



THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY

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**CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING  
OF THE VILLAGE OF LIONS BAY  
HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021 at 7:00 PM  
VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE**

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**Minutes**

In Attendance:

Committee members: Councillor Cunliffe, Ruth Simons, Jon Povil, Rebecca Mayo, Christina Lee, Clara George, Greg Weary,

Staff: CAO Peter DeJong

Council: Councillor Neville Abbott, Mayor Ron McLaughlin

Regrets: Norm Barmeier

**1. Meeting called to order 7:10 p.m.**

**2. Appointment of Recorder**

Ruth Simons was appointed as the recorder.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

Moved/Seconded

THAT the agenda be adopted as submitted.

**CARRIED**

**4. Public Questions & Comments**

Mayor McLaughlin appreciates the members participation and recommendations. Believes the community is ready for climate action and looks forward to the Committee's work.

Councillor Abbott - pleased with actions so far and looks forward to what will come forward. Earth Day 22nd is an opportunity to share news about the Climate Emergency with the community and hopes to see something in the Village Update .

CAO DeJong agreed the staff could do a special edition Village Update on Thursday for Earth Day April 22nd.

Ruth offered to start a document in Google Drive with current declaration and examples of announcements from other communities. CAO suggests announcement focus' on the big picture and links to a Village web page that staff member Karla can do by Thursday. Wed. 21st noon deadline.

Jon will contribute to the document and others can comment/edit.

## 5. Approval of Minutes

### A. Minutes from the March 31, 2021 Climate Action Committee Meeting *Jon Moved/Clara Seconded*

THAT the March 31, 2021 Climate Action Committee Minutes be approved, as circulated.

**CARRIED**

## 6. Business Arising from the Minutes

### A. Outcome of Committee Recommendations to Council from April 13, 2021 Regular Council Meeting – For Information

#### i) Terms of Reference Amendment - **no discussion**

#### ii) Climate Emergency Declaration adopted was split into two parts at the suggestion of Council and adopted:

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

iii) Staff Report

THAT 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.

- CAO DeJong confirmed he would be reviewing the current OCP and reporting on the status of the action. This will help us start with a baseline from which updates can be made. He will report to Council on May 25th.
- CAO DeJong will find out more information from CFO Rooke regarding the CARIP report and what the potential amount of carbon tax refund is possible. 2020

reporting requirement waived. Greg says he reviewed the CARIP reports and there are many opportunities for updating as the committee's interests align with the report. He feels confident VOLB can complete more of the actions by June to maximize the refund.

- Question regarding allocation of the refund, what it was used for and what would staff recommend would serve the best purpose for GHG reduction and refund potential?
- CAO Suggests it makes sense to prioritize our list according to most important things to get done or get off our plates quickly. What would be low hanging fruit. What would take more resources and time. Education component needs to be front and centre with what priorities are chosen.
- Will there be funding for projects that GHG reduces rather than just rate of return? For instance, increased cost to diesel but big return on GHG reduction. How do we present this?
- Mayor looks forward to a business case being made and recommendation to Council. Council prepared to look at all actions as long as the business plan behind it. Council will stay up to day with the committee and the Mayor thinks Council can find flexibility in the budgets this fall.
- If there is matching funding available, is that included in the budget process? CAO says it depends but there is a delay. Budgets include the full amount of grants in the budget, staff can access various grant opportunities, and the committee is also expected to look into grants, i.e. grant databases online
- Suggested we narrow down the list, and submit to Council the committee's prioritization list.
- Suggestion that we list our priorities we say to indicate indirect or direct impact on GHG emissions assuming that is the goal and why.
- Ruth will create a spreadsheet in Google Drive with a list of ideas and columns will be created assigning names and other information. List can then be sorted.

## 7. Unfinished Business

C. OCP Amendment and Associated Targets – review/update - **waiting on CAO report, Ruth will provide list of what other communities are targeting and actioning.**

D. CARIP Report – define - **Discussed see notes above**

E. Resident Survey – CAC to draft - **next meeting - need to know where we are at and then where we are moving towards. Address after the 25th.**

F. Climate Action Plan – model off existing - **Ruth will provide examples from other communities.**

G. Natural Asset Inventory - define - **Greg very interested in this, has begun to make inquiries and would like to report at next meeting. Jon interested in water mitigation as well.**

H. Climate Action Tool Kit - **Ruth will research and provide highlights**

I. Renewable Diesel for yard trucks – define - **Clara working and has had meetings and talked with Village staff, getting stats. Only help needed from staff is information about the fuel delivery contract and answer does the Village have an electrician and other details.**

J. Transfer Station – **Jaime - has learned there are materials WCS won't pick up**

K. Solar panel on Municipal buildings – scope effort - **Jon would like to get an estimate from an expert. Would love to make progress.**

L. EV charger initiative and status – **Village resolution is in place, grant application pending, update**

M. Food truck power – scope effort - **Karla will look into clean energy for food trucks and events.**

N. Beach Event power – scope effort - **same as above**

O. Baseline Village data – research, 2008 data review, current energy profile - **May 25th report will be a start.**

P. Village actions to date – define

Q. Small community energy efficiency upgrade grant/loans – define - **Discussed grant opportunities. Christina shared database links to grant lists. Committee will research for each project.**

R. Infrastructure improvements – define - **Village office windows were replaced to reduce heat loss.**

S. Communication/Education – scope effort - **Discussed need for education with each project.**

T. Finance/Funding - define - **See notes above**

**8. New Business**

Agenda – Climate Action Committee Meetings – **Discussed best timing for meetings in order to align recommendations with Council meetings. Materials need to be ready for Thursdays before Council.**

**9. Public Questions & Comments**

Councillor Abbott mentioned CARIP is unconditional on signing the charter. He likes the short meetings with homework and said thanks.

**10. Adjournment**

*Moved/Seconded*

THAT the Climate Action Committee Meeting be adjourned

**CARRIED**

*Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.*

**11. Next Meeting - Thursday May 13th, 7-8 pm**

Date Approved by Climate Action Committee:	May 13, 2021
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