

Climate Action and Adaptation Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

Mandate: Provide technical assistance to the Sustainability Planner and the corresponding COG Committees during preparation of the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP). Using best available science and knowledge, make recommendations on best practices for CRPA staff to compile the CAAP.

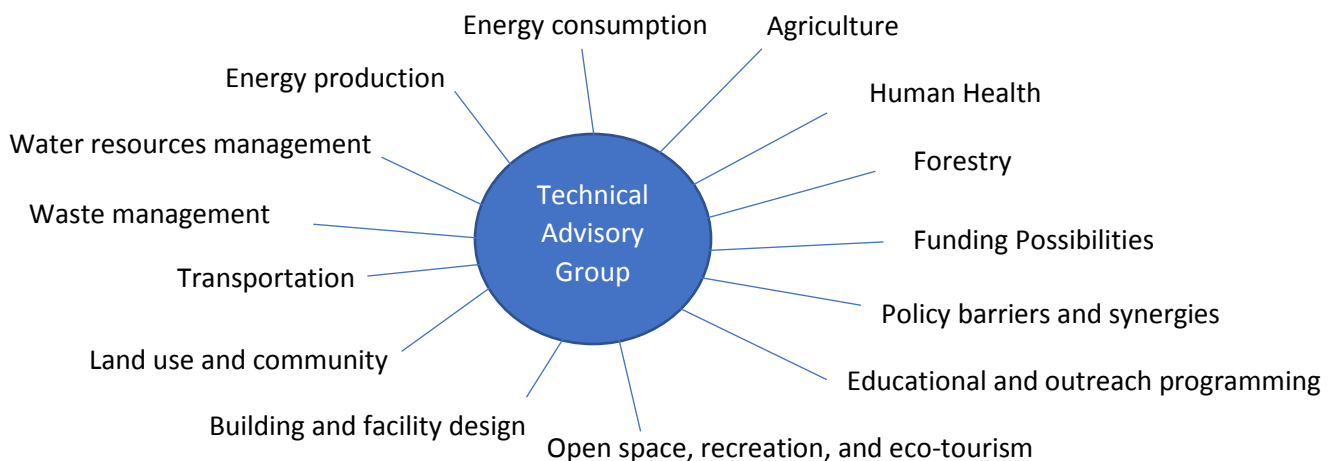
Oversight: The PSE Committee will have oversight, while other COG Committees will be involved as needed and will review the recommendations in order to make policy decisions regarding the regional CAAP. The General Forum will receive quarterly updates.

Timeline: Kick off meeting 9/16/19. Meet on a monthly basis through 2020.

Process: CRPA staff will reach out to potential recruits and form a core group of overall climate change / sustainability experts. The core members will meet regularly to organize the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP) process and create the CAAP. During research into the identified sectors shown below the core members will reach out to subject matter experts to learn about best practices. The advisor, Adam Brumbaugh, will serve as a sounding board to ensure municipal integration, both operationally and fiscally. TAG was endorsed by the PSE Committee at its 9/5/19 meeting.

Public Input: The meetings of the TAG will be open to the public and noticed on the COG web page and through social media. Once a sector has several best management practices identified, focus groups will be held with the public to garner interest, assure applicability and define the best actions for our community.

Deliverable from CRPA: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory and Regional Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP)



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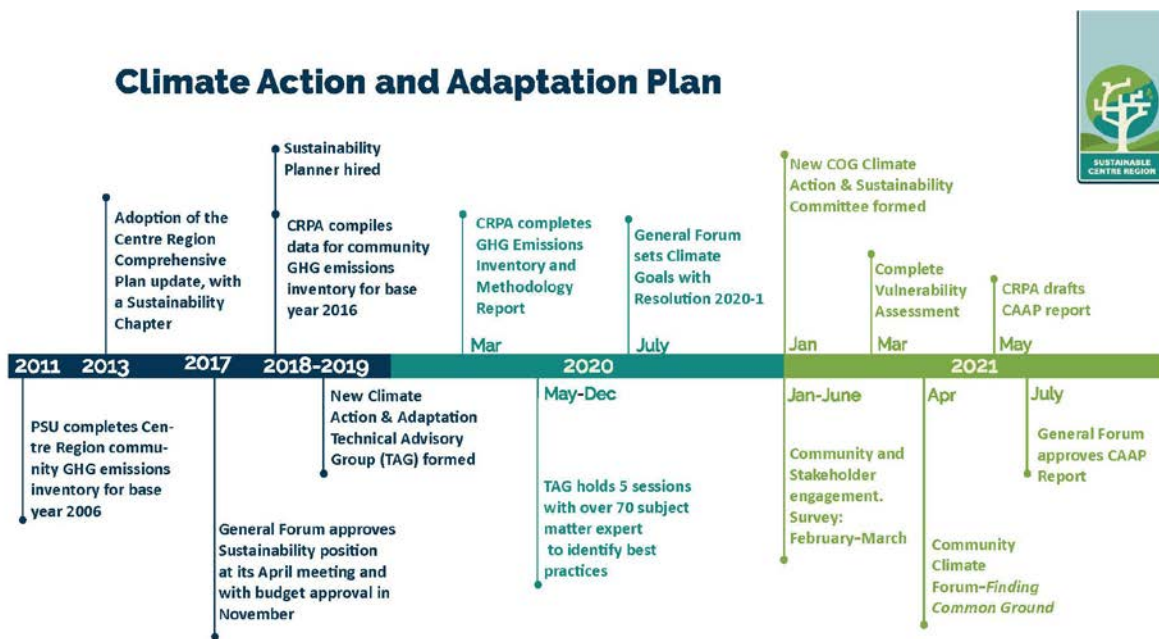
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Members:

- attend a monthly 1-1.5 hr meeting
- provide guidance on the overall structure of CAAP, best management practices and public outreach program
- assist with connecting CRPA staff with subject matter experts
- offer additional expertise on sector(s) of interest
- review and provide feedback on CAAP document
- attend some stake holder meeting to elicit public interest

CRPA staff:

1. complete primary work load - documenting best practices and providing additional research
2. collaborate with municipal staff, regional organizations and elected officials
3. update municipal elected officials and staff through respective attending COG Committees, quarterly updates to the General Forum and attending municipal meetings
4. create the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CAAP)
5. develop a public outreach program
6. coordinate stakeholder meetings to elicit public interest



PROJECT TIMELINE

COG Public Services and Environmental Committee reviews at these milestones: