1. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Ken Burns, Sujata Singh, Jonathan Jorna, Councillor Antoski

Regrets: Karleigh Cordas, David Takacs, Mark Steinacher

Staff Present: Selvi Kongara, Director of Environmental Services, Charlene Touzel, City Clerk, Rochelle Rumney, Climate Change Officer, Brian Hutchings, CAO, Sara Munroe, Arts & Culture Development Officer

2. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest by members of the Committee.

3. **PRESENTATIONS/ DELEGATIONS**

4. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

4.1 **Environmental and Sustainability Policy Advisory Committee Work Plan**

Ken Burns provided an overview of the ESPAC Workplan including the comprehensive recycling program for Canada Day and waste audit. A PowerPoint presentation was made. A copy will be placed in the original meeting file.

Highlights of the presentation included the following:

- Review of the new ESPAC Mandate
- 2018/2019 Recap
- Workplan to include Canada Day/Clean Brantford, Green ER Awards/ Healthy Environment, Stormwater Funding Research, Climate Action and Current Issues and Consultation

The Right to Live in a Healthy Environment was approved in 2015, a as declaration in principle. The Committee has been working on including this in their research. The
Committee would like to put together a report on this and provide an update to Council in 2020.

Climate Change and Climate Action – There is a Notice of Motion that Councillor Antoski brought forward to declare a climate emergency. This will be considered at the October 8, 2019 Committee of the Whole – Operations and Administration meeting.

Stormwater Funding Research – Staff have met extensively with ESPAC and are moving into the public engagement portion. Staff will be returning in 2020 to provide an update and seek further input from the Committee.

Current issues and consultation – As the Committee has been asked for input on a variety of items throughout City Departments, the committee will allot available time to deal with emerging issues and consultation as necessary.

Clean Brantford was referred to EPAC in 2016 to establish litter reduction however the Committee found no baseline was established to provide input on proposed litter reduction. Clean Brantford paired with Canada Day Waste Diversion to develop a baseline. The Committee will continue to establish goals for reduction of waste and changing the public concept of waste.

Brian Hutchings, CAO explained that the Committee may be asked to provide input on the recycling of sharps from the Health Unit. This will be added to the October agenda and B. Hutchings will have Sandy Jackson come to explain the proposal.

Moved by Jonathan Jorna
Seconded by Councillor Antoski

THAT the Environmental and Sustainability Policy Advisory Committee Workplan BE ADOPTED.

CARRIED

4.2 Film Policy Discussion

Sara Munroe, Arts and Culture Development Officer presented to the Committee regarding the film portfolio in the City of Brantford. Currently increased policy initiatives are on the staff agenda including a film policy. S. Munroe is seeking feedback from the Committee on any ways to encourage production companies visiting the City to leave a smaller environmental footprint during filming. S. Munroe noted that film policies across Ontario do not currently have a recommendation section for environmental and sustainable practices.

Members suggested that the production companies look at ways of diverting their food waste from filming and reach out to Brantford Power to connect film production directly to the grid rather than using generators for filming purposes.
4.3  City of Brantford Environmental Web Page Review

Committee members reviewed the proposed changes to the City of Brantford website. Rochelle Rumney reviewed proposed changes with the Committee. Committee Moved by Councillor Antoski Seconded by Sujata Singh

THAT the suggested changes to the City of Brantford website BE forwarded to the Communications Department to implement the necessary amendments.

CARRIED

4.4  Climate Change Officer Initiative

Rochelle Rumney stated she is currently doing a Greenhouse Gas Inventory baseline and will bring targets to Council for approval. As part of this, an education plan will be brought forward with monthly themes to build partnerships between departments and create awareness of environmental concerns.

The Climate Change Action Plan will be commencing in 2020 as well. A plan will come forward in November 2020 for approval. Once approved, implementation of the plans and programs will begin. R. Rumney explained she will be seeking input on the Climate Change Action Plan from the Committee in 2020.

Sujata Singh asked how the public will know we are progressing to change climate impacts. R. Rumney stated that Social Media will play a large roll and she will be seeking input from staff as well on how to inform the public.

4.5  Climate Change Action Discussion

Sujata Singh addressed the Committee and explained that she has been trained by Al Gore to talk about Climate Change. She has been doing a number of talks throughout the County of Brant and provides the science behind climate change and why it is happening.

The Climate Change Action Discussion could be turned into a round table discussion or a format that could engage more persons but use the information provided through S. Singh’s training.

Members stated that this type of forum could be incorporated into Climate Change Month proposed by the Climate Change Officer.

Moved by Jonathan Jorna
Seconded by Sujata Singh
THAT Ken Burns, Chair of ESPAC apply as a delegation to City Council regarding the Climate Change Emergency resolution to the October 8, 2019 Committee of the Whole – Operations and Administration meeting.

CARRIED

5. CONSENT ITEMS

5.1 Memo from City Clerk

Moved by Councillor Antoski
Seconded by Jonathan Jorna

THAT the memo from the City Clerk BE RECEIVED for information purposes.

CARRIED

5.2 Minutes

Moved by Sujata Singh
Seconded by Jonathan Jorna

THAT the following minutes BE ADOPTED:

5.2.1 Environmental Policy Advisory Committee - June 20, 2019

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Antoski
Seconded by Sujata Singh

THAT the following minutes BE RECIEVED:

5.2.2 Green Team Steering Committee - September 5, 2019
5.2.3 Green Team Steering Committee - June 27, 2019
5.2.4 Green Team Steering Committee - June 6, 2019

CARRIED

6. RESOLUTIONS

7. NOTICES OF MOTION

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

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Ken Burns, Chair       Julia Sippel, Council & Committee
                      Services Co-ordinator