



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

MINUTES ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 22, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, Municipal Hall

PRESENT: Mark Salter, Chair
Larry Dill, Vice Chair (Arrived 7:18 p.m.)
Councillor Randall Garrison
Councillor Alison Gaul
Blair Irwin
Dianne Kleinman
Beth Sobieszczyk (Arrived 7:08 p.m.)

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

REGRETS: Chris Zegger-Murphy
Terry Eckstein

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Salter called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. **LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Gaul, seconded by Dianne Kleinman, that the agenda of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of April 22, 2010 be approved as presented.
The motion **CARRIED**.

4. **MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Garrison, seconded by Councillor Gaul, that the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of March 25, 2010 be approved with the following amendment:

1. Under item **6. Work Plan Items / Reports from Sub-Committees** (5) Community GHG Reduction Participation (a) Earth Week Open House, the last sentence of the first paragraph should read: **Chris Zegger-Murphy** will work with Ms. Lagoa to brainstorm ideas for the open house.

The motion **CARRIED**.

Beth Sobieszczyk arrived at 7:08 p.m.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

- (1) 2009 Year End Final Report

Chair Salter reported he is continuing to work on the 2009 year end report and will provide a draft to committee members when available.

ACTION ITEM

Chair Salter to draft year end report.

6. WORK PLAN ITEMS / REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES

(1) Urban Landscape

This item was not discussed.

(2) Pesticide Reduction

(a) Increasing Public Awareness and Education Through Media

(i) Report from Chair Salter:

- Communication Coordinator's Research into Other Municipalities' Public Awareness and Educational Campaigns for Pesticide Reduction

Chair Salter reported the municipal communications coordinator is gathering information on how other municipalities are dealing with pesticide bans.

ACTION ITEM

Chair Salter to follow-up with communications coordinator and report back to committee.

(3) Marina & Shoreline

(a) Westbay Outfall

(i) Report from Staff Liaison:

- Response from City Victoria – Possible Break in Water Main

Marlene Lagoa, Staff Liaison reported she has not received a response from the City of Victoria regarding a possible break in a water main that could be causing the elevated levels of chlorine in the discharge from the Westbay outfall.

ACTION ITEM

Marlene Lagoa, Staff Liaison to follow-up with City of Victoria and report back to committee.

- Clarification on Noted Outfall as Being the Westbay Outfall

Marlene Lagoa, Staff Liaison reported Vice Chair Dill confirmed Westbay outfall # 782A is the outfall the committee has discussed at previous meetings.

- Confirmation of Tested Discharge

Marlene Lagoa, Staff Liaison reported the Department of National Defense has tested the discharge from the outfall and chlorine was detected in the discharge.

(4) Solid Waste

(a) Reduction of Waste at Buccaneer Days

Chair Salter noted the Buccaneer Days Committee was also meeting tonight and therefore he could not attend the meeting.

Chair Salter reported the Buccaneer Days Committee works with the Boy Scouts and the CRD to deal with the trash created by the event. The Boy Scouts sort the trash and the CRD supplies extra containers for sorting the waste that comes from the food and booth areas. The Buccaneer Days committee is very receptive to decreasing the amount of waste that goes into the garbage stream. Chair Salter noted he will be attending the next Buccaneer Days committee meeting.

ACTION ITEM

Chair Salter to attend next Buccaneer Days Committee meeting.

Chair Salter further noted increased emptying of garbage receptacles along the parade route will need to be coordinated with municipal garbage services.

Committee members discussed the education of individuals to reduce their dependence on

utilizing bottled water. It was suggested an educational campaign highlighting bottled water be included in the display at the committee's booth at Buccaneer Days.

Vice Chair Dill arrived at 7:18 p.m.

- (i) Report from Staff Liaison:
 - Number and Relocation of Compactors
 - Receipt of Compactor Amenity from Craigflower Development

Marlene Lagoa, Staff Liaison reported the municipality owns one solar trash compactor. The compactor allocated as an amenity from a development on Craigflower Road has not yet been received. Ms. Lagoa noted it would be extremely difficult and it is not recommended to relocate the solar trash compactor.

Chair Salter requested the committee be kept apprised of receipt of the Craigflower Road trash compactor amenity and where it will be located.

- (b) Buccaneer Days Booth

Chair Salter will email the Buccaneer Days committee to reserve a table. Plastic bags and bottled water education will be highlighted at the booth.

ACTION ITEM

Chair Salter to reserve table at Buccaneer Days.

- (c) LifeCycles Travelling Garden

Beth Sobieszczyk reported she has consistently attempted to contact LifeCycles to enquire if they would like to bring their travelling garden to Buccaneer Days to promote community gardens. Ms. Sobieszczyk will continue to attempt to contact LifeCycles to invite their participation at Buccaneer Days in conjunction with the committee's booth.

ACTION ITEM

Beth Sobieszczyk to invite LifeCycles travelling garden to participate at Buccaneer Days.

- (d) Compost Workshops and Bin Sale Report

Marlene Lagoa, Staff Liaison reported sixty-nine earth machine composters and eighteen green cone digesters were purchased at the bin sale. A basic workshop was held in the morning but the afternoon workshop was cancelled due to lack of enrollment. Ms. Lagoa reported she is proposing a second set of workshops on May 26th and those that attend the workshop will receive a voucher to purchase a composter at a discount from the Compost Education Centre. A Composting for Small Spaces workshop will be held on June 2nd and those participants who are residents will receive a voucher for a free worm composting bin. Ms. Lagoa also reported the Seed to Spoon Festival will also be taking place this weekend.

Ms. Lagoa noted the municipality was not required to purchase the digesters and composters that were offered for sale at the compost workshop and bin sale. This arrangement eliminated the possibility of the municipality being responsible financially for unsold product.

Blair Irwin reported the Community Gardens Task Force hosted an informational table at the composting event and task force members were able to speak with those in attendance to get the word out and provide exposure about community gardens. A survey was available at the event and also online to receive feedback. Brochures were distributed and attendance was noted at 230 attendees. It was further noted the task force will also be in attendance at the Seed to Spoon event.

- (5) Community GHG Reduction Participation
 - (a) Anti-Idling
 - (i) Report from Staff Liaison:
 - Location of Anti-Idling Signs

Marlene Lagoa, Staff Liaison reported she reviewed past committee minutes and noted ten additional anti-idling signs were purchased in December 2007 but it was not indicated where the signs were posted. An inventory of the number and location of signs will need to take place.

Committee members discussed enforcement of the CRD anti-idling bylaw.

ACTION ITEM

Marlene Lagoa, Staff Liaison to follow-up on the enforcement by the Township of Esquimalt and the CRD of the CRD bylaw to promote clean air by regulating motor vehicle idling.

Committee members discussed creating a list of potential locations for posting idle free zone signs.

ACTION ITEM

Committee members to confirm locations of existing idle free zone signs and choose three new high priority locations to post additional idle free zone signs and report back at the next meeting.

- (ii) Report from Blair Irwin:
 - Anti-Idling Initiatives

Blair Irwin suggested local schools be contacted to determine if programs are in place to encourage anti-idling and involve children in anti-idling initiatives. It was noted www.haste.org is a great resource for educational programs for children. An enquiry was made if the municipality has a program to track idling of municipal vehicles.

It was suggested educational brochure be created for distribution.

Councillor Gaul noted Macaulay School has had great success with initiatives such as walking school buses, bicycle safety, car-pooling, etc. School administration has been very proactive with enforcing no idling and no smoking on or near school property. Councillor Gaul further noted the PAC has discussed a mobile speed hump initiative.

Committee members discussed connecting and communicating awareness issues with the local school age population through the PAC and depending on the initiative, through school administration.

ACTION ITEM

Chair Salter to follow up with the Rockheights School PAC President to determine if awareness programs currently exist.

ACTION ITEM

Councillor Gaul to follow up with Macaulay School Administration and PAC Re: The committee's interest in increasing educational programs for children to eliminate idling.

ACTION ITEM

Marlene Lagoa, Staff Liaison to report back to committee on whether the Township of Esquimalt has an idle free program for the municipal fleet.

- (b) GHG Reduction Targets – Amendment to OCP

Marlene Lagoa, Staff Liaison reported the open house for the greenhouse gas reduction targets took place yesterday, and that the amendment to the OCP will be going to a public hearing and public input is welcome. Ms. Lagoa noted seven surveys were completed and the slides and

survey from the open house will be available on the website.

Committee members noted their appreciation that Council has adopted a science based target. Ms. Lagoa encouraged committee members to attend the Council meeting and provide their input during the public input opportunity. Councillor Gaul noted Council will review the target numbers in order to reach a target of zero emissions. Committee members discussed how to identify the usage of small engines such as lawnmowers, leaf blowers, etc. Committee members discussed the need to identify tools to assist in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Moved by Chair Salter, seconded by Vice Chair Dill that the Environmental Advisory Committee endorse the science based greenhouse gas reduction targets and amendments to the OCP.
The motion **CARRIED**.

(c) Green Fleet Program

Marlene Lagoa, Staff Liaison reviewed the executive summary that outlines the development of a green fleet program, purchasing policy and purchasing worksheet. Ms. Lagoa noted she will be working to simplify the purchasing worksheet and that the purchasing policy would be an amendment to the Purchasing and Disposal Bylaw. Ms. Lagoa further noted she will be working on implementing an anti-idling strategy and alternatives for municipal vehicles to reduce idling.

Committee members discussed the draft policy and possible changes that may be required to the draft.

Moved by Vice Chair Dill, seconded by Chair Salter that the committee support the concept of the green fleet program for the Township of Esquimalt.
The motion **CARRIED**.

(6) Environmental Outreach Workers

(a) Framework Development

(i) Report from Councillor Garrison:

- Establishment of a Partnership with Royal Roads Grad Student

Councillor Garrison reported he is waiting for a response from Royal Roads. Ms. Lagoa reported she will be meeting with a new environmental officer representative for DND.

ACTION ITEM

Councillor Garrison to report back on Royal Roads partnership.

7. REPORT FROM STAFF LIAISON

Marlene Lagoa, Staff Liaison reported the earth week display will be set up at the Recreation Centre this week. Ms. Lagoa also provided an update on the status of plastic water bottles and plastic bags:

Plastic water bottles - waiting for a report from the Director of Parks and Recreation for presentation to Council. Vice Chair Dill provided information to Ms. Lagoa about water refill stations.

ACTION ITEM

Marlene Lagoa, Staff Liaison to notify committee when report is presented to Council.

Plastic bags – awaiting feedback from the Esquimalt Business Association and will then bring back a report to Council.

ACTION ITEM

Marlene Lagoa, Staff Liaison to notify committee when report is presented to Council.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

- (1) Email from the Canadian GeoExchange Coalition, dated April 7, 2010, Re: EcoENERGY Retrofit Homes Program

Marlene Lagoa, Staff Liaison reviewed the communications item with the committee.

9. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Salter reported the community gardens task force has received approval for five recommended sites where community garden(s) could be located.

Marlene Lagoa, Staff Liaison distributed a copy of the brochure created by the Community Gardens Task Force to highlight community gardens.

Councillor Garrison reported the municipality has advertised for a project manager for the Esquimalt Village Project.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee will take place on May 27, 2010.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Larry Dill, Vice Chair

This 24th day of June, 2010