



# CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 2025, 7:00 p.m.  
Blaney Room  
City Hall, 11995 Haney Place

Members Present: B. Clark, Environmental Professional, Chair  
T. Kelly, Environmental Professional  
M. Adams, Environmental Professional  
J. Rowley, Member at Large  
H. Kansodariya, Member at Large  
M. McClary, Member at Large, Vice Chair

Members Absent: R. Poirier, Member at Large

Council Present: S. Schiller, Councillor  
J. Tan, Councillor

Staff Present: Z. Lifshiz, Director Strategic Development, Communications & Public  
Engagement  
B. Montgomery, Climate Action and Resiliency Advisor  
S. Sloboda, Environmental Planner 1  
E. Davies, Committee Clerk

---

**1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:03 p.m.**

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**R/2025-CEAC-004**

THAT the June 11, 2025, Climate and Environment Advisory Committee agenda be approved as amended to include item 4.2 – Zero Carbon Step Code, and item 4.3 – Sustainable Leadership – Digital vs. Paper.

**CARRIED**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**R/2025-CEAC-005**

THAT the minutes of the May 14, 2025, Climate and Environment Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED**

#### **4. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **4.1 Climate Action Plan Update**

The Climate Action and Resiliency Advisor led a discussion on the Climate Action Plan, which was presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting on June 3, 2025. During that meeting, the Plan was referred back to staff "to incorporate [Council's] feedback regarding the value of nature and natural systems in rural settings and to further enhance the section regarding mode share travel within the community."

The Climate Action and Resiliency Advisor noted that in response, staff have strengthened both the urban and rural components of the Plan, enhanced the Urban Forestry Management Strategy, and increased the mode share target to 25% by 2030. Mode share refers to efforts to reduce reliance on personal vehicles in favour of active transportation options such as walking, cycling, and public transportation.

Committee members engaged in discussion and asked questions of staff, including what community partner consultation was undertaken, whether there were plans to extend Park and Ride options in East Maple Ridge to reduce congestion going to the Maple Meadows station, and what the timeline was for adoption.

##### **4.2 Zero Carbon Step Code**

The Climate Action and Resiliency Advisor provided an overview of the Zero Carbon Step Code, highlighting the upcoming implementation of Step 3, which will require the decarbonization of space heating and hot water systems in new buildings in Maple Ridge beginning July 1, 2025. Informational notices were distributed in May 2025, and outreach efforts included public information sessions at the Ridge Meadows Home Show and the Maple Ridge Library to engaged developers, the public, and community stakeholders. Step 4 of the Step Code is scheduled for implementation on September 1, 2026, with staff providing an update on the implementation progress to Council by July 2026. Committee members engaged in discussion and asked questions of staff and Council.

##### **4.3 Sustainable Leadership - Digital vs. Paper**

The Environmental Planner 1 acknowledged that, despite the perceived high usage, significant efforts have been made in recent years to reduce paper consumption. One department, for example, successfully decreased its paper use by 41 boxes annually. The Committee was invited to share ideas on how the City could further encourage paper-saving practices. Members suggested that an opt-in approach – where individuals can request printed materials if needed or use personal devices for digital access – would be an effective strategy.

## **5. STAFF REPORTS**

The Director of Strategic Development, Communications and Public Engagement provided an update on items proceeding to Council, including the Climate Action Plan, as previously discussed. Following Council approval, staff will begin developing detailed action plans and assigning responsibilities to departments. These items will be brought back to the committee for feedback.

## **6. COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE**

Councillor S. Schiller provided an update on the Lougheed Transit Corridor Area Plan, highlighting the focus on housing development along the corridor. An update was also shared on the recently completed phase of the Abernethy Corridor Improvement Project expansion.

Councillor J. Tan shared background information on her professional experience and environmental qualifications. Updates were also provided on several initiatives, including the 1,000 Tree Initiative, which will focus on neighbourhoods in the downtown core and West Maple Ridge. Additional updates included ongoing discussions related to industrial development near 256th Street and the Abernethy extension to 256th Street. Committee members asked questions and participated in the discussion.

## **7. MEMBER ROUNDTABLE**

Committee members shared updates related to climate, the environment, and local community initiatives. J. Rowley reported that the Maple Ridge Climate Hub held its Annual General Meeting on Monday, June 9, 2025. Members were also informed about the Bard on the Bandstand, a free performance taking place in Memorial Peace Park from July 17-19, 2025.

T. Kelly shared information about a training program offered by the Invasive Species Council of British Columbia, designed for individuals working in the agriculture industry.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT – 8:51 p.m.**

---

Brian Clark, Chair

/ed

DRAFT