

ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 10, 2013 - **6:30 pm**

Committee Room 2

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alex Csizmadia	Community Member, <i>Acting Chair</i>
Brent Bowker	Community Member
Mia Ciric	Local Business Representative
Babak Khalili	Education Community (Student)
Marco Murillo	Community Member
Ann Nielsen	Community Member
Karla Olson	Local Environmental Association
Terryl Plotnikoff	Community Member
Vickie Turvey	Community Member

VOTING MEMBER REGRETS:

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy	Chair
Steven Bishop	Education Community (Teacher)

GUESTS

Lynn Roxburgh	Planning Analyst
Kristian Davis	Supervisor, Solid Waste & Recycling Branch

STAFF:

Jennifer Lukianchuk	Environmental Coordinator
Eugene Wat	Manager, Infrastructure Planning
Marie-Elaina Ayeni	Recording Secretary

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm; introductions were made.

1. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- 1.1.** A request to move Item 5.1 *Master Transportation Plan Update* by Eugene Wat was made and the update was given before Item 3.1 *Queensborough Community Plan Update* by Lynn Roxburgh.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 2.1. Adoption of Minutes from the meeting of February 13, 2013
MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee held February 13, 2013, be received and adopted.

CARRIED

All Committee members present voted in favour of the motion.

3. PRESENTATIONS**3.1. Queensborough Community Plan Update – Lynn Roxburgh**

The Planning Division is working on a new community plan for Queensborough. The purpose of the plan is to help transparently connect the “big picture” vision for the Queensborough community to the specific policies, actions, development permit guidelines and land use designations needed to achieve that vision. The plan sets the tone for all future development in the community. (see attachment 1)

The plan will be a document that is available to everyone; home-owners, developers, etc.

Procedural Note: – Terryl Plotnikoff arrived at 7:00pm

3.2. Multi-Family Food Scrapes Program Update – Kristian Davis

The Pilot project has been running for about two years; a committee member lives in one of the buildings and another is taking part in the business food scrapes pilot program.

The project has been so successful that Council has approved going City-wide with the program as a mandatory service. The City went to Tender for a contractor to provide the service and have hired Waste Management for the implementation and collection service.

Lobby events will be held at each building where residents will have the opportunity to speak one-on-one with a representative and ask any questions they might have about the program. Residents will also be provided with an education kit at the events, which consist of: a kitchen catcher, informational brochure, fridge magnet and sample of a ‘Bag to Earth’ leak proof biodegradable paper bag. Information about the date and time of the lobby events will be posted in common areas in advance and the events themselves will be held for a period of four hours during the evening. Representatives that host each event will have a sample of the food scraps collection tote on hand and place the tote(s) in service at the end of the session. Pickup days for each building will commence one week from the date of delivery so residents will be able to start composting their food scraps right away. Representatives will keep a list of units that have picked up their education kits and for Residents who are not able to attend, an educational kit will be left at their doors at the end of the event with a door knocker that provides contact information.

3.3. Multi-Family Recycling Pilot Program – Jennifer Lukianchuk

A presentation was provided (see attachment 2) that summarized the results of a pilot study that was undertaken to increase participation in recycling by multi-family residents. A copy of the Final Report of the study was provided to the Committee as part of the Agenda Package.

The pilot started as a workshop with building resident ‘Champions’ to discuss barriers and opportunities to improve recycling. As part of the pilot program new recycling brochures were tested as well as enhanced container labelling and new compartmentalized recycling

blue bags. A total of 13 Champions assisted with implementation outreaching to a combined total of 1,340 units (in 18 buildings).

The results for the pilot program showed recycling increased by about 15% and garbage loads showed to decrease by 15%. In summary, the strategies employed showed to be effective in increasing participation within multi-family dwellings.

Multi-Materials BC (MMBC) is putting together a stewardship plan for managing packaging and the City is waiting to see what happens before they consider taking the Multi-Family Recycling Program city-wide.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1. GVRD Bylaw Repeal Regarding Mosquito Control Administration and Coordination Service – Jennifer Lukianchuk

A letter was received by Council and referred to the Environment Advisory Committee for consideration.

