



**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT**

**MINUTES**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Thursday, April 28, 2011  
7:00 p.m.  
Wurtele Room, Municipal Hall

**PRESENT:** Michael Hill, Chair  
Mark Salter, Vice Chair  
Councillor Don Linge  
Blair Irwin  
Chris Zegger-Murphy  
Annie Do  
Larry Dill (Arrived 7:16 p.m.)

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

**REGRETS:** Councillor Randall Garrison  
Donald Kramer  
Carole Witter

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Hill called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**2. LATE ITEMS**

There were no late items.

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Vice Chair Salter, seconded by Councillor Linge that the agenda of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of April 28, 2011 be approved as presented.  
The motion **CARRIED**.

**4. MINUTES**

(1) Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting, March 24, 2011

Moved by Vice Chair Salter, seconded by Blair Irwin that the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of March 24, 2011 be approved as presented.  
The motion **CARRIED**.

**5. WORK PLAN ITEMS**

(1) Work Plan Item Planning

Committee members discussed prioritizing work plan items for the year and determined the following:

May Meeting

- Possible report from Royal Roads University students on input received for plastic shopping bags
- Possible report from Royal Roads University students on input received for community engagement in climate action framework
- Finalize 2012 Royal Roads University project proposal
- Possible discussion of centennial celebration project

June Meeting

- If not reported at May meeting, reports and presentations from both Royal Roads University student project teams on status and information collected to date
- Discussion of centennial celebration project

September Meeting

- Discussion on both implementation plans as suggested by both Royal Roads University student project teams
- Discussion of green awards
- Discussion of 2012 work plan and budget

October Meeting

- Discussion on both implementation plans as suggested by both Royal Roads University student project teams

November Meeting

- Discussion on both implementation plans as suggested by both Royal Roads University student project teams

- (2) 2012 Royal Roads University Environmental Science Program – Student Project Partnership Opportunity

Larry Dill arrived at 7:16 p.m.

Committee members discussed ideas for potential 2012 partnership opportunities with Royal Roads University students and determined the committee would like to focus on marine environment and shoreline. This would include identifying issues, creating an inventory, identifying opportunities for new use and recommending actions for marine and shoreline on the boundaries of Esquimalt (Gorge Waterway and Strait of Juan de Fuca).

Chair Hill will draft an initial proposal for circulation to the committee for discussion at the June meeting.

The committee decided that second proposal for a 2012 RRU project should be a follow-up from one of the climate change awareness project currently underway. The current RRU group may have some suggestions.

**6. REPORT FROM STAFF LIAISON**

- (1) Memorandum from Marlene Lagoa, Staff Liaison, dated March 17, 2011, Re: 2011 Solar Community Program – For Input

Marlene Lagoa, Staff Liaison reviewed the memorandum and the parameters of the 2010 Solar Community Program. It was noted the program has been extended to February 28, 2012.

Vice Chair Salter and Chris Zegger-Murphy noted they had started to explore options for the installation of solar hot water systems but found the process labour intensive and difficult. Qualified contractors to provide estimates were difficult to find and the installation is very expensive.

Committee members discussed the need to engage all stakeholders to ensure these types of projects are successful and easy to implement. It was suggested a case study take place to determine all steps needed to install a solar hot water system to make the program successful.

Marlene Lagoa, Staff Liaison will retrieve information from the citizen group in Saanich who formed a solar hot water buying group to receive a discount on installation costs and report back to the committee.

Chris Zegger-Murphy suggested the acquisition of a travelling solar hot water demonstration system on a trailer to promote the program at community events.

(2) Royal Roads University Projects Update

Ms. Lagoa reviewed the methodology the Plastic Shopping Bag team will be utilizing for surveying consumers in Esquimalt. A copy of the draft survey was also reviewed by the committee. Committee members provided feedback on the methodology and survey. Feedback included:

- Committee members questioned if the students have researched how many surveys need to be completed to result in a quality analysis.
- Committee members requested site sampling locations be expanded to include the Esquimalt Plaza, shopping plaza at Head Street and Esquimalt Road and Real Canadian Wholesale Club.
- Individuals may be re-using plastic shopping bags for new purchases.
- Integrity of survey sampling must be practiced to ensure credible results
- Committee member questioned if the survey will include a question on recycling of plastic bags at point of purchase.
- Committee members noted their approval of the use of the term “plastic bag-free” to positively reflect the desire to implement a voluntary ban of single use plastic bags.
- Committee members suggested “Other” be removed from question 5 of the survey.
- Committee members requested the draft questions for the merchant focus group be rewritten.

Ms. Lagoa will provide this feedback to the students.

**7. COMMUNICATIONS**

(1) Article from Municipal World, Going Green – Planning and Implementing a Greener Event

Committee members discussed the need for events that take place in the municipality to be greener. Committee members discussed the development of a green event checklist. Vice Chair Salter will draft a checklist for review by the committee. Committee members further discussed the implementation of green initiatives for Buccaneer Days. Vice Chair Salter will attend the next Buccaneer Days Committee meeting and raise ideas for implementing green initiatives at the 2011 Buccaneer Days celebrations.

Moved by Vice Chair Salter, seconded by Blair Irwin that up to \$500 from the Environmental Advisory Committee budget be utilized for the implementation of a green initiatives program for the 2011 Buccaneer Days celebration.

The motion **CARRIED**.

(2) Email from Brian Andrew, dated March 27, 2011, Re: Clean-up Esquimalt Day

Moved by Chris Zegger-Murphy, seconded by Blair Irwin that Communication item 2 be tabled to the next meeting.

The motion **CARRIED**.

**8. COMMITTEE MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice Chair Salter reported the community garden will be building eight additional beds with the assistance of LifeCycles. Vice Chair Salter further noted the Arts, Culture and Special Events Advisory Committee will be hosing a “Jane’s Walk” on May 7<sup>th</sup> and will be starting and ending the walk at the Esquimalt Community Garden.

Marlene Lagoa, Staff Liaison, reported that Council has requested a presentation by LifeCycles and a written report from the Esquimalt Community Gardens Society.

**9. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee will take place on May 26, 2011.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

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Michael Hill, Chair

This 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011