



**WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
Municipal Climate Change Action Plan (MCCAP) Committee Agenda
November 10, 2020 – 10:00am
Sanford Council Chambers / Zoom**

- 1.0 Call to Order**
- 2.0 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**
- 3.0 Approval of Agenda and Additions**
- 4.0 Approval of Minutes**
- 5.0 Business Arising from the Minutes**
 - 5.1 Avon Causeway Information Report (Saira Shah)
- 6.0 New Business**
 - 6.1 MCCAP Work Plan 2021 Recommendation Report (Saira Shah)
- 7.0 Miscellaneous**
- 8.0 Next Meeting Date (February 10th @10 am)**



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- PRESENT:** Councillor Debbie Francis
Councillor Rupert Jannasch
Melissa Richard, Resident Member
Greg Pace, Resident Member
Madelyn LeMay, Director of Planning and Development
Saira Shah, Planning Designate
Shelleena Thornton, Protective Services Designate
- STAFF:** Vanessa Lake, Planning Meeting Secretary
- REGRETS:** Rob Butler, Public Works Designate
Mark Phillips, CAO
Kathy Kehoe, Community Services
Councillor Jeff Hart
- PUBLIC:** There were no members of the public present.

Call to Order

Chair Francis called the meeting to order at 10:03am.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Councillor Rupert Jannasch nominated Councillor Debbie Francis as Chair. There were no further nominations, and Councillor Debbie Francis accepted the nomination and was elected Chair.

Chair Francis opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair. Councillor Jannasch nominated Jeff Hart as Vice-Chair, but he was not present, and unable to accept. Chair Francis nominated Councillor Jannasch as Vice-Chair. There were no further nominations, and Councillor Jannasch accepted the nomination and was elected as Vice-Chair.

Approval of Agenda and Additions

Moved by Resident Member Richard and seconded by Chair Francis that the agenda be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Jannasch and seconded by Resident Member Richard that the minutes be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Avon Causeway Information Report (Saira Shah)

As requested at the September 9 MCCAP meeting, Ms. Shah compiled a report on information about the causeway, coastal erosion, and flooding from the Windsor MCCAP. The information presented was based on research by St. Mary's University in 2009 and presented a "most likely" and "worst-case" flooding scenario. The Windsor MCCAP states further research would be needed for a more realistic "worst-case" scenario. With the recent highway construction, Ms. Thornton mentioned updated information would likely be available online or by request from Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal. Ms. Shah will follow up with Ms. Thornton and provide an update for the Committee.

New Business

MCCAP Work Plan 2021 Recommendation Report (Saira Shah)

Ms. Shah presented the draft work plan which outlines projects and goals for the next year based on the existing MCCAPs and the requests submitted by committee members at the September meeting. The goals included reducing the impact of anticipated climate change, increasing awareness of local best practices, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The committee discussed these topics at length and determined the addition of plan review actions related to the MCCAP would be beneficial and requested that sea-level rise in Avondale be made a priority.

Miscellaneous

Resident Member Pace brought the subject of "Regenerative Agriculture" to the committee. This practice uses soil as a "sponge" to absorb CO², which in turn creates more fertile soil and reduced emissions in the atmosphere. This could increase the viability of producing food locally. The committee agreed this sounded like a good topic to investigate during the GHG emissions reduction action plan phase.

Adjournment / Next Meeting Date

The next MCCAP meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2021 at 10am, but an earlier meeting may be scheduled to review the updated work plan.

Moved by Resident Member Pace and seconded by Protective Services Designate Thornton that be meeting adjourn at 11:04am. Motion carried.