



## **ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, February 19, 2014 - **6:30 pm**

**Council Chamber**

### **MINUTES**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy  
Brent Bowker  
Mia Ciric  
Alex Csizmadia  
Gordon Hobbis  
Giuliana Graves  
Maria Marcakis  
Karla Olson  
Vickie Turvey

Chair  
Community Member  
Local Business Representative  
Community Member  
Community Member  
Community Member  
Education Community (Student)  
Local Environmental Association  
Community Member

**VOTING MEMBER REGRETS:**

Terryl Plotnikoff  
*Vacant*

Community Member  
Education Community (Teacher)

**GUESTS:**

**STAFF:**

Jennifer Lukianchuk  
Eugene Wat  
Marie-Elaina Ayeni  
Kristian Davis

Environmental Coordinator  
Manager, Infrastructure Planning  
Committee Clerk  
Supervisor, Solid Waste & Recycling Branch

*A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:37pm.*

**1. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

**1.1. Committee Oaths & Orientation** – Legislative Services Department, Stephanie Lam

An overview of the Terms of Reference, Rules of Conduct and the Social Media Policy (documents were included with the Agenda Package) was presented to Committee members.

If a motion or recommendation has a tie vote the motion/recommendation is defeated. A representative of an organization can request that a motion or recommendation be tabled so it can be discussed with the organization and at the next meeting the motion/recommendation can be brought back on table to be voted on by the Committee.

If there is no quorum when the meeting is called to order, the minutes will be taken as notes and any motions/recommendations will have to be brought forward and voted on at the following meeting. No action can be taken without a quorum. If it appears that no quorum will be at the meeting, the meeting could be cancelled. Committee members need to RSVP whether or not they'll be attending. There are no abstentions; if you are in the room, you are counted as

voting in favour. If there is a tied vote it is counted as defeated. Motions need to be seconded; however the seconder does not have to vote in favour of the motion.

Members were encouraged to let the Chair know if circumstances change and they are no longer able to fulfill their duties.

If any of the Committee members have any questions they were encouraged to contact Stephanie Lam at [salam@newwestcity.ca](mailto:salam@newwestcity.ca) or 604-527-4523.

Committee Members were sworn-in at 6:56pm by the Legislative Services representative and signatures were collected.

At this time, the Chair emphasised the importance of responding to the request for attendance and mentioned that he keeps a speakers list so that everyone will have an opportunity to speak.

Roundtable introductions were made.

## 2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

### 2.1. Adoption of Minutes from the meeting of January 15, 2014

#### **MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT the minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee held January 15, 2014, be received and adopted with recommended changes.*

**CARRIED**

#### **All Committee members present voted in favour of the motion.**

Under Item 3.1 – Master Transportation Plan Update, it was requested that the words “by a committee member” be added to the sentence “A question was raised about the status of the ferry service proposal.” The sentence now reads as “A question was raised by a Committee Member about the status of the ferry service proposal.”

## 3. PRESENTATIONS

### 3.1. Solid Waste Update – Kristian Davis

2013 was a busy year for Solid Waste; a graph of the garbage collected for the past four years was displayed (*see attachment 1*).

In 2010, the City collected over 350 tons of garbage (per month) from single family residents. In working with Metro Vancouver, municipalities were encouraged to make changes.

In late 2010, when Food Scraps pick-up began it resulted in further reductions in garbage collected from single family residents and again in 2012 with the introduction of single-stream recycling Garbage collected in 2013 was about half of that collected in 2010.

Multi-family food scraps collection was also introduced. There were questions about how to keep the large bins clean and odor free, so the City initiated lining the bins with a special, approved bio-degradable paper bag.

The program was rolled out in the lobbies of participating buildings. Tools, such as kitchen catchers to carry the waste to the bigger containers located in common areas, were provided to

encourage residents to participate in the program. Signage, decals, and brochures were also provided as education tools for residents.

It was mentioned that there have been issues with maggots and fruit flies. Members were encouraged to wrap their scraps in newspaper or Kraft paper bags; it will contain the insects, odour, and absorb any moisture.

All blue box recyclables are soon going to be the responsibility of the producers. On May 19, 2014, when the new program will begin, residents will be required to separate glass from their comingled materials. Glass can be dropped off at the Recycle Depot. What they're hoping to do is to drive up the demand for items that use plastic.

If there is anything you would like to see in addition to your existing collections please contact staff. Kristian can be reached at [kdavis@newwestcity.ca](mailto:kdavis@newwestcity.ca).

The committee was encouraged to get in touch with Kristian if their building wasn't already doing food waste collection. The few remaining buildings that are not participating in the Multi-family Food Scraps Program are rental buildings, mainly those that have high turn-over rates.

