

### Fourth Meeting in 2026

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#### 1. Call to Order 2:30 PM:

Kirsten Brouse, Chair

#### 2. Adoption of Agenda/Amendments:

Motion to Adopt the Agenda

Proposed Motion

Be it resolved that the Agenda for the Climate Change Advisory Panel meeting of June 24, 2026 be adopted as presented.

#### 3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and/or Conflict of Interest and General Nature Thereof:

#### 4. Adoption of Minutes:

4.1. Approval of May 21, 2026 Minutes

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Proposed Motion

That the Minutes of the Climate Change Advisory Panel meeting of May 21, 2026 be adopted as presented.

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#### 5. Delegations and Presentations:

#### 6. Business:

6.1. Event Greening - Councillor Isabel Anne McRae

6.2. CCAP Communications - Susanne Laperle

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6.3. Solar Panel Status - Michael Touw, CAO

6.4. Infrastructure Master Plan - Michael Touw, CAO/Grant Machan, Director of Environmental Services

6.5. Update - Lanark County Climate Action Working Group - Councillor Isabel Anne McRae

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**7. New Business:**

*(To be used for Time Sensitive/Emergency Matters and requires two-thirds vote to be heard.)*

**8. Next Meeting Date:**

Thursday, August 20, 2026 at 2:30 PM

**9. Adjournment:**

Proposed Motion

That the regular Climate Change Advisory Panel meeting held on June 24, 2026 adjourn at \_\_\_ PM.



# Town of Perth

## Climate Change Advisory Panel

### Minutes

2:30 PM, Thursday, May 21, 2026

Council Chambers - 2nd Floor - Perth Town Hall

#### Attendance:

#### Present:

Barry Smith, Councillor; Kirsten Brouse, Public Member; Susanne Laperle, Public Member; and Isabel Anne McRae, Councillor

#### Absent:

Jim McDougald, Public Member and Michael Desautels, Public Member

#### Staff:

Tracy Bowes, Deputy Clerk and Amanda Noël, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk

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### Third Meeting in 2026

#### 1. Call to Order 2:30 PM:

Kirsten Brouse, Chair called the meeting to order at 2:45 p.m. with four (4) members in attendance.

#### 2. Adoption of Agenda/Amendments:

##### 2.1. Adoption of Agenda

##### **Motion #CCAP 26-011**

Moved by Councillor Isabel Anne McRae

Be it resolved that the Agenda for the Climate Change Advisory Panel meeting of May 21, 2026 be adopted as presented.

**Carried - Unanimous**

#### 3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and/or Conflict of Interest and General Nature Thereof:

There being none, the Chair moved to the next order of business.

#### 4. Adoption of Minutes:

##### 4.1. Approval of April 16, 2026 Minutes

##### **Motion #CCAP 26-012**

Moved by Councillor Barry Smith

That the Minutes of the Climate Change Advisory Panel meeting of April 16, 2026 be adopted as presented.

**Carried - Unanimous**

**5. Delegations and Presentations:**

5.1. Tony Hendriks and Don MacKenzie - Update on Solar Options

Tony Hendriks and Don MacKenzie, presented a PowerPoint presentation on solar options.

Members discussed:

Heat pumps/electrical consumption

Municipal Fleet

Solar panel initiatives/operation of solar facility

Location of solar facility

**6. Business:**

6.1. Kirsten Brouse - Transportation Master Plan Submission

Kirsten Brouse, answered questions from the committee regarding the Submission.

6.2. Re-Use Centre

Councillor McRae advised that she has reached out to the local school boards regarding volunteers for the Re-Use Centre; to contact Lanark County Action Work Group to apply for a grant to use towards Re-Use Centre, for signage and a c-can.

6.3. Susanne Laperle - Communications Plan - An Update

Susan Laperle discussed the goal of the CCAP Communications; the objective is to form a strategy for communication for Perth and moving forward with environmental issues  
the following was discussed: interviews, media distribution list, partnerships, develop a content calendar, student volunteers  
this item to be brought back to the June meeting

6.4. Kirsten Brouse - Infrastructure Master Plan

6.5. Councillor Isabel Anne McRae - Event Greening

this item is to be discussed at the June meeting

**7. New Business:**

There being none, the Chair moved to the next order of business.

