



Municipal Climate Change Action Plan (MCCAP) Committee Excerpt
April 10, 2024

Climate Action Committee Solar Project

As stated in the *MCCAP Committee 2024-25 Work Plan* and the *WHRM GHG Emission Local Action Plan*, to reduce emissions it is a goal of the Committee to offset Municipal energy usage with solar energy. At the December 13, 2022, Council meeting, Council approved the following motion:

“...that Committee of the Whole recommends that Council approve in principle funding 30% as the Municipal contribution of the application to the Sustainable Communities Challenge Fund in the 2023/24 budget to support a solar project, up to a maximum Council contribution of \$150,000”.

WHRM was not successful with that application, so the Climate Action Committee wishes to recommend allocating the same amount from Municipal sources to construct a solar installation. Following a solar energy feasibility study, and facility audits completed in partnership with Efficiency NS, staff will facilitate constructing a solar energy installation on Municipal lands. Staff will continue to investigate external funding sources that may be used for this project.

The recommended motion was...

...THAT THE CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL THAT AN ALLOCATION OF \$150,000 BE ALLOCATED TO THE 2024-2025 CAPITAL BUDGET TO SUPPORT A SOLAR PROJECT LED BY THE MUNICIPALITY. FURTHER, THAT THE FUNDING BE SECURED FROM THE CANADA COMMUNITY BUILDING FUND OR OPERATING RESERVES FROM THE MUNICIPALITY.