



## CLIMATE PROTECTION WORKING GROUP MINUTES

Tuesday, July 16, 2024 – 2:00 p.m.  
Council Chambers – 77 Beckwith Street North, Smiths Falls

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### ATTENDANCE:

<b>Members Present:</b>	Councilor P. McKenna N. Morris S. Pankow S. Brandum P. Au S. Gauthier
<b>Regrets:</b>	<b>J. Desormeaux</b>
<b>Staff Present:</b>	R. Grant, Planner I M. Elmsley, Planning Clerk Toby Stewart, Summer Student
<b>Guests:</b>	<b>None</b>

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

P. McKenna called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. and read the Land Acknowledgement.

A quorum was present.

P. Au joined the meeting at 2:06 p.m.  
S. Gauthier joined the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- i) Addition under Roundtable
  - 7.2 Quest

The agenda was adopted as modified.

*Moved: S. Pankow*  
*Seconded: N. Morris*  
**CARRIED: (4-0)**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Climate Protection Working Group meeting from June 18, 2024, were approved as presented.

*Moved: N. Morris*  
*Seconded: S. Pankow*  
*CARRIED: (4-0)*

**4. DISCLOSURE OF MONETARY INTERESTS**

None.

**5. PRIORITY ISSUES**

- i.) Report #CPWG-24-06 –Backyard Chickens

The committee reviewed Resolution # 2024-01. General discussion about support and how much detail to include. The group decided to support it as written.

***Resolution 2024-01: Support for Backyard Chicken Program in Smiths Falls***

***WHEREAS***, the Town recognizes the importance of establishing complete communities by providing a holistic approach to food resiliency and food security through a Backyard Chicken program; and,  
***AND WHEREAS***, the residents of Smiths Falls would greatly benefit from the provision of a Backyard Chickens Program where they can engage in backyard chicken rearing in non-rural zones; and,  
***AND WHEREAS***, the community and concerned citizens have come forward with a proposal to establish a Backyard Chickens Program within the Town; and  
***AND WHEREAS***, a Backyard Chickens program would function as a means of engendering community-building opportunities, climate change resiliency behaviours and improved quality of life;  
***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED*** that the Climate Protection Working Group Committee endorse the creation and implementation of a Backyard Chicken program in Smiths Falls.

Moved by: N. Morris  
Seconded by: P. Au  
Carried: (5-0)

ii.) Milestone #1 (Scope 3)

The committee discussed how to proceed with either Scope 1 or Scope 3 for determining emissions. Scope 3 was presented at the last meeting, but a decision is still pending. N. Morris requested an email be sent to Adler of Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) for review and comment, as well as to consider inclusion in the toolkit. N. Morris had drafted an email to that end. The group decided they could wait until feedback is received from PCP on this email before deciding on using either Scope 1 or 3 going forward.

**ACTION:** Staff to send an email to Adler with the Scope 3 presentation, asking for review and comments, and if they think it merits inclusion in the toolkit.

iii.) Milestone 1 Update – Industrial Processing & Product Use Sector

R. Grant reviewed his report. The committee discussed various companies included in the report that led to the conclusion that no businesses would be included in the IPPU. Therefore, all businesses were considered to belong to the Stationary Energy sector. Vehicle emissions were discussed and how we arrive at the amount of gas used per household. The committee looks forward to seeing the impact of idling trains as this is a common occurrence here, but it is not included in the data, as well as from boats and transport trucks.

**ACTION:** Staff to request updated gas sales info from Calibrate.

**ACTION:** Staff to contact Crossroads Truck Training Academy

**ACTION:** Staff to contact Wills Transfer community liaison person to discuss a partnership to reduce emissions, and if there are plans for going electric.

## 6. Project Updates

i.) C.A.P. Project's Next Steps

R. Grant advised that the next steps involve creating a survey and a CPWG website page on the Town website. This is also the stage where we will update Council on progress to date. There was a general discussion on how to best promote the survey that is targeted at residents to complete. Sending out information on social media posts about how food waste is very significant and would help add context for residents giving them a better understanding on how to participate in reducing emissions. The committee discussed various ways of using the info collected from the survey could further additional community involvement. It was thought to update the Council with both Corporate and Community emissions at the same time so that the community can see how the Town is taking responsibility for their emissions.

**ACTION:** Staff to circulate the draft survey one week prior to the next CPWG

meeting (August 13<sup>th</sup>).

**ACTION:** Staff to reach out to the high school to give presentation on the survey, and to encourage student participation on the committee.

## 7. ROUNDTABLE

### i.) Low Income Retrofit Programs

Available programs for energy savings for low-income households were discussed and how to best make the community aware of them as it was felt that social media posts were not enough.

**ACTION:** Bring this item forward to next meeting to discuss various ways of getting the word out on these programs, including an income question on the survey

### ii.) Tree Planting and QUEST

This federal program is for tree planning includes trees for streets for 2025 and closes October 15, 2024.

**ACTION:** R. Grant to circulate to Community Services.

Quest is an energy research project looking to recruit municipalities with a population of 30,000 or less. Deadline to apply is August 5, 2024. This should go through Council as a letter of interest.

**ACTION:** A letter of interest would have to come from Council. Staff to request this be added to the Council agenda

P. Au advised that there is a Lock and Paddle Event being hosted by Parks Canada in Peterborough, Ottawa Quebec. How can we get Smiths Falls involved in the future?

## 8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 13, 2024, not August 11th as appears on the agenda.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

THAT, the Climate Protection Working Group adjourn its proceedings at 3:25 p.m. and stand so adjourned until the next duly called Committee meeting.

*Moved: N. Morris*

*Seconded: S. Pankow*

*Carried: (5-0)*

