



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

A G E N D A **ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

February 25, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, Esquimalt Municipal Hall

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
3. **MINUTES**
 - (1) Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting, Pg. 1 – 3
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4. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - (1) Green Event Planning Guide – Examples of Measurable Activities and Visual Aids Pg. 4
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6. **ADJOURNMENT**



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 day of , 2016

Certified Correct:

Anja Nurvo, Corporate Officer

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 16, 2016
TO: Environmental Advisory Committee
FROM: Marlene Lagoa, Community Development Coordinator
SUBJECT: Green Event Planning Guide – Examples of Measurable Activities and Visual Aids

Committee members are being asked to review the Green Event Planning Guide and come prepared to present a few examples of measurable activities at the February 25th meeting.

The goal of this meeting is for the committee to identify examples of measurable activities and develop visual aids to assist groups using the Green Event Planning Guide.

Committee members are asked to also familiarize themselves with the Local Grant application and consider additional questions that could be developed to outline past and future environmental performance / practices of events receiving Township support.

Online Resources:

[Green Event Planning Guide](#)

[Local Grants Policy, NO. ADMIN-32](#)

[Local Grant Application](#)

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 11, 2016

TO: Environmental Advisory Committee

FROM: Marlene Lagoa, Community Development Coordinator

SUBJECT: **Council Referral – Request for Local Government Input, Climate Action and Climate Leadership Plan**

At Esquimalt Council's Regular Meeting held Monday, February 1, 2016, Council duly adopted the following resolution:

That the Email from Minister Mary Polak, dated January 20, 2016, Re: Request for Local Government Input, Climate Action and Climate Leadership Plan be received and referred to the Environmental Advisory Committee.

Attachment

Email from Minister Mary Polak, dated January 20, 2016, Re: Request for Local Government Input, Climate Action and Climate Leadership Plan

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A/CAD

Kim Maddin

From: Diane Knight
Sent: January 21, 2016 15:56
To: Kim Maddin
Cc: Anja Nurvo
Subject: FW: Request for Local Government Input - Climate Action and Climate Leadership Plan

Kim, please login and process. Thank you. Diane

Diane Knight
Executive Assistant (CAO & Mayor)
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Township of Esquimalt
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From: Minister, ENV ENV:EX [mailto:ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: January 20, 2016 2:46 PM
Cc: Minister, CSCD CSCD:EX; 'arichmond@cariboord.bc.ca'
Subject: Request for Local Government Input - Climate Action and Climate Leadership Plan

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

For Information:

CAO
 Mayor/Council

Bill v/ Anya

RECEIVED: JAN 22 2016

Referred:

For Action
 For Response
 For Report
 Council Agenda
 CCITW
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Reference: 294377

January 20, 2016

Dear Mayor / Regional District Chair:

Last year, the British Columbia (BC) Government launched a process to develop a new Climate Leadership Plan that will enhance BC's climate leadership and help move BC's climate agenda forward. Much has been accomplished since BC's 2008 Climate Action Plan, and many significant gains are a direct result of local government leadership. With the development of a new plan, BC is now taking the next step toward a low-carbon future, alongside new international momentum following the December 2015 Paris agreement, and new national momentum following the federal government's commitment to develop a pan-Canadian framework for combatting climate change.

Local government signatories to the BC Climate Action Charter remain a key partner in helping to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and create complete, compact and energy-efficient communities. The Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) continues to provide funding to all Charter signatories and is based on the carbon taxes paid by local governments. Additionally, CARIP reporting allows the province to better understand activities that local governments are undertaking to achieve their climate action goals.

Local government action has been substantial. For the 2014 reporting year, 173 local governments submitted CARIP reports. This is the largest number of reports received since 2010. The CARIP reports show consistently high numbers of community-wide and corporate climate actions over the past five reporting years. There are notable increases in emission reductions from greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction projects. A number of local governments are successfully implementing new and innovative approaches to reducing energy use and GHG emissions. In addition

- 142 local governments are measuring their corporate emissions and 40 local governments are reporting as carbon neutral;
- 75 local governments have created climate action reserve funds;
- Nearly 75 percent of local governments in B.C. have energy and emissions plans which provide the foundation for identifying climate actions in their communities;
- Over half of the communities in BC have organic diversion and collection programs that keep methane-creating waste out of landfills.

BC is now focusing on two overarching climate-related priorities in 2016: completing the new BC Climate Leadership Plan and participating in the federal process to develop a pan-Canadian framework for combatting climate change.

As part of BC's preparation for engagement in the federal process, I am writing to seek your advice and input related to climate activities in the areas defined below by the federal government. Building on your CARIP submissions I would greatly appreciate hearing what future climate action plans and ambitions you may have. If you would like to provide updates on action in other areas, that would also be welcomed.

- Transportation
- Electricity
- Buildings
- Forests
- Agriculture
- Government Operations
- Clean energy technology innovation
- Green infrastructure
- Adaptation and resilience
- Public education and engagement

I am also writing to let you know that the BC Government will be conducting further engagement with local governments as we work to develop our new Climate Leadership Plan. Nearly a quarter of all BC local governments submitted valuable input to the Climate Leadership Plan discussion paper in the summer of 2015 and we would now like to undertake more direct engagement. To that end, it is our wish to attend each of BC's local government annual association meetings over the coming months to further discuss the Climate Leadership Plan.

In the meantime, if you have questions about engagement on BC's new plan, you can contact Susanna Laaksonen-Craig, Head of BC's Climate Action Secretariat, at Susanna.LaaksonenCraig@gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

Mary Polak
Minister

cc: Honourable Peter Fassbender, Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development
Al Richmond, President, Union of BC Municipalities