



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

## MINUTES

### COMMUNITY ENERGY PLANNING COMMITTEE

November 29, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

City Hall, Downstairs Boardroom

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Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday, November 29, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. in the Downstairs Boardroom at City Hall. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Chairperson: Councillor S. Morgan,  
S. Anderson,  
J. Pickett,  
A. Fowler,  
R. Sexton, and  
J. Sparling.

The following committee members were absent:

Mayor M. Heyck (ex officio),  
C. Correa,  
D. Nightingale,  
J. Newton,  
C. Scott, and  
J. Hazenberg.

The following individuals attended as observers:

J. Carr, and  
R. Gervais.

The following members of Administration were also in attendance:

M. Auge,  
C. Vaughn, and  
C. Kida.

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#### **Call to Order**

1. Councillor Morgan called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

#### **Introductions**

2. Roundtable introductions were made for the benefit of new members.



### Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

3. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

### Draft Community Energy Action Plan Document Discussion

4. Points of discussion regarding the Draft Community Energy Action Plan document:
  - It was suggested that the Executive Summary be reworded using more plain language.
  - It was noted that there is disparity between the total recommended budget and the total of items in the Action Plan. It was suggested that the numbers in the Action Plan change to the budget.
  - There was discussion regarding Biodigester technology; it was noted that there is some uncertainty regarding Biodigester technology being the best technology, when 5 years from now there might be a more appropriate technology to consider. Committee members agreed that “waste to energy” is the right approach to meet targets.
  - There was discussion regarding the Thermal Treatment (incinerator). It was noted that waste reduction may not be an immediate priority, and that public education regarding the benefits of Thermal Treatment may be a necessary first step before attempting this technology.
  - It was suggested that the Document should have a systematic framework for achieving targets, which would rank and prioritize the most effective ways to achieve the targets.
  - With regards to Corporate Targets, Committee members agreed to use a 5 years average cost instead of a specific year cost due to the lack of control over energy rates.
  - Committee Members discussed the following criteria in the Document and suggested that the wording of some of the criteria be changed to better reflect their meaning:
    - Focus on heating
    - Diversified energy profile
    - Cost-effective strategies
    - Long-term adaptability
  - Discussion was held regarding one of the Community Energy Targets, Transportation. Some members were uncertain about the data presented in the document, and asked for clarification. There was subsequent discussion regarding encouraging active transportation instead of using vehicles. Members agreed that the public needs to be educated about the benefits of active transportation.

**Action:** *Recommendations for specific or technical changes to the report can be sent to the C.Vaughn by December 6, 2016. A compilation of the recommendations are to be sent to the members by December 13, 2016 for review.*

### Next Meeting:

9. To be determined.

### Adjournment

10. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.