NOTICE OF

CAMROSE GREEN ACTION COMMITTEE

LOCATION: City Hall Committee Room #225

DATE: Tuesday, March 17, 2020

TIME: 10:30 AM

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA/MINUTES
   1. Adoption of Agenda.

   2. Camrose Green Action Committee Meeting held February 18, 2020.

B. AGENDA ITEMS
   1. Summary of Dr. Greg King's Presentation to Council and the Results (Verbal - Chair Hill).

   2. Update on the Citizen Engagement Ad-Hoc Committee's Progress on Community Engagement (Verbal - Tim Belec).

   3. Open Exchange of Ideas - Committee's Efforts to Raise the Profile of Climate Change in Camrose.

C. ADJOURNMENT
   1. Adjournment of the Camrose Green Action Committee Meeting held March 17, 2020.
CAMROSE GREEN ACTION COMMITTEE (CGAC) MEETING

The Camrose Green Action Committee Meeting was held in the City Hall Committee Room 225 on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 with the following persons in attendance:

Committee Members: Rob Hill (Chair)  
David Ofrim (Councillor)  
Tim Belec  
Carson Hvenegaard  
Greg Arends  
Sebastian Rioux

Absent: Carol Haugen  
Joe Wiebe

Administration: Paige Mitchell, Assistant, Planning and Development Service

Visitors: Rajan Rathnavalu  
Sarah Skinner

Chair Hill called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA/MINUTES:

A-1 Adoption of Agenda.

MOTION #01/20 Moved by Ofrim- seconded by Arends that the agenda of the CGAC meeting held on February 18, 2020 be adopted.  
CARRIED

A-2 Adoption of Minutes.

MOTION #02/20 Moved by Belec- seconded by Carson that the Minutes of the CGAC meeting held on January 21, 2020 be approved.  
CARRIED

B. AGENDA ITEMS:

B-1 March 12, 2020 Waste to Energy Conference (Verbal – Chair Hill)

Chair Hill started the meeting with the waste energy conference on March 12 that Engineer, Greg Lewin will attending. R. Hill advised that he would be attending this conference with Greg.

Chair Hill went over possible changes in the community that will arise and opportunities where the CGAC committee could intervene. R. Hill hopes to come back with some information from the Waste Energy conference that he can share with the other members.
B-2  Climate Change Presentation to Council (Verbal – Chair Hill)

Chair Hill advised setting up a meeting with Greg King a professor at Augustana who could make a presentation to council. Greg King is knowledgeable with environmentalism and climate change. Chair Hill would like him to present these concepts to council. A potential presentation date to council has been set for March 2nd, 2020. Chair Hill is still waiting for Greg King to confirm this date.

D. Ofrim proposed the idea to Chair Hill that he would meet with Greg King and give him an outline of what he believes council will actively listen too.

S. Rioux questioned if we are giving Greg King enough information and direction on how to present to council.

Chair Hill explained that he gave a general ideas and how this will look moving forward to council. D. Ofrim confirmed that he would speak with Greg King next week to give some pointers on what will assist council in understanding movement around climate change.

B-3  Open discussion – Ways to Engage the Community on Climate Change Issues
(Verbal)

Chair Hill brought forward the agenda item on ways to engage the community. Chair Hill spoke on the Urban Forest Wide Planning committee and the Drake Landing Solar committee. Chair Hill furthered that items do not need to mention climate change or carbon footprint. Rather, we can address climate change using solar energy to make beneficial changes within in our community.

R. Rathnavalu spoke of the plan he and T. Belec have discussed. The focus is how we can get advocates and interested citizens to come together and share opinions. Those comments can be both negative and positive comments, as all feedback is critical for the finding common ground process.

T. Belec stated the purpose is to follow Edmonton’s example and that Edmonton had a discussion paper that organized their thought process. T. Belec thought a two-day symposium would be beneficial. This symposium would include inviting people that represent the community such as professors, scientists, economist and the public to come and discuss energy possibilities.

T. Belec suggested that CGAC could become a representative of the community at large. Including the people who are opposed to climate change. Common ground can be found to help connect the community.

Chair Hill advised his concerns in having this meeting, as there are opinionated people who may bring negative comments forward and out right.

G. Arends stated that Raj Rathnavalu and Sarah Skinner both have experience in organizing events that formulate small table discussions to frame the meeting in a positive, intimate setting.

Chair Hill asked the CGAC committee why a subcommittee is being suggested, as the committee is small enough for all members on the committee to be involved.
T. Belec advised that the purpose of the subcommittee is to delegate the broad work of hosting community involvement and work done outside of the CGAC meeting to get things moving.

Chair Hill was congruent with the idea of a subcommittee. D. Ofrim added that the proposal of ideas that are being discussed would be suited for a subcommittee, as they will find more time outside of CGAC meeting to make progress in community involvement.

S. Rioux expressed that a subcommittee switches the leadership to someone who is more experienced in what the CGAC is aiming to achieve. S. Rioux believes that R. Rathnavalu and S. Skinner are suited to lead the subcommittee.

The committee discussed where the funding for financial aspects would come from. D. Ofrim advised that taking a financial proposal to council regarding the financial costs. D. Ofrim believes that council will aid in providing financial support to the CGAC.

D. Ofrim highlighted three points that the subcommittee will address.

- Speak with council about climate change
- Community engagement
- Go back to council with recommendations and specific opportunities that are available

C. Hveengaard expressed how important it is to have diversity attend the meetings, especially those opposed to climate change. As their perceptive should be brought forward rather than pushed out.

R. Rathnavalu has addressed twice to the CGAC to have these common ground meetings. There needs to be action started on the process for the group to promote that all are welcome. R. Rathnavalu advised the subcommittee would help to create a deadline that the sub group will tackle together.

G. Arends mentioned that the meeting should be in places that a community engagement is not used too. Such as the Elks Hall or The Legion as this includes the people that would not branch out of their location, rather that we come to their location.

All members on CGAC were on board for the Ad Hoc Committee and all made an agreement to meet on February 22 at 10:00 a.m. at The Watershed Alliance office for an informal meeting to brainstorm ideas.

MOTION #03/20 Moved by Belec- seconded by Carson to form an Ad Hoc Committee Citizen Engagement to be approved.

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Camrose Green Action Committee Meeting
February 18, 2020

D. ADJOURNMENT:

D-1 Adjournment of CGAC Meeting held February 18, 2020.

Chairperson Hill declared the meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

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Chairman

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Recording Secretary