### **3.2. City Corporate Greenhouse Gas Inventory Update – Jennifer Lukianchuk**

An update on the City's Corporate Greenhouse Gas Inventory Update was provided to the Committee (*see attachment 2*).

A report went to Council last November to provide them with an update on current emission levels as well as current and future energy conservation initiatives that would help reduce these emissions.

The City signed the *BC Climate Action Charter* and receives the carbon tax on fuel back from the Province; these funds have been used to fund corporate energy/GHG reduction projects (mainly used in City buildings).

Projects that have significantly reduced GHGs over the last five years are boiler upgrades at the Police Building, Queens Park Greenhouses, and Canada Games Pool. The City has reduced overall emissions by about 5% since 2007.

Future upgrades that will help further reduce GHGs include: direct control ventilation installations at the Library, Century House, and City Hall cafeteria; solar thermal panels at Moody Park Pool; conversion of several gas powered vehicles to propane; replacement of police vehicles from eight to six-cylinder vehicles; and a behaviour-related idling reduction program for Police.

Another facility that would help the City reduce its GHG emissions is Canada Games Pool, which generates approximately 25% of the city's GHGs. At this time, there are ongoing discussions regarding the rehabilitation plan for the facility/site.

One location within the City that is managing its GHG emissions well is the River Market. Mia Ciric, Local Business Representative of our Committee, suggested she could give a presentation on what they are doing at a future meeting.

## **4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **4.1. There was no unfinished business.**

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

*Procedural Note: Item 5.1 was discussed immediately after the Orientation.*

Prior to beginning his presentation, Mark Allison mentioned that there had been a truck route open house to address the removal of truck routes within the city. He also indicated that there was nothing new regarding the Coal Transfer Facility, but they are looking at setting up a review panel.

**5.1. Kinder Morgan Pipeline Proposal – Mark Allison**

The City has registered with the government of Canada and applied for Intervener Status with the National Energy Board and to present the City's concerns on the Kinder Morgan pipeline and the alternate routes they are proposing to take to move their oil. The City would like the opportunity to express their concerns because one of the proposed routes runs along the Brunette Creek.

If members have any perspectives as to what position the City should take, they were encouraged to send an email to Mark Allison at [mallison@newwestcity.ca](mailto:mallison@newwestcity.ca). If members have any comments please email them by April 15, 2014.

*Procedural Note: Mark Allison left the meeting at 7:06pm.*

**5.2. Appointment of Acting Chair – Councillor McEvoy**

Councillor McEvoy explained that the Committee needs to appoint an acting chair to ensure that the meeting goes forward when Councillor McEvoy is not available.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Alex Csizmadia be appointed as the acting-chair for this year.*

**CARRIED**

**All Committee members present voted in favour of the motion.**

**5.3. Master Transportation Plan Committee Member Appointment – Eugene Wat**

The Master Transportation Plan (MTP) Committee was created in 2012 and has representatives from different committees and agencies so that information could be brought back to their respective committees for information. It is expected that the MTP Committee will meet again sometime this Spring.

Vickie Turvey was nominated to sit on the MTP Advisory Committee.

**MOVED and SECONDED**

*THAT Vickie Turvey be appointed as the Environment Advisory Committee representative on the Master Transportation Plan Advisory Committee.*

**CARRIED**

**All Committee members present voted in favour of the motion.**

**6. REPORTS AND INFORMATION****6.1. Environmental Coordinator's Update**

Upcoming Agenda items for the coming year (*see attachment 3*) were presented to the Committee. If members would like to present something to the Committee, they are encouraged to contact Councillor McEvoy prior to the next Agenda Package going out.

Other topic suggestions were:

- Grease – how much is from businesses and how much is from residents?
- Is there a recycling program for oils and grease from restaurants?
- LEED Gold standards for renovations in City buildings.

**6.2. Members' Reports**

NWEP is hosting GreenDrinks NewWest Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at the Heritage Grill, 447 Columbia Street. The theme is "Put More Buzz in your Backyard" – Sustainable Gardening and Mason Bees. There is no cost to attend. Visit their website for more information at [www.nwep.ca](http://www.nwep.ca).

Plant a Row, Grow a Row is launching its 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Gardeners' Party on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 6:00pm at St. Thomas More Collegiate. This year when you plant your vegetable garden, why not plant an extra row to donate to Plant a Row-Grow a Row? They'll take the produce to the Food Bank so that families in need in our community can put healthy fresh food on their tables. The evening will be hosted by Staff, Claude Ledoux, the coordinator of the local programme, and by members of the St. Thomas More community.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

7.1. There was no correspondence.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

**Date:** Wednesday, April 9, 2014  
**Location:** Committee Room 2  
**Time:** 6:30pm

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

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**Councillor Jaimie McEvoy**  
Chair

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**Marie-Elaina Ayeni**  
Recording Secretary