



ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 13, 2013 - **6:30 pm**

Committee Room 2

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy	Chair
Steven Bishop	Education Community (Teacher)
Brent Bowker	Community Member
Mia Ciric	Local Business Representative
Alex Csizmadia	Community Member
Marco Murillo	Community Member
Vickie Turvey	Community Member

VOTING MEMBER REGRETS:

Ann Nielsen	Community Member
Karla Olsen	Local Environmental Association
Terryl Plotnikoff	Community Member
Vacant	Education Community (Student)

GUESTS

Carrie Brown, Lillian Chau, Parenteau, Greg Yeomans Jeff Scott Jennifer Janzen Norm Connolly	Port Metro Vancouver Surrey Docks Coal Transfer Facility Office Assistant Legislative Services, CNW Community Energy Manager, Engineering, CNW
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STAFF:

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

A quorum being present, and in the absence of the Chair, Councillor McEvoy, an Acting-Chair was temporarily appointed, Marco Murillo, and the meeting was called to order at 6:43pm.

1. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Because there was no Chair at the beginning of the meeting, the Committee was asked if someone could chair the meeting until Councillor McEvoy arrived.

A request for additions to the agenda was made; Surrey Docks Transfer Facility presentation by Jeff Scott was added to the agenda as item 3.2 and the Envision 2032 – Descriptions of Success presentation by Mark Allison would become item 3.3 and the Overview of Priority CEEP Projects for 2013 presentation by Norm Connolly became item 3.4.

1.1. Committee Oaths & Orientation – Legislative Services Department

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.

Motions need to be seconded; however the seconder does not have to vote in favour of the motion.

At this time, the Legislative Services representative swore-in the Committee Members.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1. Adoption of Minutes from the meeting of November 21, 2012

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee held November 21, 2012, be received and adopted.

CARRIED

All Committee members present voted in favour of the motion.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1. Proposed Fraser Surrey Docks Coal Transfer Facility – Port Metro Vancouver

A handout was circulated to the Committee prior to the presentation.

When this presentation was made to Council earlier in February, Councillor McEvoy invited Port Metro Vancouver to come and present the same information to the Environment Advisory Committee. For details of the presentation, please refer to Attachment 1.

Background information about Port Metro Vancouver's mandate and what they do was given with reference being made to the Land Use Plan and framework for the physical development of the Port.

Procedural Note: *Councillor McEvoy joined the meeting at 7:16pm.*

During the application process a set of conditions are issued to the applicant that they have to comply with during their construction and/or use of the land. Port Metro Vancouver also consults with First Nations people before they proceed with any projects.

Recently, Port Metro Vancouver received an application from Fraser Surrey Docks for a Direct Transfer Coal Facility. The application is still under review.

3.2. Fraser Surrey Docks, Direct Transfer Coal Facility – Jeff Scott

A handout was circulated to the Committee prior to the presentation.

As a result of the presentation given to Council by Port Metro Vancouver, Fraser Surrey Docks was invited to speak to the Environment Advisory Committee.

Background information regarding Fraser Surrey Docks (FSD) was presented to the Committee and an overview of the proposed Direct Transfer Coal Facility (DTCF).

This DTCF is the largest multi-purpose terminal on North America's West Coast. For details of the presentation, please refer to Attachment 2.

During the presentation FSD addressed concerns regarding the possibility of a coal spill and what the impact would be on marine life. Please see pages 34 & 35 of the presentation for details.

FSD has also taken into consideration noise mitigation, air quality/emissions, and dust mitigation and control, as well as having protocols in place for the barges during fishing season. In addition, they have also created procedures that would come into effect if there are high winds.

There is a global demand for coal and it is increasing. FSD indicated that the coal that they will be transporting is considered a better quality coal, which can help reduce GHGs because it burns cleaner.

Port Metro Vancouver has a mandate to facilitate trade, but they also have a mandate to make sure that any product that has the potential to impact the community or environment is handled in a safe manner. As to whether or not a specific product should be traded is beyond their scope and should be directed to the Provincial and/or Federal Governments.

An offer was made to have Levelton or Triton come in to speak with the Committee about the inertial properties of coal and its effect on the PH levels of the river.

A request was made for the committee to visit the facility when it's ready.

Procedural Note: *The Committee recessed at 8:17pm and reconvened at 8:22pm.*

Due to time constraints the Committee unanimously agreed to defer the following items to the next meeting:

Item 5.1 GVRD Bylaw Repeal regarding Mosquito Control Administration and Coordination Service

Item 6.1 Environmental Coordinator's Update, and

Item 6.2 Members' Reports

3.3. Overview of Priority CEEP Projects for 2013 – Norm Connolly

This was presented after item 3.4

Background information regarding the Community Energy & Emissions Plan (CEEP) was provided for the benefit of new members to the Committee.

