

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

held on Wednesday, February 9th, 2022 at 10:00 am via Zoom

ICECAP Corporate (Voting) Stakeholders Present:

F. Pengra, Manager of Infrastructure and Technology, Town of Parry Sound (Co-Chair)
D. Moffatt, Councillor, Township of Seguin (Co-Chair)
A. Barton, Councillor, Township of the Archipelago
C. Henderson, Manager of Development and Environmental Services, Township of the Archipelago
R. Snowball, Township of Carling
P. Koetsier, Mayor, Township of Georgian Bay
J. Schnier, Director of Sustainability, Township of Georgian Bay
J. Tynan, Board Member, Georgian Bay Biosphere
J. Ryman, Councillor, Municipality of McDougall
P. Hopkins, Mayor, Township of McKellar
P. Borneman, Councillor, Town of Parry Sound
D. O'Brien, Director of Community Services, Township of Seguin
B. Gorham-Matthews, Municipality of Whitestone

ICECAP (Non-Voting) Partners Present:

K. Boyle, Climate Change Coordinator, District Municipality of Muskoka
C. Aspila, Director of Planning, Township of Georgian Bay
C. Avery, Senior MLEO, Planning, Township of Georgian Bay
D. Persad, Environmental Technician, Township of Georgian Bay
T. Walton, Communications and Sustainability Officer, Township of Georgian Bay
E. Kramer, Board Member, Georgian Bay Biosphere
I. Scott, Board Member, Georgian Bay Biosphere
A. Promaine, Georgian Bay Islands National Park, Parks Canada
S. McCrindle, Program Coordinator, Georgian College
G. Lind, Hydro One
M. MacDonald, Lakeland Holding
S. Noganosh, Magnetawan First Nation
N. Perron, Magnetawan First Nation
T. Faulkner, North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit
K. Mueller, President, Otter Lake Ratepayers Association
A. Chiandet, Water Scientist, Severn Sound Environmental Association
S. Mawhinney, Watershed Resilience Coordinator, Severn Sound Environmental Association

Georgian Bay Biosphere Staff:

D. Bywater, Conservation Programs Manager
I. Moy, Climate Change and Sustainability Program Coordinator

B. Pollock, Executive Director

1. Welcome & Quorum

ICECAP Co-Chair, Daryle Moffatt, welcomed participants and noted that attendance would be taken by Georgian Bay Biosphere (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 9 of 9 voting members present.

2. Adopt Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda, as presented, for February 9, 2022.

Resolution No. 2022-01

Moved by: J. Tynan

Seconded by: P. Borneman

CARRIED

3. Adopt Minutes

Motion to adopt the minutes from ICECAP Corporate Stakeholder Committee Meeting held on September 29, 2021.

Resolution No. 2022-02

Moved by: A. Barton

Seconded by: J. Tynan

CARRIED

4. Governance

Motion to adopt amended Memorandum of Understanding and Schedules A and B, as circulated.

Resolution No. 2022-03

Moved by: D. O'Brien

Seconded by: A. Barton

CARRIED

The Municipality of Whitestone was welcomed to the ICECAP partnership. Gratitude was expressed to all those involved in having Whitestone join. All area municipalities have now joined the ICEACP partnership.

5. Adopt Quarterly Reports

Motion to adopt Q3 and Q4 reports, as circulated.

Resolution No. 2022-04

Moved by: C. Henderson

Seconded by: J. Tynan

CARRIED

6. Project Management

I. Moy provided a presentation on ICECAP progress from September 2021 to present and an update on current community engagement.

- Welcome to Sam Cunningham, the new Climate and Sustainability Technical Lead at the GBB
- Corporate & Community Milestones 2 and 3 in progress
- Corporate & Community engagement in progress
 - Update on Fall Climate Action Groups
 - Community Survey circulating now until March 1st, 2022
 - Stakeholder engagement underway
 - Planning for Town Hall “launch” event

D. Bywater provided an overview of a municipal grant opportunity and an update on other funding applications.

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ (FCM) Community Buildings Retrofit grant for municipal buildings
- Intact Foundation funding for climate resilience
- Commission for Environmental Cooperation for First Nations Adaptation Planning
- Hydro One grant for Climate Action Plan implementation

I. Moy provided an update on the *Advancing Adaptation* program that Shawanaga First Nation and the Town of Parry Sound are participating in.

