



STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL ADDENDA

Adoption of Addenda to the Regular Council Agenda:

Motion by

THAT the Addenda to the Regular Agenda of Council dated February 10, 2025, be added to the agenda as printed to include the following:

6. Hearings of Deputations and Presentations:

Following the publishing of the Agenda, the following persons requested to speak to Council regarding the below:

6.1 Requests for Delegation – 2025 Budget

- Jane Marie Mitchell, will be requesting a staff position be removed to lower expenses; and
- Barb Shaughnessy, on behalf of the Inn Keepers Collective, will be requesting Council support the expansion of two staff positions for By-law

The following correspondence were received regarding reconsideration of the Community Energy Liaison position:

Letters dated February 7, 2025

- Jane Marie Mitchell, Reverend R.L. Stephenson-Read and Anna Stratton

Letters dated February 9, 2025

- Felicity Sutcliffe and Marlene Pomeroy

Moved by

THAT Jane Marie Mitchell and Barb Shaughnessy be heard.

Motion by

THAT correspondence received February 7, 2025 from Jane Marie Mitchell, Reverend R.L. Stephenson-Read and Anna Stratton, and correspondence received February 9, 2025, from Felicity Sutcliffe and Marlene Pomeroy be received.

- 6.2 Item 7.3 Updated Recommendation for Tender T-2024-36: Supply and Delivery of Meraki Hardware and Licensing (COU25-013)

Jane Marie Mitchell will be requesting Council update the Procurement Policy to include sustainability language reflecting the current economic position.

Moved by

THAT Jane Marie Mitchell be heard.

- 6.3 Item 7.4 Consideration of Lease Extensions – 270 Water Street and Queen Street Parking Lot (COU25-009)

Loreena McKennitt, Owner/Director Falstaff Family Centre, will be speaking in support of the recommendation of the lease extension.

Motion by

THAT Loreena McKennitt, Owner/Director Falstaff Family Centre, be heard.

- 6.4 Item 7.5 Accommodation Licensing Fee Implementation (COU25-010)

Barb Shaughnessy, representing Inn Keepers Collective, will be speaking in support of the recommendation and to request clarification.

Motion by

THAT Barb Shaughnessy be heard.

- 6.5 Item 9.1.6 Sale and Disposition of Land Policy Review

Mike Sullivan will be requesting the item be deferred or the recommendation be amended from 'attainable housing' to 'affordable housing'.

Motion by

THAT Mike Sullivan be heard.

6.6 Item 9.1.7 Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) Ad-Hoc Committee

Barb Shaughnessy, representing Inn Keepers Collective, will be speaking in support of the recommendation.

Motion by

THAT Barb Shaughnessy be heard.

February 7, 2025

Subject: Letter for Expansion Position for Addendum this coming week

Dear Councillors and Clerk:

Please reconsider your decision on hiring a Climate Energy Liaison position at the next Council Meeting when discussing and approving the budget. Time is running out to make our target for 2030 with extreme weather events happening due to the intensity of fire events, the excessive rain events, more destructive tornadoes, air conditions affecting our health and the need to prepare our homes and cities for these types of weather events to come. As citizens of the globe we all have a responsibility to do our part to decrease the destructive Greenhouse gases that affect us all. We, together, in Stratford have a lot of work to educate our citizens responsible for 99.7% of our emissions here.

We don't have the time to delay and defer this position any longer. In the Climate Conversations, we have seen and heard the questions that citizens have about what they can do and want to do as well as what they are already doing to save their money and lower their emissions. Residents want to make the future better and brighter as well as save money by transitioning to electric and other alternative energy sources, for example. Please look at the City's future and what we need to get there. We need to get our residents onboard with opportunities for awareness and education to help them on the road to the future. Please hire a Climate Energy Liaison for 2025!

Thank you for your interest and attention to this matter.

Jane Marie Mitchell

Stratford resident

February 7, 2025

Subject: Attn: written intervention for Monday, Feb 10, Council mtg

To the Clerk and City Council;

With regard to Agenda Item No. 7.7 for Monday, February 10, 2025 and the approval of the budget for 2025, we would ask that City Council provide staff and resources in this budget for the Climate Change Program Manager and her office and include the position of Community Energy Liaison.

