



## ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

1:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER	
2. UNANIMOUS MOTION	
Moved by: _____	
Seconded by: _____	
That the Environment Committee hereby unanimously consents to discussing and considering the following at the June 9, 2025 Special Committee meeting at 1 PM.	
1. Huron County Climate Action Plan	
3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST	
4. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA AND ADOPTION OF MINUTES	
4.1 Approval of the Agenda	
Moved by: _____	
Seconded by: _____	
That the Environment Committee hereby accepts the July 9, 2025, Special Agenda, as presented.	
4.2 Adoption of the Minutes	3
Moved by: _____	
Seconded by: _____	
That the Environment Committee hereby adopts the June 16, 2025, Regular Minutes, as printed.	
5. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS	
5.1 Derry Wallis re: Presentation - Huron County Climate Action Plan Update	6

**6. STAFF REPORTS**

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

That the Staff Reports be received for information and the recommended action be approved.

- 6.1 Jessica Clapp, Asset Management & Environmental Services Manager  
re: Consultation for the County Climate Action Plan Update

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Staff Recommendation: Receive for information

**7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND COPIED FOR WHICH THE DIRECTION OF THE COMMITTEE IS REQUIRED**

**8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION**

**9. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION NOTED**

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

**12. WORKPLAN**

**13. PUBLIC FORUM**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

That the Environment Committee does now adjourn at \_\_\_\_ AM to meet again at the next Regular Meeting scheduled for September 15, 2025.



## Environment Committee Minutes

**Monday, June 16, 2025**

**10:00 AM**

Present	Leah Noel, Deputy Mayor and Chair Allison Segeren, Councillor Con Melady, Member Michele Young, Member Eric Kirk, Member Rhea Seeger, Member Barry Ward, Member
Staff Present	Jessica Clapp, Asset Management and Environmental Services Manager Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk Mandy Powell - Administrative Assistant to the Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
Staff Absent	Janice Hallahan, Chief Administrative Officer
Others Present	Michelle Young - Butterflyway Rangers Sheila Chick -Butterflyway Rangers Claire Mifsud - Butterflyway Rangers Rhea Hamilton - Butterflyway Rangers

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
  - 2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**
  - 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

3.1 Approval of the Agenda

Moved By: Member Melady  
Seconded By: Member Kirk

That the Environment Committee hereby accepts the June 16, 2025 Agenda, as amended.

**CARRIED**

3.2 Adoption of the Minutes

Moved By: Member Young  
Seconded By: Member Segeren

That the Environment Committee hereby adopts the April 28, 2025, Special Environment Minutes and the March 10, 2025, Regular Environment Minutes, as printed.

**CARRIED**

**4. DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

4.1 Michele Young, Sheila Chick, Claire Mifsud and Rhea Hamilton, Wellness4UsAll re: Butterflyway Rangers Pollinator Pathways within Goderich

Moved By: Member Melady  
Seconded By: Member Segeren

That the Town of Goderich commit to supporting the Butterflyway Rangers Pollinator Pathways events through social media and tourism.

**CARRIED**

**5. STAFF REPORTS**

That the staff reports be received and the noted action be approved.

5.1 Jessica Clapp, Asset Management & Environmental Services Manager re: Consultation for the County Climate Action Plan Update

Staff Recommendation: Concur

It is noted that a special Environment Committee meeting will be held on July 9, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. The purpose of the special meeting is for a presentation and discussion regarding the Huron County Climate Action Plan Update.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND COPIED FOR WHICH THE DIRECTION OF THE COMMITTEE IS REQUIRED**

**7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION**

Moved By: Member Young  
Seconded By: Member Kirk

That the correspondence be received for information.

**CARRIED**

7.1 Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks re: Provincial Day of Action on Litter

7.2 Maitland Valley Conservation Authority re: Guided Tour

**8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION NOTED**

Moved By: Member Kirk  
Seconded By: Member Young

**CARRIED**

8.1 Bike to School Initiative - Draft Letter, Poster, and Map

That the Environment Committee forward the attached "Bike to School" information letter, sample poster, and route map to Goderich Public School, St. Mary's Catholic School, and Goderich District Collegiate Institute, seeking their interest in embracing and championing a "Bike to School" program for the youth enrolled at their institutions.

Moved By: Member Kirk  
Seconded By: Member Young

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**CARRIED**

- 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
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Sheila Chick - Commented that the interaction with the Town of Goderich has been very supportive and appreciates the willingness to support new ideas with respect to the gardens.

- 13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: Member Seeger  
Seconded By: Member Kirk

That the Environment Committee does now adjourn at 11:11 AM to meet again at the next Regular Meeting scheduled for September 15, 2025.

