



# CITY OF ORILLIA

## COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE (CIP)

**TO:** Mayor and Members of Council

**FROM:** Environment and Infrastructure Services Department

**DATE:** August 18, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Climate Change Action Plan – Project Update #3

As part of the 2021 Budget Process, Council approved the Climate Change Action Plan capital project, funded in the amount of \$120,000. The following has been prepared as an update with respect to the project.

- Staff, in conjunction with the SSG/whatIf technologies team, have refined the project schedule to deliver Corporate (CAP) and Community (CCAP) Climate Change Action Plans. The updated schedule is presented below:

### Project Timeline



- Staff and the consulting team have been working on the following project tasks since the time of the last update to Council in June 2021:
  - Creation of potential Vision Statements that resulted out of workshops with the Community Based Steering Committee (CBSC).
  - Branding and communications strategy for the project, coinciding with a news release issued on July 20, 2021 launching “Orillia’s Climate Future”.
  - Evolution of communications plan and website growth for the project. Information associated with the project is available at [www.orillia.ca/climatefuture](http://www.orillia.ca/climatefuture).
  - Planning and delivery of engagement Workshop #2 with members of the CBSC and the City Staff Working Group.
  - An online community survey for broader public engagement.

- The CBSC Workshop #2 occurred Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> and was attended by representatives of groups, organizations, institutions, and businesses within the Orillia area. Participants in the workshop brought lots of energy and the time was very productive. There will be additional CBSC Workshops throughout the project to capture feedback and input into the CCAP.
- Staff provided a deputation to WMAC at their August meeting, seeking out input and feedback with respect to a zero waste vision for the City and overall project goals. Similar consultation meetings with ATC and EAC have been scheduled for September.
- The public engagement strategy has been drafted and will begin implementation. The strategy includes opportunities for broad public engagement and input on the project taking place in Summer/Fall 2021.
- An online public engagement survey for members of the community is under development and will be released on August 30<sup>th</sup> to refine and shape an Orillia-focused CCAP.
- A virtual “Town Hall” event is planned to occur on September 16<sup>th</sup> and will be facilitated by the consulting team.

Members of Council were advised by CIP dated January 26, 2021 of the staff project team applying for a grant under the Municipal Energy Plan Program (MEP) offered through the Provincial government to support and augment the City’s Climate Change Action Plan project. Staff received notice this week that the City was successful in receiving a \$60,000 through the grant program.

As a complement to the City’s Climate Change Action Plan project and mitigation efforts, staff also received notice of their successful application to join ICLEI’s Advancing Adaptation: Vulnerability and Risk Assessment Project. ICLEI was able to offer this comprehensive training program to municipalities as a result of federal and provincial funding. This program will provide educational opportunities for City staff to build capacity regarding adaptation assessment, planning and implementation with a local lens. The training gained through the program will be vital for future City projects and planning and will continue to expand the City’s capabilities within the Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change Planning disciplines.

Staff will continue to circulate updates on this project to Members of Council by CIP.

Please call Renee Recoskie (705-325-2395) or Andrew Schell (705-325-7551) should you have any questions.