



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

MINUTES ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 16, 2008

7:00 p.m.

Esquimalt Council Chambers

PRESENT: Tara Hastings – Chair
Edwin Hubert – Vice Chair
Alison Gaul
Mark Salter
Lorraine Nygaard-Ishizaki

STAFF: Deborah Liske – Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Mayor Chris Clement
Councillor Jane Sterk
Eileen Palmer
Gilbert Coté – Director of Engineering and Public Works (Staff Liaison)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tara Hastings called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Lorraine Nygaard-Ishizaki, seconded by Chair Hastings that the agenda of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of October 16, 2008 be approved as presented. The motion **CARRIED**.

4. PRESENTATION

(1) Gray Rothnie, Greens Committee, Gorge Vale Golf Course

Gray Rothnie, a member of the Gorge Vale Golf Club and Greens Committee attended the meeting to provide the Environmental Advisory Committee with a brief overview of the Gorge Vale Golf Club Forest Maintenance and Regeneration Program. The entire golf course has been surveyed and inventoried by professional foresters, who also completed a complete assessment of the tree groves. The Club would like to enter in to a partnership with the municipality to assist in keeping the forested areas of the course healthy. Mr. Rothnie noted that the program is a ten to twenty year plan and the Club would like to attain the assistance of the municipal arborist and utilize space at the parks nursery to grow trees for the program. Mr. Rothnie further noted that western red cedar, douglas fir, gary oak and other native species are being utilized for replanting when dying trees require to be replaced. Mr. Rothnie will forward a copy of the plan for the Committee to review.

Committee members noted that this type of request would need to be referred to Parks and Recreation. Committee members will review the plan and discuss further at the next meeting.

Chair Hastings thanked Mr. Rothnie for attending and providing the presentation.

5. **MINUTES**

Moved by Alison Gaul, seconded by Lorraine Nygaard-Ishizaki, that the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of September 18, 2008 be approved as presented. The motion **CARRIED**.

6. **REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES**

(1) Urban Landscape

Esquimalt Native Urban Farmers (ENUF) is continuing negotiations with private landowners for space for public gardens.

(2) Pesticide Reduction

The Committee discussed the recently endorsed Union of British Columbia Municipalities resolution for a province-wide ban of cosmetic pesticides. The resolution requests that the Province of British Columbia enact provincial legislation that will ban the sale and use of cosmetic pesticides province-wide.

(3) Gorge Discovery Centre

Edwin Hubert noted that the Gorge Discovery Centre will be offering programs on Thursday and Sundays during the winter. Schools are being encouraged to attend and participate during the school year.

(4) Driving Reduction

Chair Hastings reported that a staff report on zero emission vehicles will be going to Council shortly.

Alison Gaul reported that October is Walk to School Month with many activities like the walking school bus happening to encourage children to walk to school in a safe manner.

(5) Sustainability

(a) New Sidewalk Construction Program List

The Committee reviewed the new sidewalk construction program list and corresponding map to determine a prioritized list which will be forwarded to the Director of Engineering and Public Works.

(6) Climate Change

Nothing to report.

(7) Solid Waste

It was noted that Waste Reduction week is October 19 – 25, 2008 with October 22nd designated as Work Waste Reduction Wednesday.

Moved by Mark Salter, seconded by Alison Gaul, that the Environmental Advisory Committee recommend that the Township of Esquimalt participate in Waste Reduction Week in 2009. The motion **CARRIED**.

The Committee discussed the loss of the Tudor House Parking lot recycling depot and would like to receive an update from staff on its status.

(8) Promoting Successes of Committee

Nothing to report.

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS

Nothing to report.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Tara Hastings, Chair

This 20th day of November, 2008