



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 22, 2017
7:00 p.m.
Wurtele Room, Municipal Hall

PRESENT: Patrick O'Hara, Chair
Carole Witter
Susan Low
Gail Willson
David Coney
Councillor Olga Liberchuk (Council Liaison)
Councillor Lynda Hundleby (Council Liaison) [Arrived 7:08 p.m.]

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

REGRETS: Chloe Blankers, Vice Chair
Casey Brant
Brenda Bolton

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair O'Hara 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 Carole Witter seconded by Gail Willson that the agenda of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of June 22, 2017 be approved as presented.
The motion **CARRIED**.

4. MINUTES

(1) Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting, February 23, 2017

Moved by Carole Witter, seconded by Gail Willson that the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of February 23, 2017 be approved as presented.
The motion **CARRIED**.

5. NEW BUSINESS

(1) Official Community Plan Review
(a) Open House Display Boards

Ms. Lagoa, Staff Liaison provided the committee with an overview of the progress to date, future work / engagement still to come and responded to questions and comments.

(b) Energy, Environment and Food Policies (Draft)

Committee members provided input and feedback on the draft Energy, Environment and Food policy of the OCP.

Agricultural Land Reserve:

- Disagree with policy surrounding ALR land.
- Recommend "Support" maintenance of ALR lands and that Council will NOT support applications for exclusions from farm use.
- Disagree with "Recognize that the ALR lands within Esquimalt has undesirable soil structure..." – This

- statement does not recognize the broader agricultural possibilities
 - Support the use of ALR lands for non-soil based agriculture (e.g. greenhouses)
 - What are the permitted uses in ALR land? Does it include aquaculture?
 - Disagrees with policy surrounding “capitalizing” on ALR land
- Buildings:
- What powers does the municipality have to encourage energy efficiency at times of home renovations (building permits, etc.)?
- Climate Change Adaptation:
- Remove “Consider” from “Consider including climate change projections...” – begin with “Include”
 - Add contractors, architects or trades to “Educate developers and home owners...”
- Community Gardens:
- Re-word “Encourage developments in food production gardens...” to “Encourage **development of** food production gardens”
- Food Production:
- Define “commissary kitchen”
 - Why reference “small scale”? What is the intent? Needs to be defined. Suggestion – see BC Assessments Classification of Farm (maybe \$10,000).
- Green House Gas Emissions:
- Add footnote outlining how targets were established
 - Define “carbon sequestration”
 - Replace “natural systems” with “green systems” such as green space, parks, boulevards. Esquimalt does not have any natural systems left.
- Motor Vehicle Alternatives:
- Rename heading “Vehicle & Fuel Alternatives” and move closer to Transportation Alternatives
 - Include dedication of on-street parking for Electric Vehicles
 - How can the municipality encourage EV charging in multi-unit buildings?
- Partnerships:
- Add policy: “Continue to have elected officials and staff participate in the CRD Climate Action Inter-municipal working group and task force.”
 - Clearly identify federal, provincial and local governments, ... and other third parties.
- Solid Waste:
- Add “and improved services” to the end of ... “Promote an increase in residents’ usage ...”
 - Add “garden waste” to “Encourage new and redeveloped properties to incorporate...”
 - Add “food and garden waste” to “Encourage facilities for on-site composting in all residential developments”.
- Transportation Alternatives:
- Have a policy addressing storage for bikes, strollers, etc. in multi-unit buildings.

(2) Strategic Priorities and Operational Strategies (2017 Update)

Ms. Lagoa noted the Strategic Priorities and Operational Strategies was circulated to the committee for information. Councillor Liberchuk and Councillor Hundleby responded to questions and provided clarification.

6. REPORTS FROM STAFF LIAISON

(1) 2016 CARIP Report

Ms. Lagoa outlined the yearly submission requirements of the CARIP, which includes actions taken in the previous year, proposed reductions for the upcoming year and progress to achieve carbon neutrality. Ms.

Lagoa responded to questions from committee members.

- (2) Oil to Heat Pump Incentive Program <http://oiltoheatpump.ca/>

Ms. Lagoa provided committee members with information on the oil to heat pump incentive program and responded to questions.

- (3) BCSEA Cool It! Climate Leadership Training <http://www.bcsea.org/cool-it>

Ms. Lagoa reported on funding received by Macaulay School for the Cool It! Climate Leadership Training program. The program, formerly known as the Climate Change Showdown, is for children in grades 4 to 7 and consists of interactive environmental workshops followed by a four-week Cool It! Challenge. The program encourages children and their families to make easy, important changes to energy consumption and their carbon footprint.

- (4) Climate Projections for the Capital Region [https://www.crd.bc.ca/docs/default-source/climate-action-pdf/esc-climateprojections .pdf?sfvrsn=bb9f39ca_8](https://www.crd.bc.ca/docs/default-source/climate-action-pdf/esc-climateprojections.pdf?sfvrsn=bb9f39ca_8)

Ms. Lagoa provided a brief overview of the Capital Regional District Climate Projections report which outlines future temperature projections, related climate impacts associated with warming, vulnerability and risk assessments to improve resiliency to climate change in the capital region.

Ms. Lagoa recommended committee members review the report and provide feedback to the Capital Regional District.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Casey Brant, Chair
This 26th day of October, 2017

Certified Correct:

Anja Nurvo, Corporate Officer