**8. Next Meeting Date:**

Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 2:30 PM - Kirsten Brouse, Chair.

**9. Adjournment:**

**Motion #CCAP 26-013**

Moved by Susanne Laperle

That the regular Climate Change Advisory Panel meeting held on May 21, 2026 adjourn at 3:37 p.m.

**Carried - Unanimous**

Original signed by:

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Kirsten Brouse, Chair

Original signed by:

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Tracy Bowes, Recording Secretary

## Town of Perth's CCAP – DRAFT Communications Plan

### The Opportunity:

Perth citizens want and need to know what they can do as individuals and collectively as a community to offset/avoid the costly effects of climate change. The town is on the cusp of significant growth. Renowned for its heritage heart and green spaces – Perth has features that make it an attractive place to invest, to live and to visit. This is an excellent starting point to prioritize and communicate climate change options as part of the town's considerations to support this anticipated growth: as decisions being made today may risk consequences tomorrow.

Relevant and targeted communications can provide a pathway to greater community engagement and greater support for how town leadership incorporates climate change adaptation factors and initiatives into their decision making. We share a duty to be informed of these factors and to keep Perth's citizenry informed as well.

### Over-Arching Objectives (5 – 10 years):

- That Perth will be recognized for protecting both its heritage charm and the long-term quality of life for its current citizens and for generations to come.
- That Perth will successfully balance economic, environmental and social priorities and will be seen as a leader in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- That the goals of Perth's Climate Change Action Plan are largely achieved, by proactively adapting to reduce the impact of climate change on Perth's citizens and infrastructure
- That the CCAP will have played a sought-out, pro-active role in providing advice that supports this vision and serves as conduit for the public to contribute to discussion and decisions regarding climate change mitigation and adaptation in the Town of Perth.

These are compelling catalysts to attract greater investment and a more diversified demographic as part of Perth's future.

### There are two time-lines in this plan:

Short-Term Goals (2026) – establish a communications presence (using social & traditional media). One that begins the process of building awareness of the CCAP and its role across the community. Post- municipal elections (October 2026) with the support of the new council, the Panel will successfully recruit two additional public members, plus a minimum of one youth member<sup>1</sup>.

Long-Term Goals (2026 – 2031) – ensure that the citizens and town leadership (Council and Staff) are informed on climate change issues and consistently prioritize and incorporate sustainable considerations into their decision making and actions – both day-to-day and longer-term.

Ongoing – review, modify and update this plan, including media selection, based on opportunities and evolving priorities. Conduct a full review, involving CCAP members annually.

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<sup>1</sup> Young people between sixteen and twenty-four. High school representation on the panel would be very desirable.

**Work Done To-Date:**

- Eleven structured interviews to-date - with local thought leaders/advocates/panel members (two more to be scheduled)
- Informal survey, canvassing an estimated fifty ‘folks on the street’ – testing their knowledge of the CCAP and the Town of Perth’s climate change initiatives<sup>2</sup>.
- Opportunity to sit-in with senior municipal staff to review recent audit<sup>3</sup> findings – follow-up meeting on department level action plans scheduled for later in June.
- Review of local media and town communications.

**General Findings:**

- Among the general public, there is a very low awareness of the CCAP and of the town’s Climate Change Action Plan: notably its climate change goals and priorities.
- Very little mention of climate change issues/opportunities/achievements on Perth website and communications – there are existing opportunities to further public awareness of the town’s initiatives to-date and priorities for the future.
- There is a great deal of subject expertise and motivated leadership on environmental issues living just outside of the town’s boundaries – an opportunity for Perth.
- Recycling is the #1 environmental priority for most members of the general public.
- There is an appetite for change and greater awareness/engagement on climate mitigation initiatives among the general public. When asked – they are interested.

