



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT
MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

PRESENT: Mark Salter, Vice Chair
Councillor Randall Garrison
Councillor Alison Gaul
Blair Irwin
Dianne Kleinman
Beth Sobieszczyk (Arrived 7:13 p.m.)

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

GUEST: Kluane Buser-Rivet, Ecole Victor Brodeur

REGRETS: Larry Dill, Chair
Chris Zegger-Murphy

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. LATE ITEMS

The following late items were introduced:

1. Add **PRESENTATION** to the Agenda after Agenda item **3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** and renumber agenda accordingly.
2. Move Agenda item **7. WORK PLAN ITEMS / REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES (5)** Community GHG Reduction Participation (a) Anti-Idling (i) School Signs – Thank You Letter from Ecole Victor-Brodeur to Agenda item **4. PRESENTATION**

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Vice Chair Salter, seconded by Councillor Gaul that the agenda of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of November 25, 2010 be approved as amended with the inclusion of the late agenda items.
The motion **CARRIED**.

4. PRESENTATION (Late Item)

- (1) Kluane Buser-Rivet, Ecole Victor-Brodeur
 - (i) School Signs – Thank You Letter from Ecole Victor-Brodeur

Kluane Buser-Rivet from Ecole Victor-Brodeur attended the meeting to thank the committee for the francophone anti-idling signs. Ms. Buser-Rivet read the letter of appreciation to committee members.

Ms. Buser-Rivet is founder and president of the Victor Brodeur Green Team, head of the Compost Club, member of the Saanich Youth Council and member of the Student Council as an environmental consultant. Ms. Buser-Rivet also provided the committee with an update on the school garden plot at the community garden and the herb garden at the school.

Councillor Garrison thanked Ms. Buser-Rivet for attending the meeting.

5. MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Gaul, seconded by Councillor Garrison that the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of October 28, 2010 be approved as presented.

The motion **CARRIED**.

Beth Sobieszczyk arrived at 7:13 p.m.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- (1) Environmental Initiatives “Green Award” to Recognize Local Business – Report from Councillor Gaul

Councillor Gaul noted the recent initiative of the Heritage Advisory Committee to recognize heritage preservation efforts and of the Access Awareness Advisory Committee to recognize accessible businesses. Councillor Gaul outlined both processes for selection and recognition. Councillor Gaul noted that both models work well and committee members could utilize one of the models or develop their own.

Councillor Gaul noted new committee appointments for 2011 will be taking place shortly and suggested the committee consider including this initiative in the 2011 committee work plan.

- (2) Options / Projects for Remaining Committee Budget Funds

Committee members discussed how they would like to allocate the remaining 2010 committee budget funds.

Moved by Blair Irwin, seconded by Beth Sobieszczyk that \$ 2,900 from the 2010 Environmental Advisory Committee’s budget be allocated towards the following:

1. The cost of partnering with Royal Roads University for the development and implementation of a social marketing campaign for plastic shopping bags; and
2. The cost of partnering with Royal Roads University for the development of a framework for community engagement in climate action; and
3. That the costs associated for developing and implementing these projects be dispersed as follows:
 - (a) \$ 500 for Royal Roads administration fee for project 1 – development and implementation of plastic shopping bag social marketing campaign; and
 - (b) \$ 250 for project 1 expenses; and
 - (c) \$ 500 for Royal Roads administration fee for project 2 – framework development for community engagement in climate action; and
 - (d) \$ 250 for project 2 expenses; and
 - (e) \$ 1,400 for the implementation of each projects’ recommendations.

The motion **CARRIED**.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- (1) Youth Representative

Committee members discussed including youth representation on advisory committees of Council. Councillor Gaul noted Council is currently reviewing the terms of reference for advisory committees of Council.

Moved by Beth Sobieszczyk, seconded by Diane Kleinman that the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that:

1. Council appoint youth representatives to advisory committees of Council; and
2. That youth representatives be included as voting members of the committee; and
3. That youth representatives be between the age of 13 and 18 years; and
4. That youth representatives be a resident of Esquimalt or attend a school full-time within the boundaries of the Township of Esquimalt.

The motion **CARRIED**.

8. WORK PLAN ITEMS / REPORTS FROM SUB-COMMITTEES

- (1) Urban Landscape
 - (a) Esquimalt Community Gardens Society Update

Vice Chair Salter reported the society is planning a seed exchange for Saturday, February 12, 2011 at the Esquimalt Recreation Centre. The event will also provide for the opportunity to network and collect input on community gardens.

- (b) Municipal Tree Replacement Program Research – Report from Councillor Gaul

Councillor Gaul reported the City of Vancouver has a great website outlining their green streets program (www.vancouver.ca/engsvcs/streets/greenstreets/index.htm). Councillor Gaul noted the City of Vancouver's initiative includes more than fruit and nut trees and suggested committee members visit the website and consider the direction they would like to take with this type of initiative over the December meeting break. Councillor Gaul further noted municipal departments would need to be involved and consulted should the committee decide to move forward with pursuing this type of initiative.

