



Committee Agenda

Climate Change Task Force

April 5, 2022 – 9:30 AM

Electronic Meeting, Grey County Administration Building

1. Call to Order
2. Declaration of Interest
3. Report

- a. PDR-CCTF-10-22 Climate Change Action Plan

Whereas the recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report released in February 2022, indicates that human-induced climate change is causing dangerous and widespread disruption in nature, and affecting the lives of billions of people around the world, and notes that urgent action is required to deal with increasing risks; and

Whereas municipalities will bear much of the financial burden associated with climate change due to the increase in costs of maintaining and upgrading infrastructure such as roads, culverts, bridges and stormwater management systems, costs due to damage caused by flooding, etc.; and

Whereas municipalities are well-positioned to respond to climate change in that over 50% of greenhouse gas emissions are under the direct influence of local governments according to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities;

Be it Resolved That report PDR-CCTF-10-22 regarding the County's Climate Change Action Plan be received; and

That the Climate Change Task Force recommends that Council declare a climate emergency to deepen the County's commitment to move forward with the strategies and actions identified in the Climate Change Action Plan, and to work with local municipalities and other community partners, with the support of the federal and provincial government; and

That the Climate Change Action Plan, and a Net-Zero greenhouse gas emissions target by 2050 be endorsed to help guide corporate strategic plans and priorities; and

That the climate change action plan recommendations be supported, and staff be directed to continue and expand work supporting the various actions that are already underway, including the Four Foundational Pillars, and to develop workplans to advance the Five Key Next Steps identified in this report, in collaboration with local municipalities and other community partners; and

That staff be directed to share the Climate Change Action Plan with all member municipalities for information, with a presentation to local councils should that be requested.

4. Correspondence

- a. Correspondence from Sue Near – Reconsider the CP Rail Trail Upgrade (referred from Committee of the Whole)

That the correspondence from Sue Near regarding reconsidering the CP Rail Trail upgrades be received for information.

- b. Correspondence from the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative

That the correspondence and Report Card from the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative be received for information.

5. Other Business

6. Next Meeting Dates

- a. To Be Determined

7. Adjournment