We commend the City for declaring a climate emergency in 2020, for the hiring of a Climate Change Programs Manager and for adopting a Corporate Energy and Emissions Plan and the Community Climate Action Plan. We also note that the provision for a "climate lens" has been provided throughout the budget. However, without resources and staff to implement the goals which the City has set for itself to reach net zero and to live up to the commitment to those young people who so passionately made their case to council in 2020, your commitments to addressing climate change ring hollow.

Climate change is not slowing down to keep pace with the slowness in responding to its very real implications for our community. We are already witnessing the extremes in weather and the impact here. We learned this week that leading scientists are projecting that we will fall short of the 2030 target to limit the increase in global temperature to 1.5 degrees and that we are moving rapidly toward 2 degrees and possibly even higher. Cities have a hugely important role to play in mitigating climate change by reducing emissions, especially in Canada where 8 out of 10 of us live in cities. Cities can play a role in providing leadership. There is no time to lose, and much time has already been lost.

Blessings & Best Wishes,

Rev. R.L. Stephenson-Read aka Rock'n Rev. Rhonda, MSc, BMus, LTTA MA
Madre-Chaplain, Royal Canadian Legion, Br. 8 Stratford
Aye Lighthouse Counseling & Ministry:
Music Psychology, Heartmath, Arts Education
Creative Solutions for Personal & Business Challenges

February 7, 2025

Subject: City of Stratford Council Meeting, Monday, February 10, 2025, Agenda Item No. 7.7

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council,

With regard to **Agenda Item No. 7.7** for Monday, February 10, 2025 and the approval of the budget for 2025, I would ask that City Council provide staff and resources in this budget for the Manager of Climate Change Programs and her office and include the position of Community Energy Liaison.

We commend the City for declaring a climate emergency in 2020, for the hiring of a Manager of Climate Change Programs and for adopting a Corporate Energy and Emissions Plan and the Community Climate Action Plan. We also note that the provision for a "climate lens" has been provided throughout the budget. However, without providing the Manager of Climate Change Programs with the resources to implement the goals which the City has set for itself and to live up to the promise made to the young people and citizens who so passionately made their case to Council in 2020, your commitments to addressing climate change ring hollow.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Anna Stratton, M.E.S

Stratford Resident

February 9, 2025

Subject: Community Energy Liaison Position

Dear Clerk and Councillors,

As a member of the Energy & Environment Committee, I wish to add my personal request for council to approve a Community Energy Liaison position. This position was requested by our Climate Change Program manager both last year and this year and turned down both times.

We commend you for declaring a Climate Emergency, for developing a Corporate Energy and Emissions Plan and for supporting the Community Climate Action Plan. We are fortunate that our city has taken these necessary steps seriously. However, without the staff and resources behind the plan, we are left with only community volunteers to move the CCAP forward.

As you know, a small group of dedicated volunteers has been working hard to educate the community about the CCAP. Following Sadaf's direction, we started with community events to explain the CCAP and then to illustrate the most important areas of focus: Transportation, Buildings, Alternative Energy and now Waste Management. We have been working along with E&E, ATAC, Climate Momentum, Cycle Stratford, SDSS and other relevant community groups to educate our citizens about how to help us move forward to protect our planet from the ravages of Climate Change. But now we need to move forward. We constantly hear that it is all talk and no action.

In order to move forward, we need staff and resources. Community volunteers are more than happy to help with the work required, but we need knowledgeable leadership. We have the plan, but we need leaders to drive it.

Please reconsider your short sighted decision not to fund this community energy liaison position. Community Climate Action saves money for everyone in the long run. If you have read the CCAP, you will understand the many ways that this happens. Please reconsider your decision, and give us all hope that our community will indeed be able to move forward to preserve the quality of life for all citizens, while protecting our climate.

Thank you for your consideration.

Felicity Sutcliffe

Energy and Environment Committee

February 9, 2025

Subject: Please consider this request for the Climate Change Position

Dear Clerk and Councillors,

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Marlene Pomeroy