



ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 25, 2013 - 6:30 pm

Council Chamber

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Alex Csizmadia
Brent Bowker
Babak Khalili
Marco Murillo
Ann Nielsen
Karla Olson
Terryl Plotnikoff

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

VOTING MEMBER REGRETS:

Steven Bishop
Mia Ciric
Vickie Turvey

Education Community (Teacher)
Local Business Representative
Community Member

GUESTS:

STAFF:

Jennifer Lukianchuk
Eugene Wat
Claude Ledoux
Mark Allison
Marie-Elaina Ayeni

Environmental Coordinator
Manager, Infrastructure Planning
Parks Horticulture Manager
Senior Planner
Recording Secretary

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm.

1. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

1.1. Appointment of Chair for the Environment Grant Sub-Committee

A request was made to add this item as 4.1 to the Agenda.

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 April 10, 2013, be received and adopted.

CARRIED

All Committee members present voted in favour of the motion.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**4.1. Appointment of Chair for the Environment Grant Sub-Committee – Jennifer Lukianchuk**

It was decided that Marco Murillo would be Chair of the Environment Grant Sub-Committee. The Sub-Committee will meet once the applications have been received; the deadline for submissions is November 1, 2013.

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Marco Murillo be appointed as Chair of the Environment Grant Sub-Committee.

CARRIED

All Committee members present voted in favour of the motion.

Procedural Note: Alex Csizmadia joined the meeting at 6:35pm

5. NEW BUSINESS**5.1. Urban Forest Management Plan & Tree Protection – Claude Ledoux**

A report that went to Council on July 8, 2013 regarding the Urban Forest Management Plan was provided to the Committee for their review. Staff mentioned that this plan will be more long term and comprehensive than developing a Tree Bylaw.

Further discussion ensued relating to issues with trees between neighbours and whether or not the plan will mention specifics like tree species, growth diameter and root systems.

5.2. Management of Waste and Recyclable Materials from Demolition Work – Jennifer Lukianchuk

A memo was provided by Staff to the Committee on Metro Vancouver's regulatory approach to encourage better division of waste and recyclable materials from demolition projects.

A set of attachments were provided with the memo as background on this subject, which included a sample bylaw, a waste disposal plan, an hazardous materials report and a compliance report.

Demolition Contractors would have to comply with the requirements of the bylaw as part of the municipal permitting process. For instance, a compliance report would require receipts showing where they have taken the demolished materials to be recycled. A question was raised about dealing with construction waste as well as demolition waste.

Metro Vancouver has identified that 90% of the waste comes from demolitions and will address construction waste at a future date.

Staff will be taking a report to Council in October for approval to pursue this bylaw approach.

5.3. MMBC's Packaging and Printed Paper (PPP) - Eugene Wat

Recycling regulations were established in 2004 and the recycling act was amended in 2011 to include the collection of packaging and printed materials from residential premises in the Extended Producer Responsibility Program. Therefore, the responsibility for recycling PPP will be transferred from residential property owners to the producers of PPP. In November 2012, the industry producer's (through MMBC) Packaging and Printed Paper Stewardship Plan was submitted to the BC Ministry of Environment, which was approved in April 2013 by the Director, Waste Management, BC Ministry of Environment. This plan is currently in the implementation phase.

The intent of the plan is to recover 75% of the PPP material from residents. The Program Design will have separate contractual relationships with the collector and the post-collection service provider (processors).

There will be an increase in the number of PPP materials that will be accepted in the program (*see attachment 1*). Some Municipalities commingle their glass, while others exclude it from their commingled curbside collection.

Additional time is required by municipalities who wish to continue to provide collection services to negotiate with MMBC on key areas in the service agreement and to establish a fair resolution process to ensure a fair and seamless implementation of the Stewardship Plan.

This is an on-going process and will be brought back to the committee at a later date.

