

Integrated Community Energy & Climate Action Plans (ICECAP) Stakeholder Committee Meeting Minutes

held on Thursday, April 8th, 2021 at 9:30 AM via Zoom

ICECAP Corporate (Voting) Stakeholders Present:

F. Pengra, Manager of Infrastructure and Technology, Town of Parry Sound (Co-Chair)
D. Moffatt, Councillor, Seguin Township (Co-Chair)
D. O'Brien, Director of Community Services, Seguin Township
P. Hopkins, Mayor, Township of McKellar
L. Sherk, CAO/Clerk, Township of McKellar
R. Snowball, Planner, Township of Carling
C. Avery, Township of Georgian Bay
P. Koetsier, Mayor, Township of Georgian Bay
J. Schnier, Director of Sustainability, Township of Georgian Bay
T. Walton, Communications and Sustainability Assistant, Township of Georgian Bay
J. Tynan, Board Member, Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve

ICECAP (Non-Voting) Partners Present:

K. Boyle, Climate Change Coordinator, District Municipality of Muskoka
T. Roxborough, Sustainability and Climate Change Coordinator, Sustainable Severn Sound
S. McCrindle, Program Coordinator, Georgian College
K. Mueller, President, Otter Lake Ratepayers Association
N. Anand, Hydro One
Robert Sanderson, North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit

Georgian Bay Biosphere Members:

D. Bywater, Conservation Program Manager
B. Pollock, Executive Director
L. Peddie, Office Manager
G. Barden, Director

1. Welcome & Call to Order & Quorum

ICECAP Co-Chair, Forrest Pengra, welcomed participants and noted that attendance would be taken by GBB staff and recorded in the Minutes. Participants were asked to introduce themselves during the roundtable portion of the meeting.

D. Bywater provided a land acknowledgment recognizing we are all Treaty people.

It was noted that the meeting had Quorum, with 6 of 7 voting members present.

1.1 Adopt Agenda

Motion to adopt the Agenda, as presented, for April 8, 2021.

Resolution No. 2021-01

Moved by: D. Moffatt

Seconded by: P. Koetsier

CARRIED

2. Adopt Minutes

Motion to adopt the minutes from ICECAP Corporate Stakeholder Committee Meeting held on September 21st 2020 and the notes from the members budget meeting held on October 16st 2020.

Resolution No. 2021-02

Moved by: D. Moffatt

Seconded by: P. Koetsier

CARRIED

3. Adopt Quarterly Report

Resolution No. 2020-03

Moved by: D. Moffatt

Seconded by: P. Koetsier

Motion to accept Q4 report, as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Governance

Memorandum of Understanding: Update Schedules, version 4
 Re: e-voting protocol added, financial process for grant applications clarified
 Georgian Bay Biosphere (GBB) name change and address update.

Resolution No. 2021-04

Moved by: D. Moffatt
 Seconded by: P. Koetsier

CARRIED

5. Project Management

- D. Bywater provided a presentation on ICECAP progress from October 2020 to present.
- Corporate & Community Milestone 1 achieved for all partners
 - Grant applications and internships in progress
 - Program risk-managed while Municipal budget deliberations in progress
 - Preparations being made for Milestones 2 & 3 for 2021-2022

Municipal funding program information to be sent to members by GBB staff.

ACTION

ICECAP members to hold a budget and planning meeting in the summer/early fall.

ACTION

6. Milestone 1 Review & Summary

- B. Pollock provided a brief summary of the Milestone 1 process and results
- Inventory of GHG emissions per municipality (corporate) and for each community, with an aggregate of data for a regional profile
 - Public communications and social media
 - Unique data collection on boat emissions (waterborne transportation at 34%)

Discussion:

- A) Waste management: backyard composting rebate in Seguin, potential for inter-municipal composting systems, Green Municipal Fund opportunities for feasibility study and implementation.

Suggested “waste working group”

ACTION

- B) Involvement of schools, through curriculum materials and presentations (see plan for Trillium Lakeland School Board). Note school bus switch to propane-fuelled.

- C) Opportunities for electrification of recreational boats and charging infrastructure; possibility of an ICECAP ‘clean energy forum’ or trade show. BRP, Taiga and others. PlugNGo is a testing centre for electric vehicles: they may have interest.

Suggested “transportation and/or e-boats working group”

ACTION

- D) Note Beausoleil First Nation ferry is electric. Georgian Bay Islands National Park interested partner in boat emissions and mitigation actions.

7. Public posting of Milestone 1 Reports

- Milestone 1 reports approved by PCP and presented to Councils, Dec. 20th
- Decision to house them on municipal webpages
- Decision to house them also on the GBB’s ICECAP webpage for reference
- Support in principle to house them on a future ICECAP webpage
- Available to public via the PCP portal (account required)

Discussion:

- A) Municipal staff to post milestone 1 reports to their municipal site.

