. Climate Action Plan – model off existing
- G. Natural Asset Inventory - define
- H. Climate Action Tool Kit - define
- I. Renewable Diesel for yard trucks – define
- J. Transfer Station – materials WCS won't pick up
- K. Solar panel on Municipal buildings – scope effort
- L. EV charger initiative and status – resolution in place, grant application pending, update
- M. Food truck power – scope effort
- N. Beach Event power – scope effort
- O. Baseline Village data – research, 2008 data review, current energy profile
- P. Village actions to date – define
- Q. Small community energy efficiency upgrade grant/loans – define
- R. Infrastructure improvements – define

- S. Communication/Education – scope effort
- T. Finance/Funding - define

**7. Public Questions & Comments**

**8. Adjournment**

*Moved/Seconded*

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.*

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Chair

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Recorder

**9. Next Meeting – April 15<sup>th</sup>, 7pm**

Date Approved by Climate Action Committee:	April 15, 2021
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