



**THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF PEACHLAND**  
**Climate Sustainability and Resiliency Task Force Meeting**

**February 28, 2024**

**3:00 pm**

**Council Chambers – 4450 6th Street, Peachland**

Members Present: Rick Ingram  
Keith Thom  
Bill Aylesworth  
Alex Morrison  
Ethel Johnston  
Gail Karish  
Craig Thompson  
Mark Meisner

Administration Present: Shawn Grundy  
Jennifer Sawatzky

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor Rick Ingram called the meeting to order at 3:03PM.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

**PCSR-24/02/28-001**

**Moved By** Ethel Johnston

THAT the Committee adopt the February 28, 2024 Climate Sustainability and Resiliency Task Force Meeting Agenda as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**PCSR-24/02/28-002**

**Moved By** Councillor Keith Thom

THAT the Committee adopt the February 14, 2024 Climate Sustainability and Resiliency Task Force Meeting minutes as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

None

## 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 5.1 Action Plan Framework

Ethel Johnston presented a draft outline for the Climate Mitigation Plan. Key discussion points included.

- There are three lenses that are important to include:
  - Indigenous and First Nations community ideas and impact
  - Scientific and Ecosystem Thinking
  - Local Communities Diverse Interests (Social Justice)
  - The Task Force should review mitigation strategies from different communities.
  - The Task Force will need to determine what areas belong in mitigation or resiliency.
  - A key component will be citizen engagement.
  - Defining the values and principles to guide the project.

Members expressed their desire for an update from District Staff on what is being done in the District as well as an inventory of documents already in existence. Councillor Ingram agreed speak with District Staff.

Mark Meisner presented a draft Resilience Strategy Outline. The outline includes Adaptation Strategies, Implementation and Monitoring, Conclusions, and Appendices.

Gail Karish spoke about community engagement and identified methods and opportunities for engagement including education topics, social media, surveys and attendance at community events. The Council Open House scheduled for June 2024 could be an opportunity for engagement.

Homework for next week:

- Each Member is to review the outlines. The group will hold a workshop to populate the drafted documents.
- Review existing Goals and Reports (CEEP)

### 5.2 Disaster Risk Reduction - Climate Adaptation Fund Update

Councillor Ingram gave an update in regard to the Disaster Risk Reduction - Climate Adaptation Fund.

The District is using the funding for other initiatives including FireSmart, Evacuation Planning, Extreme Heat, EOC, ESS, and Fire Risk Analysis.

### 5.3 City of Saanich Class Action Update

There is an ongoing initiative undertaken by other communities including the City of Saanich to consider a Class Action Suit against the oil and gas industries.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

None

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

The February 28, 2024 Peachland Climate Sustainability and Resiliency Task Force meeting was adjourned at 4:56PM.

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Corporate Officer

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Chair