



CITY OF YELLOWKNIFE

MINUTES

COMMUNITY ENERGY PLANNING COMMITTEE

October 23, 2015 at 12:00 noon

Lower Boardroom at City Hall

Minutes of a meeting held on Friday, October 23, 2015 at noon in the City Hall Lower Boardroom. The following Committee members were in attendance:

Chairperson: Councillor D. Wong,
L. Azzolini,
A. Fowler,
D. Nightingale,
J. Pickett,
C. Scott, and
J. Sparling.

The following committee members were absent:

S. Anderson,
J. Hazenberg,
Mayor M. Heyck,
J. McEvoy, and
D. Morgan.

The following person attended as an observer:

R. Sexton.

The following members of Administration were also in attendance:

J. Dalley,
R. Gervais, and
L. Dunsmore, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order

1. Councillor Wong called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

Introductions

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

Approval of Agenda

3. C. Scott moved,
A. Fowler seconded,

That Committee approve the agenda.

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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

4. There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Community Energy Plan Update – (R. Gervais)

5. R. Gervais updated the committee on work done since the last meeting:
 - second version of the draft CEP plan completed
 - public engagement session held at the Farmers Market indicated overwhelming support for the use of renewable energy and no support for use of oil and propane

Remaining steps:

- presentation of draft plan to Council (at a meeting of the Municipal Services Committee)
- gather final input from Councilors and CEP members
- CEP Committee to draft a motion to Council recommending approval of the plan
- adoption of plan by Council (December 2015)
- release the plan at a public engagement session

Highlights of changes since the last presentation:

- 2050 Community Target changed to 100% renewable energy
- 2006 emissions to be reduced by 100% by 2050
- annual investment target of approximately \$1.5 million
- targeted return on investment 8.75% (consistent with Alberta and B.C. utilities commissions)

Round Table Discussion and Comments

6. Committee members discussed the draft report and made the following suggestions:
 - the draft needed editing and technical writing expertise – some members volunteered their hands-on assistance with the next draft
 - it would be helpful to publish two versions of the report: one for the general public and the other for a technically-oriented audience
 - members offered to provide case studies and additional data (e.g., documented evidence from wind monitoring studies, projects' return on investment) to justify the projects proposed, and clearly show the economic benefits of proceeding with them
 - the final report will need the services of a graphics arts professional
 - information regarding waste diversion, active transportation, electric vehicles and other performance indicators was either missing or needed stronger emphasis
 - highlight money saved by projects that have already started – what would be the costs today if they had not been undertaken?
 - members recommended that the report include information about additional sources of funding for projects of this type (e.g., Federation of Canadian Municipalities)
7. As this was the last CEP committee meeting he would chair, Councilor Wong thanked members for their participation on the committee. He said the new City Council would soon be sworn in and urged the Committee to be assertive and persistent with its energy savings proposals. Such projects, he noted, typically required significant spending to implement, and there would be many competing priorities to consider in the upcoming budget discussions.

Action Item: *R. Gervais to send the committee the appendices to the CEP draft report following the meeting.*



Next Meeting:

9. TBD

Adjournment

10. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.