



Staff Report

Report Title: Climate Change Energy Plan Update

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Department: Community Services

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Attachments: None

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby receives for information Report CS-2024-01-06, as prepared by Mike Fair, Director of Community Services;

AND FURTHER approves participating in the Ontario Resource Centre for Climate Adaptation (ORCCA) program.

Background:

Staff applied to the new Ontario Resource Centre for Climate Adaptation (ORCCA) program. The application was successful.

The "Staff Capacity Program" is an opportunity for communities to accomplish a defined climate adaptation action that would otherwise be unfulfilled due to a lack of capacity and expertise. Staff Capacity Program participants will have access to climate adaptation expertise, resources, and networks to help define, develop, and deliver their adaptation initiative.

Benefits of the program include:

- Receive free direct consulting-style capacity support from ORCCA staff.
- Co-create a work plan to address specific adaptation challenges.
- Avoid having to hire and issue contracts.
- Gain access to a variety of tools and resources related to climate change adaptation and resilience.
- Access opportunities for networking and collaboration
- Complete a climate adaptation action that has been identified but lacks capacity or expertise to accomplish.

The project is funded by Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM).

Discussion:

The Program must have a project that can be achieved within a 12-month period, be able to provide sufficient time to support the project from the participant side and have prioritized climate change adaptation as a primary project outcome.

There is no cost to the Township of Huron-Kinloss. The benefit is that ORCCA will provide two hundred hours of staff support, and the Township of Huron-Kinloss will participate for 30 hours minimum from January 2024 to December 2024.

Outcomes of the project include:

- 1) Creating a system and procedures that track and update the action items listed in the Climate Change Energy plan and assist with strategy to engage the partners for monitoring purposes.
- 2) Creating procedures to update Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) and Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (GCoM) databases.
- 3) Staff support from ORCCA would provide the expertise to ensure monitoring and review and streamlined for ongoing success leading to the implementation of a successful 5-year review.

For your knowledge, the full list of participating cities are: Beaconsfield (QC), Courtenay (BC), Durham (ON), Fredericton (NB), Guelph (ON), Halifax (NS), Hamilton (ON), Huron-Kinloss (ON), Laval (QC), Mississauga (ON), Ottawa (ON), Saskatoon (SK), St Catharines (ON), St. John's (NL), and Windsor (ON).

Financial Impacts:

There are no financial impacts.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are an environmentally conscious community that are good stewards of our natural environment.

By protecting our natural assets

By using our resources wisely

By being aware and taking responsibility

Respectfully Submitted By:

Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

Report Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer