



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 23, 2009

7:15 p.m.

Council Chambers, Municipal Hall

PRESENT: Edwin Hubert – Chair
Mark Salter – Vice-Chair
Councillor Randall Garrison
Eileen Palmer
Jo-Lee Bertrand (Departed 9:02 p.m.)
Beth Sobieszczyk

GUEST: Mayor Barbara Desjardins (Departed 7:36 p.m.)

STAFF: Marlene Lagoa – Manager of Communications and Sustainability (Staff Liaison)
Deborah Liske – Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Councillor Lynda Hundley
Larry Dill
Lorraine Nygaard-Ishizaki

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hubert called the meeting to order at 7:17 p.m.

2. LATE ITEMS

The following late items were introduced:

1. Add to Agenda item 7. **NEW BUSINESS** (3) CRD Climate Action Steering Committee
2. Add to Agenda item 7. **NEW BUSINESS** (4) Curb Paint

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Eileen Palmer, seconded by Jo-Lee Bertrand, that the agenda of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of April 23, 2009 be approved with the inclusion of the late agenda items.

The motion **CARRIED**.

4. GREETINGS FROM MAYOR DESJARDINS

Mayor Desjardins welcomed committee members and expressed gratitude for their commitment to volunteer on the committee. Mayor Desjardins noted that the Environmental Advisory Committee is a very dynamic committee and is looking forward to seeing the initiatives that the committee develops this year.

5. MINUTES

Moved by Jo-Lee Bertrand, seconded by Eileen Palmer, that the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of March 19, 2009 be approved as presented.

The motion **CARRIED**.

6. OLD BUSINESS

(1) From the March 19, 2009 Environmental Advisory Committee meeting

(a) 2008 Year End Final Report

Chair Hubert reported that the 2008 Year End Report is prepared and will be circulated to committee members for review prior to adoption at the next meeting.

(b) Work Plan Discussion
a. Sub-Committees

Committee members discussed which sub-committees to continue and/or create for the year. The list of sub-committees will be a standing item on the agenda every meeting to be reported on when required.

Mayor Desjardins departed from the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

It was determined that the following sub-committees would form the 2009 work plan. Committee members also determined sub-committee leads and commenced discussion on the focus of each sub-committee. Eileen Palmer will review the Township's 2009 – 2011 municipal strategic plan for actions that relate to the sub-committees and report back at the next meeting.

Urban Landscape – Beth Sobieszczyk

- Community Garden
- Local Food Security
 - Promote pocket market that is viable for any farmer
 - (a) community garden
 - (b) community market (work with Pocket Market/Rec Centre)
 - (c) bylaw for street front farm stands
 - Neighbourhood plant exchange
- Urban Forest Expansion
 - Promoting planting and support of new trees

Pesticide Reduction – Mark Salter

- Pesticide Education
- Bylaw Awareness & Compliance

Marine and Shoreline (Formally Gorge Waterway Initiative) – Larry Dill

- Green Boating/Marinas
- Shoreline impacts (discharge, erosion)
- Promoting marine conservation
- Maintain safe, accessible and sustainable access points to water
- Riparian foreshore restoration

Alternative Transportation – Jo-Lee Bertrand

- Cross-town Bus Route (Bay)
- Dialogue with DND
 - Non-residential parking
 - Promote car pooling
 - Admirals Road

Sustainability – To Be Determined

Climate Change – Eileen Palmer

- Green Development Checklist
- Recommend green features for new residential building

- Lawn care education
- Providing input to Sustainability Manager on corporate climate action strategies

Solid Waste – Lorraine Nygaard-Ishizaki

- Improve recycling and waste disposal information/opportunities for residents
- Waste Free Wednesdays
- Recycling
- Waste Reduction (plastic bags)
- Composting
- Hazardous Waste
- Work with Engineering/Public Works on waste strategy

Environmental Education – To Be Determined

- Booth at Buccaneer Days

7. NEW BUSINESS

(1) Light Rail Transit Station in Esquimalt

A committee member enquired if a station is proposed for Esquimalt. Councillor Garrison noted that two shelters are proposed; one southbound, one northbound, near the Admirals / Colville Road intersection.

(2) Waste Free Wednesday

Mark Salter provided the committee with information about waste free Wednesday which takes place on October 31, 2009. Suggested that the event be promoted at the committee booth at Buccaneer days and further suggested that the Township of Esquimalt develop some type of initiative for that day in October.

Jo-Lee Bertrand departed the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

(3) CRD Climate Action Steering Committee **(Late Item)**

Councillor Garrison distributed a copy of the CRD Climate Action and Adaptation bylaw to committee members and noted that he and Councillor Hundleby will represent Esquimalt on the Steering Committee and the Manager of Communications and Sustainability will represent Esquimalt on the CRD Climate Action Working Group.

(4) Curb Paint **(Late Item)**

A committee member enquired about the Township of Esquimalt's policy for curb paint. The Manager of Communications and Sustainability will research and report back at the next meeting.

8. REPORT FROM STAFF LIAISON

The Manager of Communications and Sustainability reported that she is currently working on a green fleet policy and has been working on earth day initiatives for the municipality and community.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

(1) Letter from the Recycling Council of British Columbia, dated November 3, 2009, Re: Plastic Bags

Deferred to the next meeting.

10. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS

Councillor Garrison provided the committee with the following updates:

- CRD is recommending one treatment plant for the region at Royal Bay in Colwood.
- Township of Esquimalt has established a sustainability reserve fund for future large sustainability expenditures.
- Alternatives will be coming forward in May to determine how the E & N Rail Trail will be developed.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Edwin Hubert, Chair

This 28th day of May, 2009