- (c) LifeCycle Pilot Projects – Committee Partnership

Vice Chair Salter reported a representative from LifeCycles did not attend the Community Gardens grand opening. Vice Chair Salter further reported he has been unable to coordinate a meeting with a representative from LifeCycles to discuss potential partnership opportunities.

- (2) Pesticide Reduction
 - (a) Pesticide Awareness News Item for Community Newsletter – Report from Vice Chair Salter

Vice Chair Salter reported he has set a goal to have a submission included in the Spring Community Newsletter and will be utilizing the Canadian Cancer Society as a resource for the submission.

- (3) Marina & Shoreline

No report.

- (4) Solid Waste
 - (a) Possible Banning of All Plastic Bottled Beverages – Follow-up by Marlene Lagoa, Staff Liaison

Marlene Lagoa, Staff Liaison, reported the Recreation services vending contract request for proposals was initiated and awarded prior to the opportunity for discussion with the Director of Parks and Recreation. Ms. Lagoa further reported the vending contract is for a term of three years and the elimination of availability of bottled water in municipal facilities will be phased in during 2011 with improvements to water fountains and the installation of water filling stations. Recreational services will be in compliance of the ban by the end of 2011.

- (5) Community GHG Reduction Participation
 - (a) Anti-Idling

Vice Chair Salter noted Ecole Victor-Brodeur is very happy with the no-idle signs.

- (b) CEEP Workshop – Report Presented to Council

Marlene Lagoa, Staff Liaison provided the committee with a PowerPoint presentation outlining the CEEP workshop. Key points included:

- BC Hydro program delivered by the *Community Energy Association*
- Esquimalt first of five pilot communities
- One day facilitator-led workshop (October 18, 2010)

- Participants included members from Council, Staff and Environmental Advisory Committee
- Emissions reduction targets: reduce community greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions *by at least 38% by 2020; and 83% by 2050 compared to 2007 levels.*
- The workshop found the following actions are already in place or are planned:
 - 13 already in place
 - 10 planned for 2011
 - 8 planned for 2012
 - 4 planned for 2013
 - 7 CEEP QuickStart recommendations not included in plan
 - 6 additional actions recommended by participants
 - The workshop found the following challenges:
 - Front loading of actions
 - Revision of model assumptions
 - More actions required to meet 2050 target
- Next steps:
 - Internal Consultation (on-going)
 - Council
 - Environmental Advisory Committee
 - Public Consultation (Early 2011)
 - Develop strategy
 - Conduct consultation
 - Report out on results
 - Revise and Finalize CEEP (Spring 2011)
 - Review model assumptions
 - Refine actions, assumptions and impacts

Councillor Garrison noted his appreciation to everyone who attended the session.

- (6) Environmental Outreach Workers
(a) Royal Roads University Projects Update

Marlene Lagoa, Staff Liaison noted she will know the status of acceptance of the projects on November 30, 2010.

Blair Irwin provided the committee with an overview of the selection process for the Royal Roads University BSc in Environmental Science Major Project Partnership Opportunities.

9. REPORT FROM STAFF LIAISON

Marlene Lagoa, Staff Liaison reported a CRD Transportation Tune-Up session will be taking place on Monday, November 29th at the Esquimalt Recreation Centre and the session that was scheduled for November 21st was cancelled and will be rescheduled in January.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

- (1) Letter from the Capital Regional District, dated November 2, 2010, Re: Plastic Shopping Bags – Model Bylaw

Councillor Gaul reported Council recently resolved to implement a voluntary ban on the distribution of single use plastic shopping bags within the Township of Esquimalt and Mayor Desjardins forwarded a letter to the Chair of the CRD Board recommending the use of a regional model bylaw for plastic shopping bags; all local governments within the Capital Region received a copy of the letter. The CRD Environmental Sustainability Committee recommended the CRD continue with education outreach on alternatives to plastic bags, subject to changes resulting from the RFP process and/or BC Recycling Regulation changes. The Town of View Royal adopted a resolution in support of the Township of Esquimalt's request to the CRD for a model bylaw.

Councillor Gaul clarified that a local government has the option to choose to adopt a model bylaw; there is no requirement to do so.

11. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Garrison reported on the following:

- Mayor Desjardins has requested Councillor Garrison serve as a Council liaison to the business community on environmental initiatives
- Council has recently reviewed the BC Transit 25 year plan and the plan will be returning to Council for further recommendations
- CRD items that will be coming before Council in the future:
 - CRD GHG reduction and carbon neutrality
 - Regional sustainability strategy
 - Transportation corridor plan

Vice Chair Salter thanked committee members for their dedication to the committee over the last year.

12. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee will take place on January 27, 2011.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Larry Dill, Acting Chair

This 27th day of January, 2011