



AGENDA
Wasaga Beach
Climate Action Advisory Committee
Meeting

Thursday, February 20, 2025, 1:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

Pages

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

The Town of Wasaga Beach acknowledges it is located upon the traditional territory of the Anishnaabe people of the Three Fires Confederacy and the Wyandot Nation.

We respect the spiritual interconnection among these nations to the land and to the water, and acknowledge that waterways were the lifeblood of the Indigenous people by trade and hunting routes.

We are dedicated to inclusivity of First Nations, Inuit and Metis people in our future stewardship of the land and the longest freshwater beach in the world. In the spirit of reconciliation, we welcome the opportunity of learning to be sustainable caretakers of the land and waterways for all future generations.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Climate Action Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - January

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Recommended Motion:

Resolved that the Climate Action Advisory Committee minutes of January 14, 2025 be accepted as presented.

4. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 2025 Work Plan

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7.2 County of Simcoe Meeting: Green Development Standards & Community Efficiency Financing

7.3 New Ontario Energy Efficiency Programs

7.4 New CAAC Members

7.5 Green Economy Hub update

7.6 New Official Plan Review - 3rd Draft

7.7 New Town Website

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

March 18, 2025

10. ADJOURNMENT



MINUTES

Wasaga Beach Climate Action Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 1:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

Members Present: Kathleen Caswell
Ted Crysler
Joe Belanger
Thomas Coutu

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

2. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There was no pecuniary interest declared.

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

3.1 Climate Action Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - Nov 19 & Dec 17, 2024

Moved by: Thomas Coutu

Seconded by: Kathleen Caswell

Resolved that the Climate Action Advisory Committee minutes of November 19 and December 17, 2024 be as amended.

CARRIED

4. **DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

4.1 Pollinate Wasaga Beach

The committee is not ready to make a presentation at this time, and communicated that this will be brought to the Economic Development & Tourism Committee in the future.

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

5.1 2025 Draft Work Plan

The committee reviewed and discussed next steps for the 2025 Work Plan, and what topics to focus on in relation to climate change.

The committee will research, review and communicate available grants and funding.

J. Belanger to follow-up with CAO on a date to review the final draft of workplan prior to the committee approving the workplan at February meeting.

5.2 Website update and collaboration with Communications

The committee suggested that they work alongside communications to work on a webpage dedicated to the Climate Action Advisory Committee.

5.3 Wasaga Distribution Meeting

J. Belanger provided an update on the meeting with Wasaga Distribution. There was discussion on the idea to have a battery storage option, but will need to determine the benefits this would bring to WDI.

5.4 Green Economy Hub Update

The committee discussed the Green Economy Hub, and their current status.

5.5 PCP Application Status

The committee discussed the current PCP application status.

5.6 Proposed meeting with County of Simcoe

5.7 Beachfront Development

J. Belanger provided an update on the Beachfront Development.

5.8 New Official Plan Review update

K. Bondarchuk provided the committee with an update on the Official Plan Review.

6. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

No sub-committee reports.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Save on Energy Program

[Retrofit program](#) | [Business and Industry incentives](#) | [Save on Energy](#)

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 20th.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2025 WORK PLAN

Corporate Initiatives:

- (1) Review official plan draft documents with a climate lens.
 - a) Official Plan follow-up regarding the previous comments of Draft 2.
 - b) West Wasaga secondary plan: Develop commentary regarding the secondary plan.
 - c) Zoning by-law. Tree cutting by-law and other by-laws that impact climate issues as requested by staff.
 - d) Urban design guidelines in regard to climate resilience.
 - e) Green development standards. Explore opportunities and collaborate with Simcoe County.
- (2) Recommend policies for the Town's corporate climate action plan.
 - a) Write a draft of a Corporate Climate Action Plan (CCAP), using the “Partners in Climate Protection (PCP) 5-step process”, to act as a baseline for future consultant’s work. Consider the emissions not covered in the Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan (ECDMP) and the Green Fleet Strategy e.g., Water and Wastewater, etc.).
 - b) Consider alternative processes.
- (3) Explore status of Wasaga Distribution's analysis and planning proposals for solar on the twin pad arena or other buildings.
 - a) Determine if Wasaga Distribution is open to input from the committee.
 - b) Examine and comment on infrastructure resilience in regard to climate hazards.
 - c) Ascertain if the committee can assist with funding or alternative funding opportunities and act as a sounding board.

Community Initiatives:

- (1) Monitor community feedback on topics for consideration by the committee.
 - a) Outreach on Wasaga Beach website and other avenues including the Town section of the BeachBooster.
 - b) Actively liaise with local climate groups to inform our recommendations to Council.
- (2) Continue development of the “Green Economy Hub”.
- (3) Explore residential initiatives for off-the-shelf climate education programs.
 - a) Target youth groups/schools.
 - b) Target adults: personal climate activities are not a negative but a cost savings.

Communication Strategy:

- (1) Develop a communication plan with staff to encourage input and open feedback and to

prioritise the workplan.

- (2) Assist staff with revisions to the climate section of the Town of Wasaga Beach's website.
 - a) Start dialogue to confirm that staff would welcome assistance and agree on a process.
 - b) Review and recommend content and provide regular updates to ensure information is current.

Grants and Alternative Funding:

- (1) Research, review and communicate available grants and funding.