Personal Bio's for Utility Sustainability Advisory Committee

Gordon Marasco – Chair

Gordon graduated from the University of Waterloo with a degree in electrical engineering, where he worked as a professional engineer for Dofasco Inc. for 16 years as Manager of Electrical Construction and Power Distribution. Gordon has also played the role of Manager of Engineering for Atlas Steels, Manager of Project Development with ES Fox and has served as Chairman of the Board of Directors for Grimsby Power for 18 years. He has served as Chairman of the Board of Directors for Niagara Economic and Tourism for 9 years, and was a founding board member for Niagara Regional Broadband Network for 10 years. Gordon brings forth much experience in this field and is eager to accomplish many utility-related projects for the Town as Chair to the committee!

Dave Cano – Vice-Chair

Dave Cano is the Energy Solutions Manager at the Town of Oakville, where he is in charge of developing and implementing energy conservation projects, including retrofits on existing buildings and supporting the development of new buildings with more efficient technologies and renewable energy sources. Previously, Dave worked at Western University for 10 years, in the areas of energy, water, waste and sustainability management, as well as community engagement. Dave graduated with honours from the Tecnologico de Monterrey with a Bachelors in Electronics and Communications Engineering, as well as with a Master's in Technology Management. More recently, Dave graduated from the Masters of Environment and Business program at the University of Waterloo. Dave is a Project Management Professional (PMP), an Energy Manager in Training (EMIT) and a LEED® Green Associate. He has been elected a Vice-Chair to this committee and brings forth much experience in energy conservation projects!

Jeffrey Fee

Jeffrey has been a Pelham resident for 30 years and brings forth much experience to the committee. He has 34 years of experience as an engineering technician, where he has worked for multiple companies such as Atlas Steels, Anachemia Solvents and United Canadian Malt. His current employer, Ridley College, has titled Jeffrey as a Facilities Department Engineering Technician and has granted him with the responsibility of maintaining the facilities department and related equipment and systems. Ridley College has undergone vast and continual transformations over the years and its adaptation of new and efficient building systems technologies has made it a very interesting work environment for Jeffrey. Jeffrey is a TSSA certified Gas Fitter One as well as a 4th Class Power Engineer. He has also obtained a Building Environmental Systems Operator Class 2 certificate at Niagara College. Nonetheless he is honoured to be a part of this committee and is looking forward to working on upcoming projects for the Town!

Bob Hildebrandt – Council Representative

Councillor Bob Hildebrandt graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering and a minor in management science at the University of Waterloo. For 30 years he has worked at FWL the Canadian Division of FWEC, which after having undergone many changes, became part of the Woods Group in 2017 – the Woods Group are global leaders in the delivery of Engineering and Technical services to the Energy and Industrial Markets. Councillor Hildebrandt has worn many hats with this company, one being an Engineering Manager for offices in Canada and India, as well as a Manager of Manufacturing, where he managed approximately 500 employees. Bob retired in 2008 when the Canadian offices closed and further established the R. Hildebrandt Consulting services – a company which focuses on supporting charities and non-profit organizations. Additionally, Bob has spent 4 years on the Niagara Parks Advisory Board, 8 years on the Niagara Region Audit Compliance Committee as well as the Town of Pelham's Senior Advisory committee. He is very passionate about sustainability management, and more importantly, finding solutions that will benefit the Town and citizens!

Deanna Allen - Secretary

Deanna currently holds the position as a Climate Change Coordinator for the Town of Pelham, where she is responsible for the development and implementation of a Corporate Climate Change Adaptation Plan as well as the Town's Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan. Deanna graduated from Brock University with a degree in environmental management in 2015 and in 2017 she acquired a Master's degree in environmental management and sustainability at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia. Deanna was selected as a recipient in Monash University's Green Steps Program, where she further enhanced her knowledge on sustainability and energy efficiency through the application of energy audits for the university as well as a local hospital. She is eager to apply her knowledge in this field and cannot wait to see what this committee will accomplish!