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**Four Strategic Pillars with Supporting Action Plans**

<b>Educate</b>	<b>Collaborate</b>	<b>Motivate</b>	<b>Advocate</b>
<p>Begin series of short, relevant articles – one to two a month.</p> <p>Relaunch CCAP webpage and begin regular postings</p> <p>Rebrand the Panel’s work – give it a more positive, action-oriented profile with the public.</p>	<p>Work with local and regional associations on shared priorities.</p> <p>Form partnerships to share information and platforms.</p>	<p>Recognize local leadership for their initiatives and achievements to mitigate climate change effects.</p> <p>Focus on Youth issues engage the schools.</p> <p>Hold events - celebrate accomplishments - leverage the Town Hall/ Mayor’s Office for recognition events.</p>	<p>Research, prepare, submit/present recommendations for Council’s consideration as part of their decision-making and planning.</p> <p>Use an ROI/long-term cost benefit analysis whenever possible.</p> <p>Develop materials (speakers’ notes and visuals) for use by Panel Members for speaking opportunities.</p>

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<sup>2</sup> Also captured (again informally) was a sense of what climate change meant to them and what they felt was important. #1 priority.

<sup>3</sup> Audit of the Town of Perth’s Climate Change Action Plan (2017)





**MINUTES  
MAY MEETING OF 2026  
CLIMATE ACTION WORKING GROUP**

The Climate Action Working Group met on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 10 am at the Lanark County Administration Building, 99 Christie Lake Road, Perth, Ontario

**Members Present:**

Chair Toby Randell  
Councillor R. Minnille  
Partners for Climate Protection and CNL Reps  
Sue Brandum  
Carleton Place Property and Project Manager,  
Ross Rankin  
Tay Valley Township Planner, Noelle Reeve  
Mississippi Mills Environmental Compliance  
Coordinator, Zachary Moshonas

**Staff/Others Present:**

K. Greaves, CAO  
J. Ralph, County Clerk  
E. Gallant, Climate and Environmental  
Program Coordinator  
C. Deachman, Public Works Business  
Manager

Warden Richard Kidd  
Councillor Judy Brown  
Drummond/North Elmsley Councillor, Paul  
Kehoe

**Regrets:**

Lanark Highlands Representative, Tom  
Shoebridge  
Town of Smiths Falls Representative, Dawn  
Quinn

**CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE**

**Chair:** Councillor Toby Randell

**1. CALL TO ORDER (Reminder please silence all electronic devices)**

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m.  
A quorum was present.

**2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None at this time.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION #CS-2026-01**

**MOVED BY:** A. McRae      **SECONDED BY:** S. Brandum

*THAT, the December 11th, 2025 minutes of the Climate Action Working Group be approved as circulated.*

**ADOPTED**

**4. ADDITIONS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION #CS-2026-02**

**MOVED BY:** R. Minnille      **SECONDED BY:** A. McRae

*THAT, the agenda be adopted as presented.*

**ADOPTED**

**5. DELEGATIONS (10 MINUTES)**

**6. QUESTIONS OF THE DELEGATION FROM COMMITTEE**

**7. PRESENTATIONS**

**8. COMMUNICATIONS**

i) Get the Lead Out Campaign

The Working Group reviewed the communication materials related to the "Get the Lead Out" Campaign and directed staff to

bring forward additional information related to the campaign and potential impacts of the decisions along with recommendations for County Council to consider.

## **9. DISCUSSION REPORTS**

- i) Climate Action Update  
**Elizabeth Boldt, Climate Environmental Program Coordinator**

The Working Group received the presentation and discussed aspects of the climate program, including the success of the Better Homes Program. The Working Group requested information related to the status of the FCM Loan given how much money has been distributed to homeowners. The Working Group discussed presenting information related to property owner savings.

The Working Group discussed the municipal climate grants available to local municipalities and non-profit community groups.

The Working Group discussed the impact of the federal funding for tree planting programs at the County.

- ii) Climate Adaptation Plan  
**Elizabeth Boldt, Climate Environmental Program Coordinator**

The Working Group received the presentation and discussed various aspects of the workplan.

## **10. NEW/OTHER BUSINESS**

- i) Roundtable

The Chair invited the Working Group members to provide roundtable updates. Mississippi Mills highlighted their actions in adopting the climate plan. Tay Valley highlighted some information available for the climate adaptation plan.

Perth highlighted that they are updating their Climate Plan and their solar project. It was highlighted that Smiths Falls was also finalizing their Climate Plan. CNL noted that they are working as partners to promote BHL and provides highlights of workshops that they provided. CNL noted that an overview of their programming could be provided to an upcoming meeting.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m. on a motion by members Minnille, McRae.

Jasmin Ralph, Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kurt Greaves', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Kurt Greaves, CAO