In May 2011, the City amended the OCP to include a 15% community-wide GHG reductions target by 2030 and CEEP implemented a timeline of five years that started in April 2012. Please see attachment 4 for the presentation.

Priority implementation initiatives for 2013-2015 include building energy efficiency retrofit program for multi-unit residential, low-rise residential homes and identification and support of district energy zones in Braid/Sapperton, Uptown, Downtown and Lower 12th Street. Three other projects are energy efficiency retrofit program for commercial/industrial buildings; encourage the construction of Net Zero Energy/Passive solar Homes; and Priority greenways and bicycle routes/promote vehicle trip reduction strategies.

CEEP is working closely with Envision 2032, the Master Transportation Plan and the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Coordinator to achieve some of the goals.

One of the programs that the City is considering is the Home Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program which takes advantage of programs that offered by LiveSmart BC, BC Hydro and Fortis BC. This program has been initiated in various other communities and has met with a great deal of success so far.

Some next steps prior to the 2013 program launch includes creating a communication and marketing plan, hiring a program coordinator and reviewing all forms with the legal department.

Discussion surrounding budgeting for the program took place and the following recommendation was put forth:

MOVED and SECONDED

That the Environment Advisory Committee requests

That Council approve the budget for CEEP so the program can get under way.

CARRIED

All Committee members present voted in favour of the motion.

Staff advised that the budget had not yet gone before Mayor and Council and would be happy to bring budget numbers for CEEP to a future meeting. If anyone has any further questions please email or call Norm at 604-527-4572 or email him at nconnolly@newwestcity.ca.

3.4. Envision 2032 – Descriptions of Success – Mark Allison

This item was moved to item 3.3.

Envision 2032-Descriptions of Success was presented as a follow up to an earlier presentation given to the committee in the Fall of 2012. A brief overview was given to the committee and they were encouraged to visit the website (www.envision2032.ca) for more information. See attachment 3 for the presentation.

The presentation touched on what the City would look like in 2032, and went through the steps of creating Envision 2032. At this time, the City is at the stage of defining their Vision and Descriptions of Success.

Two of the most important areas that affect this Committee are Environment and Natural Areas and Resources, Waste and Infrastructure. The Committee was asked if the Descriptions of

Success describe where New Westminster should be by 2032 to be on the path towards success and sustainability in this policy area. Encouragement was again made for members to visit the website and fill out the survey that will be available that will be made available on the Monday following the meeting.

A follow up presentation will be given to the Committee with a final set of Descriptions of Success and an update on what the next steps will be.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1. No unfinished business

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. **GVRD Bylaw Repeal regarding Mosquito Control Administration and Coordination Service – Jennifer Lukianchuk**

This item was tabled and will be brought forward at the next meeting.

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

Councillor McEvoy explained that the Committee needs to appoint an acting chair. This is to ensure that the meeting goes forward when Jaimie 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. **Appointment of Environment Grant Sub-Committee – Jennifer Lukianchuk**

The purpose of the sub-committee is to make funding recommendations to council for the Environmental Grant Program.

Though Ann Nielsen was unable to attend this meeting, she did express an interest to serve on the sub-committee again this year. Marco Murillo and Vickie Turvey would also like to be considered for appointment.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the sub-committee be comprised of Ann Nielsen, Marco Murillo and Vickie Turvey.

CARRIED

All Committee members present voted in favour of the motion.

The Chair for the sub-committee will be appointed at a future date by Councillor McEvoy.

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

The Master Transportation Plan (MTP) Committee was created last year and has representatives from different committees and agencies so that information could be brought back to their

respective committees as information. It is expect that the MTP Committee will meet again sometime this Spring.

Steven Bishop was nominated to sit on the MTP Committee.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Steven Bishop be the Environment Advisory Committee representative on the Master Transportation Plan Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

All Committee members present voted in favour of the motion.

5.5. 2013 Meeting Dates – Marie-Elaina Ayeni

A list of meeting dates for the Committee was included with the Agenda Package and while we will try to stick to the schedule, there is the possibility, if deemed necessary, that additional meetings could be called or existing meetings cancelled if there are insufficient Agenda items. As much notice of both will be given as is possible.

6. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1. Environmental Coordinator’s Update

This item was tabled and will be brought forward at the next meeting.

6.2. Members’ Reports

This item was tabled and will be brought forward at the next meeting.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1. NIMBE Community Clean-up in New Westminster – For information only (Attachment 6)

8. NEXT MEETING

Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2013
Location: Committee Room 2
Time: 6:30pm

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:42pm.

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Chair

Marie-Elaina Ayeni
Recording Secretary