

## Climate Change Task Force January 7, 2021 – 1:00 PM

The Climate Change Task Force met on the above date through electronic means with the following members participating:

Present: Councillors Carleton, Woodbury, Desai, Hutchinson and McQueen and Warden Hicks

Regrets: Councillor Gamble

### Staff

Present: Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer; Randy Scherzer, Director of Planning; Scott Taylor, Senior Planner; Hiba Hussain, Planner; Pat Hoy, Director of Transportation; Anne Marie Shaw, Director of Housing; Heather Morrison, Clerk; Rob Hatten, Communications Manager and Tara Warder, Deputy Clerk/Legislative Coordinator

## Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

## Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations.

## Climate Change Action Plan

Hiba Hussain introduced Caitlin Rodger, Hiba Kariem and Adlar Gross from ICLEI Canada, who are working with Grey County to finalize the Climate Change Action Plan.

Caitlin Rodger provided an overview of the work to date and highlighted each of the phases of the process. She noted that the Plan focuses on both community and corporate emissions.

Ms. Rodger then outlined the plan development process, the project objectives and the Vision Statement, and reviewed energy and emissions baselines, community energy consumption and emissions and energy cost.

The corporate inventory was then reviewed. She outlined the corporate energy and emissions, energy costs, building emissions, fleet fuel consumption, and provided projections of energy use, greenhouse gas emissions and community cost projections.

Ms. Rodger then provided information on Grey County's reduction targets.

Adlar Gross then highlighted the themes within the Climate Change Action Plan, including buildings, transportation, waste, agriculture, land use, energy and protection of waterways and shorelines.

The consultants addressed questions from the Task Force regarding the proposed Plan, as well as hydrogen vehicles.

The Task Force discussed building practices to improve efficiencies and the launch of the Clean Energy Frontier Program. There is opportunity to leverage the work that the Nuclear Innovation Institute is completing.

Discussion occurred on the targets and whether they can be realistically achieved and if they are ambitious enough. It was noted that the targets involve a lot of work and aren't necessarily easily achieved.

## Agricultural Survey Results

Hiba Hussain spoke to the Agricultural Survey results. The survey was done to compliment the general survey, but focused more on the agricultural community recognizing that this is a huge sector in Grey County. The desire was to find out more about how the sector can be supported in the climate change subject.

## Grey County Baseline and Business as Usual Energy and Emissions Forecast and the Draft Climate Change Action Plan Vision Statement, Goals and Targets

Hiba Hussain asked the Task Force to consider these questions in relation to the above material and provide feedback to ensure the County is on the right track and achieving what it said it was going to do.

- a. Does the vision statement align with Grey County strategic vision? Municipal strategic vision?
- b. What are the tools and resources needed at the County and Municipal level to help achieve the draft targets?

- c. At your municipality, are there projects or policies in place or planned for the future that align with the objectives of the themes?

Discussion occurred on what it means to be a clear and visible climate leader. It was noted that Grey County needs to hold itself accountable first and lead by example and over time can become a leader within this realm.

Kim Wingrove noted that every municipality is required to have a strategic asset management policy, which shall include mitigation approaches to climate change.

It was suggested that some of these targets and numbers be converted into actions that people can relate to and therefore become more likely to effect change. Examples could include upgrades to windows and insulation and other efficiency improvements.

Further discussion occurred on Grey County's targets, charging stations, impacts of COVID-19 on plans to mitigate climate change and the greening of municipal vehicles.

## Other Business

There was no other business.

## Next Meeting Dates

January 26, 2021

On motion by Warden Hicks and Councillor McQueen, the meeting adjourned at 2:42 pm.

Sue Carleton, Chair