



Staff Report

To: Council

From: Michelle Jakobi, Director, Environmental Services

Meeting Date: June 12, 2024

Report No.: ES2024-11

Subject: Partners for Climate Protection Program (PCP)

Type: Requires Action

Motion No.:

Recommendation

1. That Report No. ES2024-11 be received and endorsed.
2. That Council appoint Michelle Jakobi, Director of Environmental Services and _____ to oversee the implementation of the Partners for Climate Protection Program (PCP) milestones and be the points of contact for the PCP program for the Township of Oro-Medonte.

Background

In June 2023, Council received correspondence from the Severn Sound Environmental Association (SSEA) requesting the Township join the FCM-ICLEI Partners for Climate Protection Program (PCP). Motion No. 230614-11 directed staff to report back to Council with respect to this request.

For over 25 years, the [PCP](#) program has provided members support to reduce local greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and improve the quality of life for residents in their communities.

The PCP program is a national network of over 400 municipalities with the shared goal of taking action against climate change and reducing local greenhouse gas emissions. The program is administered by [ICLEI](#)—Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI Canada) and the [FCM](#) (Federation of Canadian Municipalities) and consists of a *Five-*

Step Milestone Framework that guides members on how to take action against climate change by reducing emissions. The program also receives funding from FCM's [Green Municipal Fund](#) and ICLEI Canada.

Analysis

The PCP program is focused on mitigating climate change by understanding municipal and community energy uses and working to decrease the carbon footprint associated with energy use.

The PCP program will support the Township in developing a Climate Action Plan while gaining access to the following tools and resources:

- Support and guidance, through the PCP Milestone Framework, in reducing GHG emissions.
- Access via the PCP Hub to a network of over 350 local governments across Canada that are taking action on climate change by offering their experience and examples.
- Technical support tools, including the PCP Milestone Tool and PCP Protocol.
- Information and access to funding opportunities, such as those offered by FCM's Green Municipal Fund.
- Capacity-building resources, including workshops, case studies and training opportunities.
- Awards and recognition for milestone achievements and for reported measures.

Along with access to the benefits of program participation, the Township of Oro-Medonte will likewise commit to the following responsibilities:

- Move through the Milestone Framework within 10 years of joining.
- Report on progress at least once every two years.
- Actively participate in program activities and share your experience with other network members.

Township Staff have taken preliminary steps to develop a local climate action plan. The Milestone framework through participating in the PCP program will provide a roadmap whereby Council, staff and the community will jointly participate in its development and long-term success.

The first step towards membership in the PCP program is the appointment of one staff member and one elected official to be the Township's main PCP contacts. This appointment is to be provided on the program application through a formal Council endorsement.

Financial/Legal Implications/ Risk Management

Membership in the PCP program is free and provides access to tools, networking, case studies, and other informational resources. However, formal council resolution is required to join the program.

Should the Township decide to withdraw from the program and/or is not able to meet the PCP program requirements, rejoining at a later date is an option.

Policies/Legislation

None

Corporate Strategic Priorities

Financial Sustainability

Community Engagement

Strengthen Operational Capacity

Consultations

Environmental Services- Summer Student

Severn Sound Environmental Association- Sustainability and Climate Action
Coordinator

Attachments

None

Conclusion

Township of Oro-Medonte participation in the PCP program illustrates municipal environmental leadership and a commitment to moving climate change mitigation and adaptation forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Jakobi, Director, Environmental Services

May 27, 2024

Approvals:

Shawn Binns, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

Date of Approval

June 3, 2024