Town of The Blue Mountains - Sustainability Committee

Reasons for Work Planning Session and Possible Outline
For Discussion – Sustainability Committee Meeting
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Reasons for Work Planning

Now that we have the Committee’s Terms of Reference (pending approval from Council), we can start to deliver on our Mandate. Since ICSP planning and implementation is a complex assignment, including stakeholder and public participation, it is important that we develop an itemized and scheduled work plan with a timetable/schedule to guide us in our work. It is also important that we do this as a team, to ensure a common understanding of what is ahead.

Who should be involved in Work Planning?

The Sustainability Committee, CAO, and any identified resource people could be involved. The session should be open to members of the public.

Draft Outline of Work Planning Session

We could use the following outline as a basis for discussing an approach to our work planning session:

1. Brainstorming Approaches to developing our ICSP
   a. Frameworks for Integrated Community Sustainability Plans
      i. Consider renewing Our Sustainable Path’s approach?
      ii. Consider brand new approach?
      iii. Review examples of successful plans?
      iv. Other?
   b. Agree on approach for our ICSP (framework/process)

2. Develop the Steps we need to take to develop the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan:
   a. Process framework/steps
   b. Timeframe for implementing the steps
   c. Integrating community/partner engagement and community participation
   d. Resources required

3. How to deal with short term matters
   a. E.g. Tree by-law input
   b. Single use plastics (ongoing)
c. Attainable Housing
d. Referrals from Council

Anticipated Outcome

At the end of the working session, we hope to agree on the approach and timeframe for developing our Integrated Community Sustainability Plan.

Resources Required

Facilitator: I suggest that the working session is facilitated, and that a small sub-committee work with the facilitator to develop the agenda for the session.

Facilities: The optimal format for a facilitated working sessions would be in round table format, without the formality of the Council chambers.