



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT
MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 21, 2016
7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, Municipal Hall

PRESENT: David Shaw – Chair
Patrick O’Hara – Vice Chair
Gail Willson
Casey Brant
William MacGillivray
David Coney
Councillor Meagan Brame (Council Liaison)
Councillor Beth Burton-Krahn (Council Liaison)

STAFF: Marlene Lagoa, Community Development Coordinator (Staff Liaison)
Deborah Liske, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Carole Witter

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shaw called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Gail Willson, seconded by Vice Chair O’Hara that the agenda of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of January 21, 2016 be approved as presented.
The motion **CARRIED**.

3. MINUTES

(1) Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting, September 24, 2015

Moved by Gail Willson, seconded by William MacGillivray that the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of September 24, 2015 be approved as presented.
The motion **CARRIED**.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- (1) Draft CRD Regional Trails Management Plan
 - (a) Referral from Council (Memorandum)
 - (b) Letter from Larisa Hutcheson, General Manager, Parks & Environmental Services, CRD, dated November 26, 2015, Re: CRD Regional Parks – Draft Regional Trails Management Plan
 - (c) Comment Form
 - (d) CRD Draft Regional Trails Management Plan ([Link](#))

Marlene Lagoa, Staff Liaison introduced the Draft CRD Regional Trails Management Plan. Committee members reviewed the comment form and provided the following feedback on sections of the comment form that relate to Esquimalt:

E&N Rail Trail – Humpback Connector

Question #20 – Overall, do you support the following management goals for the E& N Rail Trail-

Humpback Connector? – Somewhat support

- Suggested adding “a safe and well-maintained trail” to the goals – helps to ensure a positive experience for all users
- General maintenance requires improvement – significant amounts of garbage and overgrown weeds
- Long terms solution required for reoccurring vandalism of fencing – in particular by the Wilson Foods property – suggest enhanced fencing, overpass or culvert (underpass)

Question #21 – *Overall, do you support the following development concept for the E&N Rail Trail-Humpback Connector?* – Somewhat support

- Contingent on an integrated trail plan

Question #23 – *Overall, do you support the following priority actions identified for the E&N Rail Trail-Humpback Connector?* – Each priority was rated individually

- A. Complete the trail development, including an extension to Sooke Hills Wilderness Regional Park Reserve – Somewhat support
- B. Work with municipalities, First Nations, and other partners on potential partnership projects – Completely support
- C. Develop a Legacy Project for public donations for four additional drinking water fountains along the trail – Completely support

Question #23 – *Are there any changes you would recommend to the priority setting, and why?*

- Move the Trail / Regional Park map at Colville Park to short-term – low cost implications
- Effective promotion of trail system to current and potential users

Question #28 – *Do you have any other comments?*

- Cycling paths or trails through CFB Esquimalt linking to the E&N Trail for employees to utilize instead of Admirals Road

Ms. Lagoa will forward the committee’s comments to the CRD.

- (2) Green Event Planning Guide
 - (a) January 4, 2016 Council Meeting (Memorandum)

Councillor Brame provided an overview of the feedback Council provided on the Green Event Planning Guide.

Committee members discussed the Guide noting the transitional successes its implementation has accomplished. Committee members also started identifying and discussing measurable activities to create visual aids to assist groups utilizing the Guide.

Ms. Lagoa requested committee members review the Guide and identify items that are measurable for further discussion at the next meeting. It was also requested that committee members review the Local Grant application to familiarize themselves with the existing questions and consider additional questions that could be developed to outline past and future environmental performance / practices as outlined and suggested in the Guide.

- (3) Esquimalt Neighbourhood Watersheds Map Update

Ms. Lagoa displayed the large educational map for review by committee members and advised the map will be displayed in the near future.

- (4) Official Community Plan Review Update
 - (a) Kick Off Survey Results
 - (b) Phase 2 Engagement Strategy (verbal update)

Ms. Lagoa provided an overview of the kick-off survey results. The next phase of engagement will be to collect public input and feedback on the community priorities identified in the first phase.

Ms. Lagoa also provided the committee with an overview of timelines for phases and implementation of the review.

Committee members provided feedback on the review and process.

- (5) Verbal Update from Councillor Brame Re: Esquimalt High School

Councillor Brame reported Rockheights Middle School and Esquimalt High School were both awarded Farm to School grants. Both schools will be planting gardens and Esquimalt High School will be building an outside pizza oven. Councillor Brame also reported the Esquimalt High School Principal is interested in “greening” the school more by reducing the amount of paper usage in all areas. One focus will be on implementing new delivery methods / technology to distribute notices / information etc. to students and parents.

It was suggested that Reynolds High School be contacted to enquire about their green initiatives.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

David Shaw, Chair
This 2nd day of February, 2016

Certified Correct:

Anja Nurvo, Corporate Officer