



## **Environment, Climate Change and Biodiversity Advisory Committee Terms of Reference**

### **Preamble**

The Committee will assist, educate and engage the community to advance environmentally friendly goals. The Committee will advise City Council on environmental planning policy and sustainability matters to promote the protection, enhancement and management of the City's natural and built environment.

### **Mandate**

To advise Council on environmental, energy conservation, green energy solutions, environmental sustainability and environmental regulations that affect the City of Thorold and those matters referred to the committee by Council.

### **Goals and Purpose**

The Committee's purpose is to:

- Advise Council on environmental and energy conservation protection issues that affect the City of Thorold and those matters referred to the committee by Council;
- To promote the integration of environmental and energy conservation considerations into the planning and development of City projects and programs;
- Reviewing and distributing communication materials to educate residents, businesses, institutions and community groups on environmental sustainability;
- Coordinate with experts and representatives of the public to collaborate, on a volunteer basis, on initiatives designed to advance environmental aspects of Council's strategic priorities such as the following:
  - Mitigate the effects of climate change;
  - Encourage water and energy conservation measures;
  - Foster waste reduction, reuse and recycling programs;
  - Encourage conservation or restoration of natural features and habitats which support the community's unique ecology and character and environmental assets;
  - Identify new business/employment/housing opportunities that climate change mitigation may offer.

### **Membership**

The Committee shall consist of the following members:

- Councillors (minimum of 2)
- Technical representative from the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) (1)
- At-large members (8)



- All of whom should have demonstrated competencies, history or interest in matters pertaining to the environment. No more than one person from any organized environmental group will be appointed.

The City's Senior Planner (or designate) will support the committee as the City of Thorold's staff liaison.

**Meeting Frequency**

The Committee shall hold six (6) meetings per year.