



CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting – Tuesday, September 13, 2022
6:30 pm - BY MS TEAMS

- Present:** Keegan Casidy, Eleanor Gill, Diana Leung, Mariko Michasiw, Irwin Oostindie, Lorna Pelly
- Regrets:** Ken Ashley, Jennifer Johnson, Councillor Megan Curren, Oliver Ng, Bo Ocampo,
- Staff:** Caroline Jackson, Manager, Climate Action, Natural Systems and Biodiversity; Adam Wright, Sustainability Planner; Brendon James, Transportation Demand Management Coordinator; Hafsa Salihue, Research Analyst - Climate Resilience; Mary Jukich, Committee Clerk
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1. Welcome and Call to Order

Diana Leung called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Territorial Acknowledgement

Diana Leung provided the territorial acknowledgement.

Introductions

Committee members and staff were introduced and welcomed.

Adoption of the Agenda

Lorna Pelly moved and Eleanor Gill seconded
To adopt the agenda.

Adoption of the Minutes

Mariko Michasiw moved and Lorna Pelly seconded
To adopt the July 12, 2022 minutes.

2. Transportation Demand Management Overview & E-Bike Share Pilot Feedback

Brendon James, Transportation Demand Management Coordinator, provided a presentation on Transportation Demand Management (TDM) and the District's work in this regard. The presentation included an overview of the work of the Transportation Engineering division, reference to the documents and standards that guide the work, and the key action areas.

TDM is the application of strategies and policies to reduce (or re-distribute) travel demand, and can include infrastructure, incentives, pricing mechanisms and education. The District's TDM program centers on four benefits; reducing road congestion, creating livable communities, providing transportation equity, and supporting environmental objectives. The program focuses on measures that affect District of North Vancouver employees, residents, schools, new developments and businesses.

Example TDM projects in the District include:

- Lynn Canyon paid parking pilot - Developed in response to peak vehicle traffic of approximately 2,500 per day during the summer.
- E-Scooter pilot - Use of e-scooters on all local streets, paved multi-use pathways and several other street types within the District and City of North Vancouver.
- Congestion and curbside management program - To address the impending introduction of ride-hailing in BC.
- Lime-E-Bike Pilot program - To increase the freedom of mobility and grow the number travel options, as well as provide equity in the transportation system.

Committee members provided feedback on the Lime E-Bikes program including perceptions of the Lime E-Bikes system, the parking model currently being used, and potential benefits and impacts for District residents.

3. Electric Vehicle Initiatives Update

Adam Wright, Sustainability Planner provided a presentation on electric vehicles (EVs) including ongoing work undertaken by the District and plans for next steps. The District is focused on supporting active forms of transportation, compact community design, transit, and shifting to electric vehicles to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The District has electrified most light duty fleet vehicles that staff use for site visits, adopted a policy to require EV-charging for 100% of parking stalls in new multi-family developments, and has applied for grant funding to expand the public EV-charging network.

Committee members discussed which stakeholders to engage to inform the development of the District's planned EV Strategy.

4. Climate Action Committee Summary Report Review

Adam Wright, Sustainability Planner, noted that staff prepared a summary report of the Committee's work, as guided by the Committee's Terms of Reference. The report summarizes activities completed over the first term of the Committee, including various programs and policies to which the committee provided input. All meeting agendas and meeting minutes have been uploaded to the District website, and a link was also included in the report.

Eleanor Gill moved (Lorna Pelly seconded) that the Climate Action Advisory Committee support the summary report, as presented.

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5. Break

The meeting resumed at 7:49 pm.

6. Climate Adaptation, Resilience Review, and Gap Analysis

Hafsa Salihue, Research Analyst - Climate Resilience, provided a presentation on her work reviewing the District's Climate Change Adaptation Strategy. The strategy was adopted by

Council in 2017 and identified 12 action areas to reduce climate vulnerability and risks. Since then, Council has declared a climate and ecological emergency and has taken steps to bring actions to the forefront of the community. The main objectives of the review were to re-engage staff with the climate adaptation strategy, identify some of the gaps and barriers, and outline recommendations to support implementation.

The recommended next steps include updating and refining progress indicators, confirming roles and responsibilities, and establishing a staff forum to discuss projects and maintain momentum.

Committee members provided the following comments:

- Consider the role of community, engagement, and perspectives of First Nations to support implementation.
- Consider promoting North Shore initiatives so that community members can join an initiative that they wish to support.
- Whether there was an expected completion date for the Natural Asset Management Plan and Integrated Stormwater Management Plan. Staff reported that the research and work has been completed, that the plan is in draft format, and that it is expected to be brought forward to Council in 2023.
- The Community Energy and Emissions Plan does not seem to mention particulates outside of greenhouse gases, for example, chemical runoff from vehicle tires that may impact water quality in streams. Staff reported that this would likely be addressed as part of the Biodiversity Strategy.

Staff noted that the District has launched a new sustainability grant program for community groups. The deadline for applications is October 24, 2022 and there is approximately \$30,000 available to support community-based initiatives with grants amount expected to be between \$1,000 and \$5,000.

7. Committee Roundtable

Committee members noted that Maplewood Flats and First Nations have partnered with the District for the urban tree canopy project (native tree and shrub giveaway) on October 21.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

