



INFORMATION ONLY COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

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From: Paul Gipps, CAO

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Subject: **P 21-20, Corporate Climate Action Plan Council Workshop**

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STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Invest in Infrastructure – We will invest in building, improving and maintaining infrastructure to meet the needs of, and to provide a high quality of life for, current and future generations.

Foster Safety and Well-Being – We will pursue through direct action, advocacy, and collaboration with local and regional service providers, investments in community health, needs-based housing, emergency preparedness, policing, and other services that foster safety and well-being in West Kelowna.

BACKGROUND

Completing a Corporate Climate Action Plan (CCAP) continues to be a priority of Council as outlined in the 2022-2026 Strategic Priorities, and work is ongoing to complete the plan. The plan looks to advance the goals of “Our Adaptability” outlined as one of the five foundations of the Community Vision established in 2021.

In April of 2023, the Corporate Climate Action Plan was initiated and Council received an introduction to the project by the project consultants, Community Energy Association (CEA) which outlined the scope of the project.

Now that the project is well underway, consultation with Council is necessary to present Council with the work done to date and provide the opportunity for discussion and feedback from Council to further inform the plan. In this workshop, CEA will present a brief refresher on the project, our emissions inventory, emissions projections scenarios, potential actions to address emissions, emissions reduction target setting goals, and the all-staff survey results. A primer document has been prepared as Attachment 1 that provides high level information on Corporate Climate Action Plans, including key messages that will aid in the workshop discussion.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Future investment will be required to implement actions in the plan and achieve emissions reduction goals to become a more sustainable city. The plan may also aid in future grant applications related to climate action implementation and offset costs of future implementation. It should be recognized that the implementation of the plan will require dedicated staff time and effort to implement actions and make meaningful changes to reduce emissions effectively. Discussion at the workshop will help inform the level of commitment and necessary resources that the final plan will help identify.

Next Steps

Following the Council workshop, the project team will continue to develop the plan with feedback from Council, various department representatives and staff. The project team will use this feedback to identify actions to achieve our emissions reduction goals with a focus on how they will be implemented. The plan is intended to be presented to Council for their endorsement in the Fall of 2023.

REVIEWED BY

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APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA BY

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Powerpoint: Yes No

Attachments:

1. Corporate Climate Action Plan Council Primer