**CARRIED**

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CHAIR, Leah Noel

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ACTING SECRETARY, Andrea Fisher

# Community Conversations: Climate Action

To inform the creation of a Community Climate Action Plan

By: Derry Wallis

# County of Huron Climate Action

- **Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan**

- 5 priority Areas for actions
- 14 goals
- 63 actions

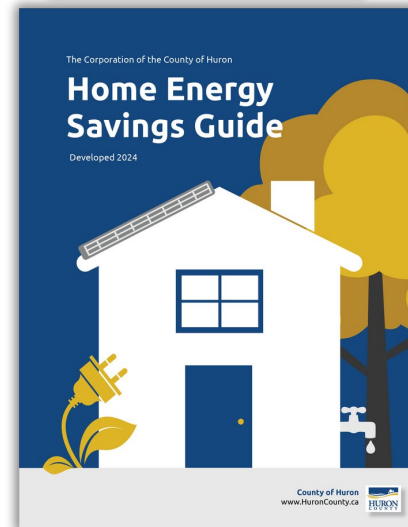
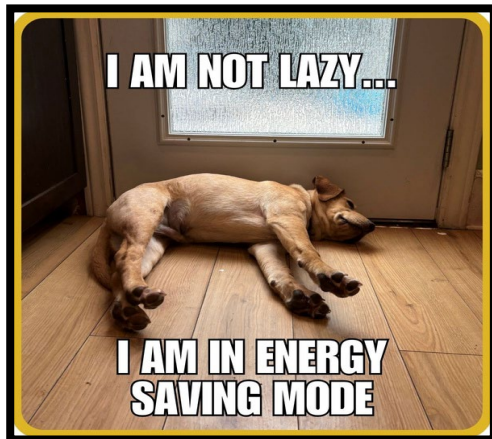
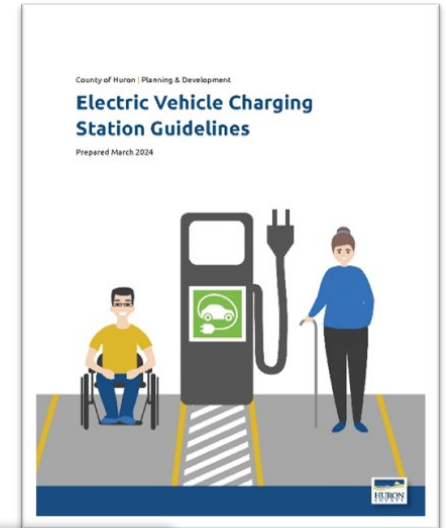
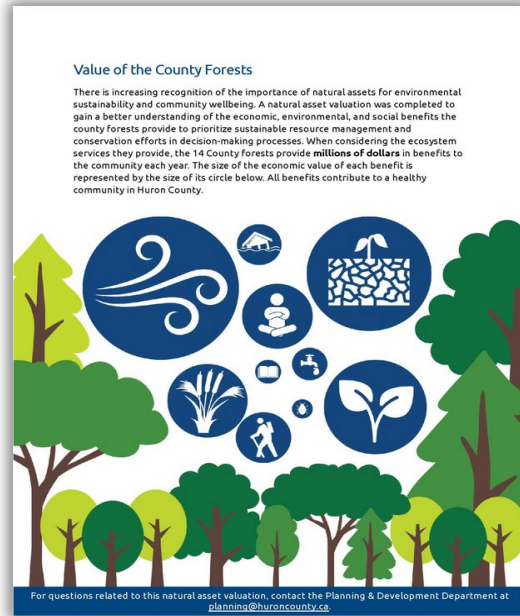


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# County of Huron Climate Action

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# Climate Action Plan Update: Purpose

- Build on established successes to date
- Make informed decisions based on updated climate risks and impacts in Huron County
- Combine corporate and community feedback to understand desired actions
- Continue partnerships with local environmental groups and organizations
- Position Huron County as a rural leader in climate action
- Optimize on external funding opportunities

# Climate Action Plan: Timeline

## Corporate Consultation

- **February/March** – Corporate and Community Survey
- **June** – Corporate Leadership Workshop: Climate Risk, Vision and Actions
- **Summer** – Community conversations with relevant groups and organizations
- **Fall** - Possible follow-up regarding goals & actions with Directors