To summarize: Metro Vancouver was asking for local government approval to discontinue the coordination service that they had provided (since 2005) related to the West Nile Virus. This is mainly because the virus hasn't penetrated our region, as was anticipated.

They only needed 60% approval from the municipalities, but the time period for comment on this has ended and would have been best dealt with at the last meeting, but due to time constraints this item was tabled.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. Master Transportation Plan Update – Eugene Wat

This item was discussed prior to Item 3.1 Queensborough Community Plan Update.

An update on the Master Transportation Plan (MTP) was provided to the Committee. The MTP covers all modes of transportation and will support a compact, sustainable and resilient community and its land use. The plan has a vision, a set of goals and transportation targets. The targets include maintaining the same level of automobile trips in 2031 as in 2008 while the new growth in the city would be accommodated through walk, bike and transit. The plan will also need to consider regional traffic moving through the City, where it is originating and if it is actually stopping/staying here.

City staff is currently working on Phase 4: Developing the Plan and information regarding Phase 3: Setting Future Directions was handed out to the Committee. The three key areas in developing the plan includes 1) Establishing Great Streets, 2) Enhancing Sustainable Transportation (walk, bike, transit) and 3) Balancing the Needs (i.e. livable neighbourhoods, congestion, goods movements, regional context, etc.)

Issues surrounding the Pattullo Bridge arose during 2012 and side-tracked the MTP process for a while. TransLink was asked to reassess their plans to replace the Bridge and is currently working with both the City of New Westminster and the City of Surrey to find an appropriate solution for the Pattullo Crossing.

The Committee is encouraged to visit the website for more information:

www.newwestcity.ca/mtp

Some ideas that have come out of the process are to include Great Streets, greenways and safe streets to school. The City wants to make sure that they are vibrant and accommodate mixed transportation (ie, bikes, skateboards, walking, etc), so that people want to use them.

Once Phase 4 is complete, specific projects would then be defined which will include strategies such as congestion management, traffic calming and other issues.

The next Open House will be before the summer or early September, please check the website for more details.

6. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1. Environmental Coordinator's Update

Environmental Poster Contest

The sixth annual Environmental Poster Contest is now underway and the theme for this year is *"The 3 Rs: Road to Zero Waste"*. The contest runs until May 3, 2013 and RCBC was contracted to deliver free workshops on this subject to the first ten teachers who signed up. Prizes will include a bus tour to Urban Impact Recycling and one to a Metro Vancouver facility or watershed.

Committee Members are invited to come and judge the posters and which will take about an hour; judging will be on May 15, 2013 from 5:00 to 6:00pm. The winners will be presented their awards at the June 10th Council Meeting.

New Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

New public charging stations for electric vehicles have been installed throughout the City. One unit with two outlets is located at City Hall and the other is in the Front Street Parkade. At this time, charging is free, but they do have to pay for parking in the parkade. This is a province-wide initiative and some funding was provided by the province.

There are eight new electric vehicle charging stations planned for installation at the Anvil Centre.

Lower 12th Street Plan

A message from Mark Allison, Senior Planner was read to the Committee. The message indicated that the City has prepared street design guidelines for the Lower Twelfth Street Plan area. The Committee was requested to review the guidelines and provide any comments by the end of next week to Mark Allison at mallison@newwestcity.ca or call him

at 604-527-4653. The guidelines, background materials and a feedback form are available on the City’s website located on the Twelfth Street page under the heading “Draft Lower Twelfth Street Design Guidelines”.

It was mentioned that an email with the above-noted information will be sent to the committee.

6.2. Members’ Reports

After the presentation by Staff from Fraser Surrey Docks (FSD) regarding the Coal Transfer Station (during the last Committee meeting on February 13, 2013), a member mentioned that they had visited the FSD. The member highlighted a number of items that were clarified by FSD staff at the site.

Procedural Note: – Mia Ciric left the meeting at 9:18pm

A member mentioned that there is a Trash to Treasure event coming up in Queensborough.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1. There was no correspondence.

8. NEXT MEETING

Date: Wednesday, June 12, 2013
Location: Committee Room 2
Time: 6:30pm

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:23pm.

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Chair

Marie-Elaina Ayeni
Recording Secretary