



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 25, 2010
7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, Municipal Hall

PRESENT: Mark Salter, Chair
Councillor Randall Garrison
Councillor Alison Gaul
Blair Irwin
Chris Zegger-Murphy

STAFF: Marlene Lagoa – Sustainability Coordinator (Staff Liaison)
Deborah Liske – Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Larry Dill, Vice Chair
Dianne Kleinman
Beth Sobieszczyk
Terry Eckstein

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Salter called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor Gaul, that the agenda of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of March 25, 2010 be approved as presented.
The motion **CARRIED**.

4. MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Gaul, seconded by Blair Irwin, that the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of February 25, 2010 be approved as presented.
The motion **CARRIED**.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- (1) 2009 Year End Final Report

Chair Salter reported he has begun work on the report.

6. WORK PLAN ITEMS / REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES

- (1) Urban Landscape
(a) Community Gardens Task Force Update

Blair Irwin reported the task force has met and is considering locations based on predetermined criteria. Task force members will be meeting with the Director of Parks and Recreation and the Parks Manager to review locations prior to writing a report for presentation to the April 12th Committee of the Whole meeting. Task force members will also be working towards citizen engagement to receive feedback and input in to the concept.

The committee discussed challenges the task force is facing in implementing this initiative; noting zoning is one challenge recognized so far.

- (2) Pesticide Reduction
 - (a) Increasing Public Awareness and Education through Media
 - a. Report from Chair – Meeting with Communications Coordinator

Chair Salter reported he has met with Ritchie Morrison, Communications Coordinator and will be providing information to Mr. Morrison to enhance the profile of the committee and initiatives the committee is working on. Chair Salter and Mr. Morrison also discussed increasing awareness of both residents and non-residents.

ACTION ITEM

Chair Salter will follow-up with Mr. Morrison to review his research in to how other municipalities are educating individuals on their pesticide bylaws and enforcement and report back to committee.

- (3) Marina & Shoreline
 - (a) Westbay Outfall

Marlene Lagoa, Staff Liaison reported a map of all outfalls in the municipality is available to review and also provided an update on the status of the Westbay outfall. The engineering department will be following up with the City of Victoria to determine whether there is a possible break in the water main.

ACTION ITEMS

Marlene Lagoa, Staff Liaison will report back to the committee on the following:

1. Response from City of Victoria.
2. Clarification the Westbay outfall is the outfall where the three occurrences discussed by the committee have taken place.
3. Clarify if the discharge has been tested.

- (4) Solid Waste
 - (a) Reduction of Waste at Buccaneer Days

Chair Salter reported planning for reduction of waste at Buccaneer Days will be organized for 2012.

ACTION ITEMS

Marlene Lagoa, Staff Liaison will report back to the committee on the following:

1. Clarify with the Engineering and Public Works department to determine how many compactors are located in the municipality and whether they can be moved to be utilized during Buccaneer Days in higher pedestrian locations.
2. Determine if the compactor dedicated from the latest development on Craigflower Road has been received.

- (b) Buccaneer Days Booth

ACTION ITEM

Chair Salter and / or Vice Chair Zegger-Murphy will attend a future Buccaneer Days committee meeting to reserve a table.

- (c) LifeStyles Travelling Garden

Beth Sobieszczyk was not in attendance to report on this item.

Moved by Councillor Gaul, seconded by Chair Salter that the item be deferred to the next meeting. The motion **CARRIED**.

- (5) Community GHG Reduction Participation
 - (a) Earth Week Open House

Marlene Lagoa, Staff Liaison reported the open house at the Recreation Centre will be scheduled for April 21st. It was suggested the open house take place from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. Chris Zegger-Murphy will work with Ms. Lagoa to brainstorm ideas for the open house.

Committee members discussed increasing anti-idling awareness and initiatives.

Marlene Lagoa, Staff Liaison reported on municipal activities for Bike to Work week.

ACTION ITEM

Marlene Lagoa, Staff Liaison to report back to the committee on the location of municipal anti-idling signs.

ACTION ITEM

Blair Irwin to brainstorm ideas for anti-idling initiatives and report back to the committee.

- (6) Environmental Outreach Workers
 - (a) Framework Development

Councillor Garrison reported he has made a contact with a grad student at Royal Roads.

ACTION ITEM

Councillor Garrison to report back to committee on whether a partnership can be established to develop a framework.

7. REPORT FROM STAFF LIAISON

Marlene Lagoa, Staff Liaison reported she will be applying for funding through the Solar BC Program; April 17th compost sale and workshops are moving ahead, having received numerous pre-orders for composters; and the United Church has contacted her about the Seed to Spoon Festival on April 24th.

8. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Zegger-Murphy suggested increasing engagement with the public by including links on the community events calendar located on the municipal website. Other suggestions included adding software to allow users to add events from the community calendar to their electronic calendars and to also include social media icons such as Facebook and Twitter to promote activities and events.

Councillor Gaul reported the Seed to Spoon Festival received funding from the Parks and Recreation Community Events fund. Councillor Gaul also reported she has received great feedback about the municipal website composting page.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee will take place on April 22, 2010.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Mark Salter, Chair

This 22nd day of April, 2010