## Plan Development

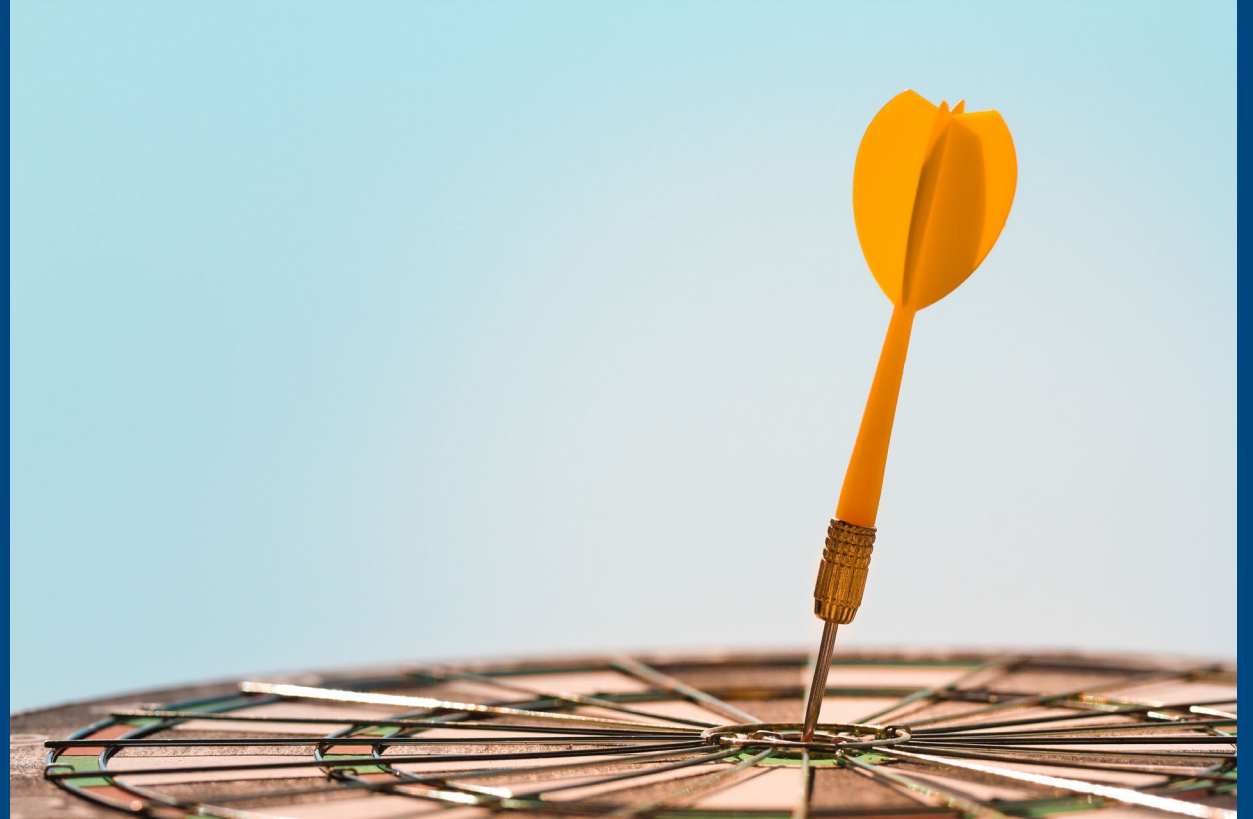
- **July/August** – Analyze information, develop vision/goals, and start to draft actions
- **September/October** – Finalize draft plan including content and actions
- **November/December** – Final approval and sign-off on climate action plan

# Climate Action Plan: Public Engagement

- Community Survey – over 350 respondents!
- Community Conversations:
  - Lakeshore Eco-Network
  - Lake Huron Coastal Centre
  - Conservation Authorities
  - Municipalities
  - Bluewater Environmental Committee
  - Huron Stewardship Council

# Question:

What are the main objectives and goals of your committee?



# Question 1:

What environmental or climate change-related challenges is your community currently facing?



## Question 2:

What programs or actions is your committee already taking to increase climate change resiliency in the community?





# Question 3:

What gaps have you identified in environmental or climate action locally?



# Question 4:

How can the County  
best partner with  
your committee to  
advance climate  
action?



Thank you!



## Staff Report

**To:** Chair Noel and Environment Committee  
**Report From:** Jessica Clapp, Asset Management and Environmental Services Manager  
**Meeting Date:** June 16, 2025  
**Subject:** Consultation for Huron County's Corporate Climate Adaptation Plan

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**Recommendation:**

That the Environment Committee schedule a Special Environment Committee meeting during the month of July or August 2025 for discussion regarding Huron County's Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan.

**Report Summary:**

Derry Wallis, Climate Change and Energy Specialist with the County of Huron, has requested the opportunity to meet with the Environment Committee to collect feedback as the County updates their Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan.

**Background and Analysis:**

This year, the County of Huron is updating their Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan to incorporate new corporate initiatives and include more community-oriented actions. The County completed a public survey this winter. During the summer months, the County will be conducting community conversations with various municipalities, local community groups and environmental organizations to better understand how climate change is impacting their work and determine if there are opportunities to work together towards climate action in the future.

The discussion at the Special Environment Committee meeting will revolve around four key questions for discussion:

1. What environmental or climate change-related challenges is your community currently facing?
2. What programs or actions is your committee already taking to increase climate change resiliency in the community?
3. What gaps have you identified in environmental or climate action locally?
4. How can the County best partner with your committee to advance climate action?

It is proposed for this exercise to take approximately one hour in length. Therefore, staff are recommending a Special Environment Committee meeting be scheduled during the summer months (July/August) for Huron County to solicit feedback from the Environment Committee.

Proposed dates for this meeting are included below:

- Wednesday, July 9 - afternoon
- Monday, July 14 - afternoon
- Wednesday, July 16 - morning
- Tuesday, August 12 - morning

It is recommended that the Environment Committee select one of the above proposed dates in July or August for discussion regarding Huron County's Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan.

**Financial Impacts and/or Source of Funding:**

There is no financial impact associated with this report.

**Approved By:**

Andrea Fisher, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk