



ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EAC)

Thursday, November 23, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

Committee Room 2

City Hall

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy (left at 6:42 pm)	- Chair
Patrick Parkes	- Community Member/Alternate Chair
Ingrid Tymm	- Community Member
Karla Olson	- Community Member
Laura Cornish (Left at 8:30 pm)	- Community Member
Wilmer Lau (Arrived at 6:40 pm)	- Local Business Representative
Amanda Semenoff	- Community Member

MEMBER REGRETS:

Todd Beernink	- Community Member
Raunaq Singh	- Student Representative
Nadine Nakagawa	- Community Member

STAFF:

Jennifer Lukianchuk	- Environmental Coordinator Engineering Services
Mark Allison	- Manager, Strategic Initiatives & Sustainability, Office of the CAO
Janet Zazubek	- Planning Assistant, Development Services
Claude Ledoux	- Parks Horticulture Manager
Carilyn Cook	- Committee Secretary Engineering Services

GUESTS:

Lisa Westerhoff (Left at 8:10 pm)	- Principal, Integral Group
Dave Ramsley (Left at 8:10 pm)	- Project Manager, Integral Group
Cherry Tsoi (Left at 8:10 pm)	- Sustainability Analyst, Integral Group

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

1.1 Additions to the Agenda of November 23, 2017

There were no additions to the Agenda; however, as Councillor McEvoy had to leave early, Item 5.1 – 2018 Environmental Grant Program, was addressed prior to Item 3.1 – Environment Strategy Workshop

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of October 11, 2017

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee meeting held on October 11, 2017 be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Environment Strategy Workshop - Integral Group

Jennifer Lukianchuk, the City's Environmental Coordinator, welcomed back Dave Ramsley, Principal, Lisa Westerhoff, Project Manager, and Cherry Tsoi, Sustainability Analyst, of Integral Group (IG).

*****At this time, the Environment Strategy Workshop commenced*****

Next steps include: Staff review (December – January); Environment Advisory Committee review (early February 2018 meeting); Council review (Council report – February); Public review (i.e. open house/on website – February). It was also noted that, while there are actions that may require a new budget, a lot of the short-term items already have a budget.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No items.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 2018 Environmental Grant Program – Amanda Semenoff

Amanda Semenoff, Committee member and Chair of the Environmental Grant Sub Committee, provided a brief overview of the decision process and provided a short outline of each of the grant applications and the initiatives for which they were requesting funding.

In order to avoid a conflict of interest during the voting process, Karla Olson, Committee member, stepped out of the room. As the meeting lost quorum when Karla recused herself for the vote, it is noted that all members of the Committee who remained present voted in favour of the grants as outlined by the Environmental Grant Program Sub Committee.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the funding recommendations made by the Environmental Grant Program Sub Committee be accepted by Committee members and forwarded to Council for their approval.

CARRIED.

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

At this point in the meeting, Councillor McEvoy excused himself and Patrick Parkes, Alternate Chair, commenced chairing the remainder of the meeting.

5.2 Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain Pipeline – Mark Allison

Mark Allison, Manager, Strategic Initiatives & Sustainability, advised members that staff met with Kinder Morgan (KM), whose pipeline has been approved by the National Energy Board. As the City is an intervener and regulatory body, staff are maintaining communication with KM in order to ensure that processes are completed properly and safely by having ongoing discussions regarding safety, security, and emergency response issues. Mark noted that there is concern with the pipeline's alignment being moved to run along the Coquitlam side of the Brunette River, in a seismic zone. Other issues of concern include habitat enhancement, protection of the river, etc. All of these issues were shared with the National Energy Board via written form and verbal presentation. It was noted, however, that KM does have a comprehensive plan to protect the Nooksack Dace fish, which is endangered. As well, staff attended a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee which was set up by the Honourable Jim Carr, Environment

Minister, to address matters such as the cumulative climate change impacts of the pipeline as well as its effects on communities and First Nations.

Based on a resolution passed by Council, the City will be petitioning the National Energy Board and requesting that the pipeline alignment be moved away from the Brunette River as well as asking that KM provide enhancement to the habitat in that area. Currently, KM proposes only to put the soil and anything else they disturb in the watershed back in place; however, staff conclude that as this project will result in a number of cumulative impacts, restoration should be taking place, not just construction remediation.

The following discussion ensued:

- The City does not maintain jurisdiction over land once it is sold to Kinder Morgan;
- The river is meandering and the riverbank changes, especially after freshet; it is not the best practice to have a pipeline in such close proximity to an area that sees a lot of transformation;
- Locations of staging areas are being kept quiet. There is a staging area in New Westminster; however, the pipeline is going in on the Coquitlam side;
- Staff believe that the environmental impact has not properly been assessed.

At this time, Mark advised the Committee of a new grain terminal to be located in Queensborough which would bring in approximately 4 million tonnes of grain per year. The main export will be wheat, however, the facility would also see barley, canola, and rape seed. Since light, dust, noise, etc., could be issues, the City is working to ensure that these concerns are being addressed.

5.3 Fraser Surrey Docks Potash Export Facility – Mark Allison

In his update, Mark stated that the Facility would receive and transfer approximately 8 million tonnes of potash a year (approximately nine to ten trains and two to three ships per week). There are reservations about light, dust, noise, etc., as with the grain facility, and it is thought that storage for this site should be covered as well as enclosed.

Karla invited members to attend a “Green Drinks” with Dr. Heather Bears, of Zoetica Environmental Consulting Services, and Eugene Kung, of West Coast Environmental Law, to learn more about the Kinder Morgan Pipeline.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 Environment Coordinator's Update – Jennifer Lukianchuk

No update was provided at this time.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

No items.

8.0 NEXT MEETING DATE

TBD

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Certified correct,

Original Signed

PATRICK PARKES
ALTERNATE CHAIR

Original Signed

CARILYN COOK
COMMITTEE SECRETARY