ACTION

- B) GBB staff to post milestone 1 reports to ICECAP website.

ACTION

Resolution No. 2021-05

Moved by: D. Moffatt

Seconded by: P. Koetsier

CARRIED

8. Milestones 2 & 3 Overview

- Milestones 2 and 3 combined for maximum effectiveness and efficiency
- Target setting process standards for corporate & community Milestone 2
- Community engagement, surveys, consultations throughout planning process
- Timeline for this work has not been established; start in June for corporate M2/3
- Likely start in September for community M2/3
- Additional grants and supporting funds are being sought for public communications

9. Sponsorship Plan

- Proposed by Stakeholder Committee in principle
- Draft for discussion circulated
- Notably, last year Henvey Inlet Wind sponsored \$1,000
- Notably, this year Parry Sound Area Active Transportation donated \$800
- List of potential sponsors to be compiled by GBB and invited to participate
- Recommendations for potential sponsors should be sent to climate@gbbr.ca
- Separate meeting about sponsorship required prior to launch **ACTION**

Resolution No. 2021-06

Moved by: D. Moffatt

Seconded by: P. Koetsier

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10. Roundtable: Updates from members, communities, and partners

Township of Seguin

- Tree saplings (500) for Humphrey Public School and Otter Lake Mennonite school; extras will be given to free to interested residents
- Council passed budget: purchase electric ice re-surfacer. Save on Energy lighting retrofit for arena, municipal office, and Humphrey Public Works buildings in 2021
- Retrofit for all streetlights through operations department in 2020
- Participating in survey on regional transportation survey
- Official Plan: any opportunity to generate electricity within the shore road allowance

Township of Carling

- Planning for solar panels on the community centre/arena, date TBA
- Drafting a 5-year strategic plan, including three pillars of sustainability
- Official plan review: gather public's opinion on priority items

The Township of Georgian Bay

- April 13th: three climate-related deputations scheduled
- Milestone 3 achieved (a living document) and Milestone 4 underway
- Grant to purchase an electric vehicle with IVY level 3 chargers on site
- Tesla charging station at Exit#156
- Lions Club & GBB starting a Community Garden
- Town Office plans to collect food waste to reduce carbon footprint

Township of McKellar

- New CAO Lance Sherk environmental background with Parks Canada
- Environment Committee to become standing committee of council
- Environmental Education continues: Earth Day clean-up photos & prizes
- Septic reinspection program to be drafted this year; rental property review
- Tire Reefs back in the 1980s constructed as fish habitat; likely lake contaminant

Town of Parry Sound

- Solar project nearing completion, undergoing tests for connectivity into the grid
- SPEEDIER demonstration project: Lakeland Power & RESCo. Construction available to consult with ICECAP members on their projects
- Tesla Power Walls have been installed at multiple locations within Parry Sound
- Integrated hot water tank controllers adjust to peak demand
- Working through 5 year conservation and demand management
- Plans to form Corporate Sustainability working group for sustainable practices
- Forrest has accepted 3 year appointment to IESO Technical Panel, representing residential customers (contact him with any suggestions)

Georgian College: Scott McCriddle

- Research partner of SPEEDIER: extensive GHG accounting and reporting exercise, nearly complete. Results will be announced publicly
- Research will be made available and help municipalities and local distribution companies and grid operators find ways to mitigate GHGs
- Considered globally significant project, with international partners

District Municipality of Muskoka: Kevin Boyle

- Milestone 2 targets to be announced on April 22, 2021
- Council approved climate plan in December: corporate action plan underway
- Engaging member municipalities across the District
- Floodplain mapping: waiting to hear back from federal government for funding
- Muskoka Watershed Management Initiative – 13 projects over the next 1.5 years
- Speaker series at Steamship Discovery centre & online: **ACTION to Circulate**

Parry Sound North Bay District Health Unit – Robert Sanderson

- Writing a Climate Change Vulnerability and Adaptation Assessment for region
- Includes climate projections and impacts on human health
- Survey includes community perceptions of climate change through health lens
- Group suggests active transportation as health issue
- Group suggests making deputations to area Councils when report is complete

Severn Sound Environmental Association – Tracy Roxborough

- Sustainable Severn Sound special project of SSEA; continues PCP work
- Supports local municipalities on Milestone 4 & 5: implementation and reporting
- Developing a 2015-2020 GHG emissions progress report to submit to PCP
- Review targets set by municipalities and adjust as necessary

- Corporate Climate Change Working Group to support staff & Councils
- SSEA also involved in water quality monitoring, citizen science, tree planting

11. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2021-07

Moved by: D. Moffatt

Seconded by: P. Koetsier

Motion to adjourn at 11:50 AM on April 8, 2021.

CARRIED

No date has been set for the next meeting but one is planned for summer/early fall.