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Climate Action Task Force

Capital Regional District

Meeting Minutes

Climate Action Inter-Municipal Task Force (IMTF)

Friday, September 27, 2024

9:30 AM

Room 488/MS Teams
625 Fisgard St.
Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

Present: Councillor D. Cavens (Esquimalt), S. Duck (Sidney), Councillor M. Gardiner (Victoria), Councillor D. Grove (Colwood), Councillor C. Smart (Oak Bay)

Electronic Participation: A. Baird (Highlands), Councillor S. Gray (Metchosin), A. MacKenzie (View Royal), Councillor T. St-Pierre (Sooke), Councillor M. Wagner (Langford)

Staff: N. Elliott (Manager, Climate Action Programs), M. Greeno (Community Energy Specialist), M. Rowe (Climate Action Program Assistant, Recorder)

External Presenter: A. Daniel (RUSH Initiative)

Regrets: Director P. Brent (SGI EA), Councillor J. Brownoff (Saanich), Director G. Holman (SSI EA), Mayor P. Jones (North Saanich), Councillor S. Riddell (Central Saanich), Director A. Wickheim (JdF EA)

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

1. Welcome and Introductions

- A round of introductions was made by Task Force members, CRD staff and presenters from the RUSH Initiative.

2. Territorial Acknowledgement

- N. Elliott provided a Territorial Acknowledgment.

3. Presentation: RUSH Initiative Overview

- Anne-Marie Daniel, and several colleagues involved in the RUSH Initiative, provided an overview and update on the interactive mapping project, followed by a Q&A session. See the accompanying [presentation](#) for details.
 - RUSH's [Challenge](#) to municipalities to work with local schools to plot 1000+ rain gardens, and plot and mark 1000+ storm drains in the capital region by December 21, 2024, was introduced, along with a funding request (upwards of \$50,000) for consideration to support RUSH administration over the next three-years.

Actions:

- a) CRD staff to provide RUSH Initiative presentation slides and 1000+ rain garden challenge with meeting minutes.

4. Approval of Agenda

- Agenda for the [September 27, 2024](#) Climate Action Inter-Municipal Task Force meeting.

5. Adoption of Minutes

- Minutes from the [June 21, 2024](#) Climate Action Inter-Municipal Task Force meeting.

MOVED by S. Duck, SECONDED by D. Grove

That the minutes of the June 21, 2024 Climate Action Inter-Municipal Task Force meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

6. 2024 UBCM Convention Debrief

- Members discussed climate-related items from the recent 2024 UBCM convention, including valuable lessons learned from communities that have experienced extreme climate events, confusing messaging related to protecting tree canopy and Firesmart practices, FortisBC event funding concerns, carbon tax related resolution, and CRD and municipal partner's win of a Community Energy Association Climate & Energy Action Award for the CRD Extreme Heat Vulnerability Portal.

7. Climate Action Program Updates

- N. Elliott provided background information and updates for the CRD Climate Action Service, including:
 - Recent CRD ESC discussions and Board directives (Foodlands Access Service, capital project funding process for SEAPARC heat recovery project, Regional Transportation Service, corporate GHG emission reduction targets, climate budgeting, community mobilization and additional policy analysis), CRD's Climate Action Strategy renewal process, climate adaptation capacity building grant application, CRD Public EV Charging Network, Zero Carbon Step Code, Home Energy Navigator regional building retrofit program, education programs and community outreach, energy benchmarking/Energy and Carbon Emissions Reporting.
- Members advised that the CRD consider:
 - Expanding support and offerings for owners of multi-family dwellings and stratas, particularly concerning home retrofits and considering potential negative impacts related energy benchmarking program. (M. Gardiner, Victoria; C. Smart, Oak Bay)
 - Supporting existing climate action groups in the region through possible grants or service agreements. (T. St-Pierre, Sooke; A. Baird, Highlands)

Actions:

- b) CRD staff to include links to recent CRD ESC and Board meetings with the meeting minutes.
- c) CRD staff to include options to support existing community climate action groups in ongoing community mobilization initiative.

8. Municipal Roundtable – Open Discussion

- Attendees provided brief updates regarding current projects and areas of interest in their respective municipalities and electoral areas. Discussion related to staff capacity changes, new parkland acquired and trees planted, new active transportation and EV infrastructure, policy and bylaw updates.

9. Task Force SharePoint Site

- Members were asked to contact Megan Rowe, Climate Action Program Assistant at mrowe@crd.bc.ca if they had any issues accessing or uploading documents to the [collaboration site](#).

Action:

- d) Members to utilize Task Force SharePoint site to share key documents and resources between members.

10. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

New Actions	Responsibility	Timeline
CRD staff to provide RUSH Initiative presentation and 1000+ Rain Garden Challenge with meeting minutes.	Staff	ASAP
CRD staff to include links to recent CRD Board and ESC meetings with meeting minutes.	Staff	ASAP
CRD staff to include options to support existing community climate action groups in ongoing community mobilization initiative.	Staff	December meeting (check-in)
Past Actions	Responsibility	Timeline
Members to utilize Task Force SharePoint site to share key documents and resources between members. If you need assistance accessing the collaborative site, please contact staff.	IMTF	Ongoing
Members to provide future meeting topic requests to Manager, Climate Action Programs.	IMTF	Ongoing
CRD staff to attach the minutes from the previous meeting with future meeting invites, in addition to linking to the SharePoint collaboration site.	Staff	Ongoing