5.4. Environmental Initiatives Overview – Jennifer Lukianchuk

Staff provided an overview of a table of environmental topics that the Committee can be involved with in the coming months and into 2014 (*see attachment 2*). Items highlighted in green are items that take place annually.

Members of the Committee were invited to participate in some of these initiatives such as invasive species management in Hume Park; if anyone would like to get involved, please contact Jennifer.

The Environmental Poster Contest – if anyone has ideas for prizes, please contact Jennifer.

Requests were made for updates on the following: the multi-family food scraps program and how successful it has been so far; information on how the City is helping to promote going green with the Construction Industry and how the City can improve recycling at City Facilities. A suggestion to improve recycling at City facilities was made and will be passed on to Kristian Davis in Engineering Operations.

5.5. Dust Problem Occurring on Ewen Avenue at Boyd Street – Terry Plotnikoff

Concerns were expressed regarding dust on Ewen Avenue during the summer and that there were several contractors in the area. Engineering Services was contacted, who then contacted the contractor for the projects. Unfortunately, concerns were not addressed in a timely manner.

Staff advised that when these things occur residents can contact Engineering Services or the Contractor specifically. There is always a site contact person that residents can register complaints with.

5.6. Fraser Surrey Docks Coal Proposal Update – Mark Allison

Fraser Surrey Docks made a presentation to the Committee at the February 2013 meeting, about their application for a Direct Transfer Coal Facility on their site.

Since then, the West Coast States (Washington, Oregon, etc) have indicated that they are against this transfer station and the City held a Town Hall meeting for residents to come and ask questions.

There were concerns about dust from the rail cars as the train transports the coal and a resolution was to put a topping agent on the coal. Another concern with dust was after the coal is on the barge, where they will also place a topping agent on the coal.

Council has directed staff to review all reports and information that are received.

Fraser Surrey Docks has links to all their reports on their website as well as Port Metro Vancouver, which are:

<http://www.fsd.bc.ca/index.php/company/community-outreach/%E2%80%8E> and
<http://www.portmetrovancover.com/en/projects/OngoingProjects/Tenant-Led-Projects/FraserSurreyDocks.aspx>

It will be a couple of months before more information will be available.

5.7. Envision 2032 Implementation Strategy - Mark

In June 2013, council unanimously approved the plan, which is available at on the website at www.envision2032.ca.

Council has requested an implementation strategy and one of the things the City is already doing is the sustainability report card. It was based on best practises, but it will be reviewed with the Envision 2032 sustainability framework and brought back to council.

There will be Community outreach and awareness provided as well as training of Council and Staff so that they understand how to use the framework.

6. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1. Environmental Coordinator's Update

Poster Contest

The theme this year was "The 3 Rs: Road to Zero Waste" and we had 284 entries, which is the most we've had since we started the Poster Contest five years ago.

The posters of the winners were shown to the committee and it was also mentioned that they will be displayed at RiverFest.

RiverFest

RiverFest will be taking place during the upcoming weekend, September 28-29, 2013 and members were encouraged to participate.

6.2. Members' Reports

Karla Olson created a PowerPoint of the photos taken at the Shoreline Clean-Up, which took place on September 22, 2013, and requested that this be added to the agenda for the next meeting in November. Eighty people turned up for the Shoreline clean up despite the rainy weather.

Anne Nielsen mentioned that at Colony Farms Park she is part of a group that has been monitoring the great blue heron since the 1970s. Since the 70s the herons have nested in the rocky at Colony Farms Park. Anne mentioned that this is the first year that the herons did not return to nest. They believe that some of the birds have moved to other parks, but they are not sure if the noise from the Port Mann Bridge construction has caused them to go elsewhere. They hope the birds will return next year.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1. There was no correspondence.

8. NEXT MEETING

Date: Wednesday, November 13, 2013
Location: Committee Room 2
Time: 6:30pm

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:39pm.

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy
Chair

Marie-Elaina Ayeni
Recording Secretary