- Risk Assessment workshop at the end of February
- Vulnerability and Risk Assessment phase will be completed at the end of April
- Adaptation Planning phase to begin in May, anticipated completion date is end of December 2022

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

Severn Sound Environmental Association (SSEA):

- Severn Sound municipalities on Milestone 4 of Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) program
- Township of Georgian Bay still working through Milestone 4, implementation with SSEA
- Still looking for a replacement for Tracy Roxborough's position
- Continuing with regular water and monitoring programs for 2022

The Archipelago:

- Alice Barton is participating in the Climate Leadership course through FCM
- Working through the Corporate Action List, excitement from staff
- Exploring financial tools to fund climate work
- Pursuing Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) grant for community centre window and door replacements
- Also looking to install Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers at community centre

Parks Canada, Georgian Bay Islands National Park

- Continued focus on Species at Risk, climate change adaptation
- In conjunction with larger network of National Parks, investigating how to reduce emissions from Parks operations

Whitestone

- New member
- Goal for 2022 is to finish Milestone 1
- Looking into the recent grant opportunity for active transportation projects

Georgian Bay

- Successful application to FCM's Community Buildings Retrofit grant, undergoing greenhouse gas (GHG) analysis for 17 municipal buildings as part of Township's 50th year celebration
- Upcoming de-paving project which will rehabilitate a local park
- Ivy EV chargers installed and ready for use at exit 156 in Port Severn, and Tesla superchargers coming soon

Seguin

- Completion of Corporate Action Lists underway, conversations being held with department heads
- Pursuing an NOHFC grant for arena roof
- Looking into the FCM Community Buildings Retrofit grant
- Launched a pilot program with FoodCycler to divert organic waste from landfill
- Passed a Trail Master Plan for active transportation

Parry Sound

- Also partaking in the FoodCycler pilot program
- Looking at wage subsidies for a climate change position at the Town starting in April
- Working through Corporate Action Lists with Town leadership

- Participating in the ICLEI (Local Governments for Sustainability Canada) Adaptation work
- Looking at a fuel switching study for buildings and fleet
 - Around 80% of GHG emissions from Town facilities comes from only 3 buildings
- Project underway that uses LiDAR (light detection and ranging) to improve road milling techniques, greater efficiency and reduced GHG emissions
- Investigating changes to municipal procurement processes to integrate climate action considerations

McDougall

- Corporate Milestone 1 completed and starting the community portion this year
- Looking to get more involved with ICECAP going forward

Kerry Mueller – Otter Lake Ratepayer Association (OLRA)

- Here to observe and communicate messages back to OLRA
- Passed the Community Survey to ratepayers

District Municipality of Muskoka

- Also completing the ICLEI Canada Adaptation program
- Muskoka GHG program running again
- Corporate climate action plan also being implemented
- Working on floodplain mapping with Wahta and Moose Deer Point First Nations
- Other grants of note: Low Carbon Economy Fund (due March 25th), Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund's small and large scale projects – flood and fire (open until July 20, 2022)

McKellar

- Progress on ICECAP is behind, but staffing at the municipality is back up to normal levels
- Lake Stewardship and Environment Committee for climate change work
- Pursuing the FoodCycler pilot program as well

Lakeland

- SPEEDIER (Smart, Proactive, Enabled Energy Distribution – Intelligently, Efficiently and Responsive) project installations coming to a close
- SPEEDIER GHGs now on website

Georgian College

- Preparing for verification and validation of GHG claims and calculations

Magnetawan First Nation (MFN)

- Climate change adaptation plan MFN-focused
- Applied for Nature Smart Climate Solution fund
- Continuing with work on Eddy towers and monitoring

- Community Energy Champion focusing on energy use in the community, carrying out community initiatives, most recently a Christmas initiative
- Implementing office vermicomposting with added benefit of providing food for species at risk turtle programs
- Working with Georgian Bay Forever on invasive species management, particularly phragmites

North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit

- Collaborative project between Northern Health Units finishing up
- Provided a local health vulnerability and risk assessment

Hydro One

- Observing meeting to hear about local initiatives
- Please reach out to Gillian if assistance is required

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Resolution No. 2022-05

Moved by: J. Ryman

Seconded by: J. Tynan

CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM on February 9, 2022.

No date has been set for the next meeting.