

Mayor's Task Force on Climate Change (MTFCC)

Minutes

Date:	15 Mar /17	Time:	1:35	Location:	Council Chambers
Chair:	Mayor Fortin	Note taker:	MB	Type of meeting	
Attendees:					
	Cindy Fortin –(CF) - Mayor		Michael Healey (MH)		
	Wayne Power (WP)		Kevin Taylor (KT)		
	Marjorie Brims (MB)		Rick Ingram (RI)		
Absent					
	Debbie Cox		Terry Condon		
	Bert Put				
Agenda Topics					
Approval of Agenda: Approval of 15 Mar /17 agenda as amended. Moved by WP					
Adoption of Minutes: Adoption of 21 Jan /17\ minutes. Moved by RI					
Topic:	<i>Welcome new committee member</i>			Presenter:	CF
Discussion:	<p>Mayor Fortin welcomed Rick Ingram to the Task Force. Rick reported that he has spent most of his career as a software entrepreneur. He is developing a website called NetZeroCarbon.ca, to provide information on the science of climate change and technologies that will help the world transition to a net zero carbon future. It should be up and running in about 2 months. Rick will attend an energy futures conference shortly and plans to link up with the First Things First group in Penticton.</p>				
Topic:	<i>Report: Electric Vehicles</i>			Presenter:	WP
Discussion:	<p>Discussion on the pros and cons of charging EV owners for road maintenance (which comes out of gas revenues normally) in California. Wayne recommended we consider joining the group Plug-in America.</p> <p>CF reported that our request to Council (\$15,000) may be approved through the Community Works funding. Not yet final but is hopeful that the EV charging station project can be attached to the 4th St Parking Lot project. MH reported that DC observed the charging stations in her Vancouver neighbourhood to be well used and also that there are a growing number of EVs in our area.</p>				
Conclusion:	Await Council's final decision on funding request.				
Moved by:					
	Action Items	Responsible	Timeline		
	1.]				
Topic:	<i>Report: Electric Sub-committee</i>			Presenter:	MH
Discussion:	<p>1. MH reported that TC had checked with the Operations dept. and the solar panels on our Community Centre heat the hot water only. Solar Tech (who installed the panels) would be willing to assess (free of charge) for PV panels, if we wish. MH also reported on the articles he circulated re Alert Bay's successful use of solar for community buildings, which was 100% funded by a UBCM grant. Discussion re a possible Peachland application.</p>				

	2. Summerland held an information night with over 120 attendees. Interesting finding was that as their own utility, they must pay a surcharge for peak energy times to Fortis - \$80,000 per month. Research into energy storage therefore very important. Summerland continue to explore options and may hold another info meeting soon. 3. First Things First will hold an all-day Alternative Energy Symposium on April 22 at the Penticton Secondary School. First Things First website		
Conclusion:	Continue to consider Community Centre building for PV and monitor Summerland's progress		
Moved by:	RI		
	Action Items	Responsible	Timeline
1.	MH to discuss CC with TC	MH and TC	May 17/ 17
2.	Attend the Alternative Energy Symposium	All	April 22 /17
Topic:	Report: Revised webpage	Presenter:	KT
Discussion:	KT demonstrated the changes made to the webpage—cleaner with less information per page. Minutes, Meetings etc. much improved. Need to populate the Members page as well as the Resources page. RI suggested the webpage be a standing item on the agenda to ensure we keep it current and valuable to residents.		
Conclusion:	Continue to upgrade webpage—before KT leaves.		
Moved by:	WP		
	Action Items	Responsible	Timeline
1.	Send headshot of self to KT	All	Mar 30. 17
2.	Send 50-word bio to MB if not yet completed	All	Mar 30 /17
Topic:	<i>Report: Library space</i>	Presenter:	WP and MB
Discussion:	WP reported on the opportunity given to us by the local library. Successful meeting recently re: space and rotating themes. Forms circulated to members re suggestions for library purchases. Discussion on need for MTFCC to establish themes for the year and then the library will collate relevant materials for us. Plan to have 3 themes per year such as xeriscape gardening, fire-scaping, water conservation, children's art or science competitions to display in the library etc. Make this another standing item on the agenda to ensure we keep the space current and attractive for library users. Subcommittee formed.		
Conclusion:	Make Xeriscaping our first theme and get the project started. We can build on it as we go along.		
Moved by:	MH		
	Action Items	Responsible	Timeline
1.	Subcommittee meet to outline process and design	WP, RI and MB	March 25 /17
Topic	Report: Green Citizen ideas.	Presenter	MH
Discussion	Brief discussion re the kinds of criteria we would want.		
Conclusion	Plan to have award and recommendation process ready for Spring 2018		

Moved by	WP				
	Action Items		Responsible	Timeline	
1.	Discuss with Cheryl Wiebe and create criteria list		MH	May 17 /17	
New Business					
MTFCC Annual Report to Council			Presenter	CF	
	Council accepted our report as submitted.				
Art in the Garden partnership			Presenter	MH	
	Will not be held this year. Possible 'Sowers and Growers' or Rose Show opportunities to present xeriscape information. In addition, the two xeriscape project gardens - may be an opportunity for 'lessons learned' from Operations.				
OBWB – See award-winning documentary			Presenter	CF	
	CF reported that there is an OBWB-sponsored showing of the film "River Blue" to be held March 22/17 @ 7-9pm at the Grand 10 theatre in Kelowna in honour of UN Water Day, and Canada Water Week. Mark Angelo, the BC-based rivers conservationist and the film's director will be there to answer questions. Get \$5 tickets online.				
Next meeting	Date	May 17/ 17	Time	1:30	Place Council Chambers
Meeting Adjourned	Time	3:10	Moved by	MH	
Chair, Mayor Cindy Fortin			Corporate Officer		
Adopted on this		Day of		2017	