



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Peterborough Environmental Advisory Committee

From: Michael Papadacos, Manager of Infrastructure Management Division

Meeting Date: February 17, 2020

Subject: Report PEAC21-007
Community Climate Change Resiliency Strategy Discussion

Purpose

A report to discuss and clarify comments received from the PEAC Members related to the Community Climate Change Resiliency Strategy (CCCRS) report presented and distributed at the November 19, 2020 meeting of PEAC, and to seek support on the advancement of climate adaptation within the corporation.

Recommendations

That the PEAC approve the recommendations outlined in Report PEAC21-007 dated February 17, 2021 of the Manager of Infrastructure Management Division, as follows:

- a) That Report PEAC21-007 – Community Climate Change Resiliency Strategy Discussion be received for information; and,
- b) That Committee endorse the strategic direction contained in Report PEAC21-007.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budgetary or financial implications associated with the recommendation.

Background

At the November 19, 2020 PEAC meeting staff provided a brief overview of the draft Community Climate Change Resilience Strategy report and requested that PEAC provide comments for consideration at the January 20, 2021 PEAC meeting. Due to time constraints this item was deferred to the February Committee meeting.

Some feedback has been provided, and this meeting is an opportunity for PEAC to summarize and clarify their feedback and to advise on the advancement of corporate climate adaptation actions. Staff has now had the opportunity to review all comments received from PEAC Members.

The comments received from PEAC ranged from specific questions related to the data used, to foundational concerns or suggestions for the strategy's framework. Based on the feedback received, staff are recommending the following strategic direction to develop corporate implementation plans:

- a. Where practical, actions or supporting actions will be specific and measurable.
- b. Create a prioritization matrix for all actions and supporting actions and consider the following as a priority for the City:
 - i. Integrating climate change priorities into existing plans and policies.
 - ii. Actions that address both adaptation and mitigation with a focus on securing and maintaining greenspace and advancing the Urban Forest Strategic Plan.
 - iii. Implementing and accelerating actions identified in the Flood Reduction Master Plan and Stormwater Quality Master Plan.
 - iv. Encourage low impact development features and green infrastructure.
- c. Where practical, and in consultation with other City staff and external agencies, implement the specific written comments and feedback received from PEAC in the final Corporate Climate Adaptation Plan and/or future mitigation planning.

In consideration of the above, Staff will continue to advance the implementation of the CCCRS. The intent will be to build on the existing CCCRS and advance the actions and supporting actions within the corporation. Many of the actions contained in the CCCRS are outside the scope of municipal service delivery and operations. As such, future iterations will make the distinction between "Partnership Actions" and "Corporate Actions". Any actions requiring leadership from external agencies and groups will be reviewed in terms of how the City can facilitate or support those actions, recognizing implementation will be determined by the current capacity of those groups.

All other comments and concerns received on the CCCRS will be taken under consideration for future iterations of the Strategy. The intent is to build upon the work completed and create an actionable climate adaptation plan for the City. Over the next few months, Staff will continue to work with other City Divisions and agencies to revise and/or update the actions and supporting actions contained in the CCCRS. Future work will include gathering support across the corporation, identifying budgets and funding opportunities, staffing resources, lead Departments or Divisions, and monitoring and reporting requirements.

Staff will report back to PEAC upon completion of the work and prior to presenting the strategy to Council for adoption.

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