



**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT**

**MINUTES**

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Thursday, May 28, 2009  
7:15 p.m.  
Wurtele Room, Municipal Hall

**PRESENT:** Edwin Hubert – Chair  
Mark Salter – Vice-Chair  
Councillor Randall Garrison  
Eileen Palmer  
Jo-Lee Bertrand (Departed at 9:17 p.m.)  
Larry Dill  
Beth Sobieszczyk

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

**REGRETS:** Councillor Lynda Hundley

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Larry Dill, seconded by Jo-Lee Bertrand, that the agenda of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of May 28, 2009 be approved as presented.  
The motion **CARRIED**.

**4. MINUTES**

Moved by Eileen Palmer, seconded by Jo-Lee Bertrand, that the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of April 23, 2009 be approved as presented.  
The motion **CARRIED**.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

- (1) From the April 23, 2009 Environmental Advisory Committee meeting
  - (a) 2008 Year End Final Report

The committee reviewed and discussed the 2008 year end final report of the Environmental Advisory Committee.

Moved by Eileen Palmer, seconded by Beth Sobieszczyk, that the Environmental Advisory Committee 2008 year end final report be received and presented to Council.  
The motion **CARRIED**.

(b) Curb Paint

The Manager of Communications and Sustainability provided the committee with information about the paint utilized by the municipality for curb markings. It was noted that the municipality has utilized an environmentally friendly latex product in the past and discontinued its use due to the product being inferior and more expensive. The current alkyd product utilized has a longer lifespan and is more reasonably priced. It was further noted that the procedures involved in the cleanup of paint scrapings has been addressed.

Committee members discussed longevity differences between latex and alkyd paints and whether alternatives other than paint exist for marking curbs. Committee members also discussed the need to determine/develop more environmentally and sustainable alternatives to current practices.

Moved by Jo-Lee Bertrand, seconded by Mark Salter, that the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that:

1. The Township of Esquimalt develop and implement an ethical sustainable procurement and disposal policy, and
2. The Environmental Advisory Committee be provided with the opportunity to provide input in to the development of the policy.

The motion **CARRIED**.

(c) Work Plan

(i) Sub-Committees and How They Relate to the 2009 – 2011 Strategic Plan

The committee discussed how the sub-committees related to the 2009 – 2011 strategic plan and determined items of focus.

The committee discussed at length the scope and depth of the sub-committees and how committee members wanted to proceed with the development and focus of the work plan.

In the time available, the committee was able to determine that the following subcommittees would focus on the noted items within their subcommittees:

Urban Landscape

- Local Food Security – Community Market (work with pocket market at Recreation Centre)
- Local Food Security – Network with regional food security groups
- Urban Forest Expansion

Pesticide Reduction

- Pesticide Education
- Bylaw Awareness & Compliance

Marine & Shoreline

- Green Boating / Marina's – Prepare report reviewing jurisdiction, environmental standards and compliance of Esquimalt's marina's
- OCP foreshore review
- Communicate with Gorge Waterway Society

Alternative Transportation

- Bus Service – Recommendations to encourage DND to promote carpooling
- Bike Lanes
- Pedestrian Charter – Implementation & safety concerns
- Promote Car Sharing
- Admirals Road

The committee will continue discussions on the development and focus of the remaining work plan subcommittees / items at the next meeting.

The committee discussed sustainability and greenhouse gas reduction initiatives.

The Manager of Communications and Sustainability noted the following:

- Will be reporting to the committee on a regular basis on the progress and actions of the municipality on corporate sustainability and greenhouse gas reduction initiatives.
- The provincial government has developed a community energy and greenhouse gas reduction emissions inventory and will provide a copy of the inventory at the next meeting.
- Is currently working on the development of a corporate greenhouse gas emissions inventory; will report back at a future meeting on the progress of the inventory development.

The committee discussed highlighting the great work of the municipal parks department in developing and implementing pesticide free initiatives in municipal parks. It was suggested that the committee present a certificate of achievement for creating pesticide free parks and green spaces within the Township of Esquimalt. It was further suggested that the presentation take place at the July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of Council to coincide with the complete phase-in of the pesticide bylaw.

Councillor Garrison reported that the cross-town bus route along Bay Street into Esquimalt has been approved by BC Transit and will be implemented. It was also noted that the #14 Craigflower bus service and the UVIC route has also been increased.

This item will be discussed further at the next meeting.

(ii) Work Plan Finalization

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

(1) Buccaneer Days Planning

Committee members discussed preparations for the committee booth at Buccaneer days.

Mark Salter suggested that the municipality determine a day in October to host a waste free Wednesday.

Jo-Lee Bertrand departed the meeting at 9:18 p.m.

The committee continued discussion for the committee booth.

(2) Anti-Idling Awareness

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

(3) Composting

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

(4) Update on Gorge Discovery Centre

This item was deferred to the next meeting for discussion during update from subcommittees.

7. **REPORT FROM STAFF LIAISON**

No report.

8. **COMMUNICATIONS**

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

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

9. **COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS / REPORTS**

Councillor Garrison reported that discussions are taking place on how to proceed with the development of the E & N trail. Councillor Garrison also reported that Council has determined that there will be no additional garbage collection for homes with secondary suites other than is currently allowed under the bylaw.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

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Edwin Hubert, Chair

This 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009