

The Corporation of the Town of Goderich

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

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 solicitate feedback from the Environment Committee.



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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