



**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT**

**MINUTES**

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Thursday, March 28, 2019  
7:00 p.m.  
Wurtele Room, Municipal Hall

**PRESENT:** Ronn Stevenson – Vice-Chair  
Louise Blight  
Lorne Argyle  
Paul Helston  
Susan Low  
Councillor Lynda Hundleby (Council Liaison)  
Councillor Ken Armour (Council Liaison)

**STAFF:** Bill Brown, Director of Development Services / Recording Secretary

**REGRETS:** Waheema Asghar – Chair  
Brenda Bolton  
Tricia deMacedo, Planner 2 (Staff Liaison)

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **LATE ITEMS**

The following items were added to the agenda:

- Add as Item **5. OLD BUSINESS** (1) Cigarette Butt Update from Paul Helston and renumber the agenda accordingly.
- Add to Item **6. NEW BUSINESS** ( 4) Tree Bylaw Review

3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Lorne Argyle, seconded by Louise Blight that the agenda of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of March 28, 2019 be approved as amended with the inclusion of the late agenda items. **CARRIED.**

4. **MINUTES**

(1) Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting, January 24, 2019

Moved by Lorne Argyle, seconded by Susan Low that the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of January 24, 2019 be approved as presented. **CARRIED.**

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

(1) Cigarette Butt Update from Paul Helston (Late Item)

Committee member Paul Helston provided the committee with an update on the clean-up of cigarette butts from Dominion Road to Lampson Street. Five thousand cigarette butts were picked up with the largest accumulations being at bus stops, the areas near fast food establishments and multi-family buildings. Less volume was evident in the area of Admirals Road. Recycling or return it options need to be the responsibility of the producers and sellers of the product.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

- (1) Draft 2019 – 2023 Strategic Plan Review
- (a) Background
  - (b) Draft 2019 – 2023 Strategic Priorities and Goals

Committee members discussed the draft 2019 – 2023 draft Strategic Priorities and Goals and provided the following comments:

- No reference to natural environment (e.g. retaining green, natural spaces, etc.)
- Esquimalt has minimal open spaces and is increasing densification
- Increase resiliency to climate change
- Housing affordability – green building and step code incentives

Moved by Louise Blight, seconded by Susan Low that the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that Council include the natural environment in the draft 2019 – 2023 draft Strategic Priorities and Goals. **CARRIED**

Moved by Vice-Chair Stevenson, seconded by Susan Low that the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that Council include community resiliency in the draft 2019 – 2023 draft Strategic Priorities and Goals. **CARRIED**

(2) Climate Action Plan Process – Preliminary Discussion

Committee members discussed the Climate Action Plan Process and provided the following comments:

- Do not reinvent the wheel
- World Cafes – good form of community consultation

(3) Committee Chair’s Meeting with Council – Items for Discussion

Committee members discussed the upcoming meeting of Committee Chair’s with Council and provided the following comments:

- Increased engagement / participation of Committee in the multi-modal discussions of the Township
- Suggest Council take a systems thinking approach to infrastructure and policy
- Increased emphasis on maintenance and restoration of the natural environment in Esquimalt
- When making decisions, Council should be cognizant that Esquimalt is adjacent to a bird sanctuary

(4) Tree Protection Bylaw (Late Item)

Committee members discussed the Esquimalt Tree Protection bylaw and provided the following comments:

- Current bylaw is close to five years old
- Committee is interested in participating in a bylaw review
- Interested in information on the Esquimalt Urban Forest Master Plan and tree inventory

Moved by Louise Blight, seconded by Paul Helston that the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that Council undertake a review of the Tree Protection bylaw beginning in 2020 with an eye to incorporating urban forest health and climate adaptation. **CARRIED**

7. **REPORTS FROM STAFF LIAISON**

(1) Plastic Bag Bylaw

The Director of Development Services provided an update on the status of the Checkout Bag Regulation Bylaw and responded to questions from the Committee. Committee comments included:

- Retailers need to be consulted
- Clarification on whether dog waste bags are included or whether they should be

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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Waheema Asghar, Chair  
This 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2019

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Anja Nurvo, Corporate Officer