



GREEN ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP AGENDA

Friday, November 29, 2024 – 2:00 p.m.
Municipal Office – Council Chambers – 217 Harper Road

Chair, Councillor Greg Hallam

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- i) **Minutes – September 13th, 2024 – *attached, page 4.***

Suggested Recommendation:

“THAT, the minutes of the Green Energy and Climate Change Working Group Meeting held on September 13th, 2024 be approved as circulated.”

- 5. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

None.

- 6. BUSINESS**

- i) **Climate Action Plan Update**

- Budget 2025
- Building Retrofit Application
- Consultation on Ontario’s Affordable Energy Future: The Pressing Case for More Power, ERO 019-9285 – *attached, page 8.*

- ii) **Communications**

- Lanark County Climate Change Committee Update – Planner
- Material for Township Website

7. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

None.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

Next Meeting: Friday, February 14th, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

9. DEFERRED ITEMS

**The following items will be discussed at the next and/or future meeting:*

- *None at this time*

10. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES

GREEN ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE WORKING GROUP MINUTES

Friday, September 13th, 2024

2:00 p.m.

Tay Valley Municipal Office – 217 Harper Road, Perth, Ontario
Council Chambers

ATTENDANCE:

Members Present: Chair, Councillor, Greg Hallam
Councillor, Angela Pierman
Bob Argue
Jennifer Dickson
Douglas Barr
David Poch
Gilbert Rossignol

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Noelle Reeve, Planner
Allison Playfair, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.
A quorum was present.

2. AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as presented.

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND/OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

None at this time.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- i) **Minutes – June 14th, 2024.**

The minutes of the Green Energy and Climate Change Working Group Meeting held on June 14th, 2024 were approved as circulated.

5. DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

None.

6. BUSINESS

i) **Climate Action Plan Update.**

- **Budget 2025**

The Planner advised the Working Group that the Tay Valley Township preliminary budget should be available in October 2024. The Planner noted the 10-Year Capital Plan will be reviewed to see what needs to be added to the budget and new or replacement assets or projects will consider climate impacts.

D. Poch suggested the Climate Lens be formally used to review the budget.

B. Argue noted that Perth had used the Climate Lens to review the recent purchase of an electric Zamboni and that although the initial purchase price was higher, over the long run the electric Zamboni was cheaper.

ii) **Communications**

Lanark County Climate Change Committee Update

The Planner informed the members that Lanark County was successful in receiving federal funds from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. Therefore, all Lanark County Climate Change Committee meetings were cancelled for August, September and October to allow them to focus on facilitating the design of the program to offer loans to homeowners for deep energy retro-fits.

Working Group members suggested doing workshops on the loan process to help promote the program to Tay Valley residents.

The Planner had distributed excerpts from the County website about Climate Change but these will be discussed at the next meeting – *attached page, 5.*

- **Composting Education Morning Evaluation**

Since the date was moved, the Working Group did not discuss how to make the day better. Instead, the Planner explained the process for the morning and location of the tent set up to sell composters at half price and educate residents on composting.

The Planner informed the Working Group members that money received from the County subsidized the costs of the composters. This allows Tay Valley residents to purchase them at a reduced rate of \$25.00 and receive a free green bucket for under the sink collection.

- Seniors for Climate Action

The Planner circulated a poster to promote an event called Seniors for Climate Action that will be held on October 1, 2024 at the corner of Highway 7 and Wilson Street - *attached page 17*.

This event will promote the urgent need to address climate change and raise awareness of the need for local governments, the province and federal government to take action. There is a website to help people get involved.

A Working Group member asked if staff could look for a bumper sticker that says, "My next car will be an EV" these could be handed out at different events to promote Climate Change actions.

- Update on Maberly Hall Potential Heat Pump

The Planner noted that the Public Works Manager presented the Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan 2024-2029 to the Committee of the Whole on September 10th and it can be reviewed on the Township's website. It identifies suggested upgrades to Township assets, including a suggestion of a Heat Pump for Maberly Hall to replace the three air conditioners that are failing.

7. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

None.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE AND PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS

Next Meeting: Friday, November 8, 2024

9. DEFERRED ITEMS

**The following items will be discussed at the next and/or future meeting:*

- *None at this time*

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Working Group adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

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October 23, 2024

Dear Energy Stakeholder:

I am writing today to share [Ontario's Affordable Energy Future: The Pressing Case for More Power](#), and to share information about next steps on integrated energy resource planning.

Ontario's energy demand is expected to increase by 75 per cent by 2050, as a result of economic development, housing for its growing population and electrification. There is a need to move to an integrated planning process across fuels and sectors, coordinating the build-out of an energy system that remains affordable, abundant and clean.

To support this work, I am pleased to release *Ontario's Affordable Energy Future: The Pressing Case for More Power*, which sets out our priorities in meeting the challenge of a growing Ontario. We are also initiating a consultation and engagement process that would inform the development of Ontario's first Integrated Energy Resource Plan. This plan, which we intend to release in 2025, will consider a long-term, integrated view of energy use across the economy and across all sources of energy.

To help guide this consultation and engagement process, the ministry has released a consultation posting on the [Environmental Registry of Ontario](#), which includes *Ontario's Affordable Energy Future: The Pressing Case for More Power*, together with links to contextual and background information and a series of questions to help guide feedback from our consultation and engagement. The ministry is seeking feedback from the public, Indigenous communities, and key stakeholders to help shape the plan, and we would like to hear from you.

On October 23, 2024, I also introduced Bill 214, the *Affordable Energy Act, 2024*, for approval by the legislature. This legislation would, if passed, enable the development of Integrated Energy Resource Plans, and take other steps to achieve our vision of an affordable energy future. The proposal includes statutory amendments that would make it more cost-effective to connect to the electricity grid, help reduce energy use to save families and businesses money and support the growth of electric vehicles in Ontario.

Our legislative initiative, along with *Ontario's Affordable Energy Future*, builds on significant work completed over the past six years to refine energy system planning and guide the transition to cleaner forms of energy. I appreciate the valuable contributions from the sector to help inform this work so far, such as the Electrification and Energy Transition Panel's engagements. I look forward to continuing to work together through this process.

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I encourage you to review *Ontario's Affordable Energy Future: The Pressing Case for More Power* as well as [Bill 214, the Affordable Energy Act, 2024](#), and submit your feedback through the Environmental Registry of Ontario.

If you have any specific questions about this consultation process, please contact the following Ministry of Energy and Electrification staff:

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