



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 23, 2019
7:00 p.m.
Wurtele Room, Municipal Hall

PRESENT: Waheema Asghar – Chair
Lorne Argyle
Paul Helston
Susan Low
Brenda Bolton
Councillor Lynda Hundleby (Council Liaison)
Councillor Ken Armour (Council Liaison)

STAFF: Bill Brown, Director of Development Services / Recording Secretary
Tricia deMacedo, Planner 2 (Staff Liaison)

REGRETS: Rebecca Wolf Gage
Ronn Stevenson – Vice Chair
Louise Blight

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Asghar 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 Lorne Argyle, seconded by Paul Helston, that the agenda of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of May 23, 2019 be approved as presented. **CARRIED.**

4. **MINUTES**

(1) Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting, March 28, 2019

Moved by Susan Low, seconded by Lorne Argyle, that the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of March 28, 2019 be approved as presented. **CARRIED.**

5. **REPORTS FROM STAFF LIAISON**

(1) Checkout Bag Regulation Bylaw Engagement
a) Final Report – May 2019

Ms. deMacedo provided an overview of the engagement process. The engagement phase has ended. Summary of results of the engagement process was handed out. There were:

- 451 completed surveys.
- 85% Esquimalt residents.
- 9 business owners.
- 53% strongly agree; 15% agree; 16% strongly disagree.
- Of business owners: positive responses 49%, negative 33%.

Next steps – staff will take a report to Council.

Additional points:

- Surprised that so few businesses responded.
- Felt that the engagement was enough.
- It was picked up by the news a lot.

(2) Climate Action

Summary of activities:

- Ms. deMacedo is preparing a report related to climate action.
- Esquimalt and 16 other municipalities in BC have declared a climate emergency.
- Move carbon neutrality goal from 2050 to 2030.
- We have joined the Partners for Climate Protection. It is a program of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. The program consists of 5 milestones.
- The committee was provided with a copy of the community emissions inventory. The inventory shows breakout of sources of emissions.
- Review of Corporate GHG emissions. Ms. deMacedo will be taking a report to Council in June.

(3) Adapting Together Project

a) Esquimalt Vulnerability Assessment Report

- Ms. deMacedo provided the committee with an update on the Together for Climate adaptation project. At the first workshop 40 potential impacts were identified resulting in 26 actual impacts. In the second workshop the impacts were ranked. The third workshop will be held in the fall.
- Committee was asked to review the information and provide feedback.
- An engineering firm has been retained by the CRD to do a sea level rise analysis and Tsunami impact assessment for the entire CRD. There will be an update based on more detailed data.
- Ms. deMacedo hopes to incorporate the information from the Adaptation Plan into the Climate Action Plan.
- A Committee member asked when we talk about renewable energy sources. Ms. deMacedo responded that this should be discussed as part of the Climate Action Plan.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Waheema Asghar, Chair
This 26th day of September, 2019

Certified Correct:

Rachel Dumas, Corporate Officer