

Advisory Committee on the Environment Energy sub-committee - report

Meeting date/place: Wednesday, June 29, 2016 @ London Home Builders' Association

In attendance: Mike Bloxam, Lois Langdon, Diane Szoller

Not in attendance: Tom Arnos, Ken Birchall

The meeting commenced at about 16:30.

1. Review work plan

Reviewed approved workplan (see attached); on track; number of items being worked on.

2. Local improvement charges (#5 on 2016 work plan)

a) Status of LICs for a PACE-style program

Further to the workshop on April 21st, Jamie Skimming has provided a discussion primer (see attached) and is asking for comments by July 29th. ACE Energy members asked to review and circulate comments via email so that a position can be developed and provided to Betty prior to the deadline of July 11th for inclusion on the next agenda for the next ACE meeting.

3. Bill 135 – Energy & water benchmarking policy for large buildings

Response from City Staff (Jamie Skimming) to ACE inquiry on London's awareness of/actions related to Bill 135 - as below:

- For energy benchmarking, municipal buildings already have to report their energy use (along with schools, hospitals, and academia) under Regulation 397. The Environmental Commissions of Ontario has made use of the data to produce this useful website - <http://eco.on.ca/maps/2016-lets-get-serious/>
- Bill 135 would bring similar reporting requirements to large commercial buildings, with some subtle differences such as reporting through existing tools such as Energy Star Portfolio Manager. This helps our Community Energy Action Plan, as this was something we were contemplating trying to figure out how to do this ourselves after Toronto's pilot, but the province makes this easier
- City is planning to work with Sustainability CoLab to bring something like Ottawa's Carbon 613 to London, except we hope to cover all environmental aspects (i.e., water use, waste, energy/GHGs, etc.) Meeting recently held with London's IC&I sector to explore this idea further. LOIS to request copies of presentations.

4. Sustainability officer (#14 on 2016 work plan)

Ken asked to circulate response from City staff re London's handling of sustainability function along with job description from position in Markham prior to speaker at July 20th ACE meeting. MSEC – Mayor's Sustainable Economic Council – no current information posted on city's website; Lois to inquire.

The meeting concluded at about 17:15.