



ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EAC)

Wednesday, November 22, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

Committee Room 2 - City Hall

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy	- Chair
Patrick Parkes	- Community Member
Joe Hargitt	- Community Member
Lesley Malcolm	- Community Member
Raunaq Singh	- Student Representative
Ingrid Tymm	- Community Member
Kyle Routledge	- Local Environment Organization Rep

MEMBER REGRETS:

Natalie Douglas	- Community Member
Ginny Van Pelt	- Community Member
Andrew Murray	- Community Member
Wilmer Lau	- Local Business Representative

STAFF:

Jennifer Lukianchuk	- Environmental Coordinator Engineering Services
Eugene Wat	- Manager, Infrastructure Planning
Mark Allison	- Manager, Strategic Initiatives & Sustainability
George Benson	- Strategic Initiatives Coordinator
Tabitha Guichon	- Committee Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 pm.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

1.1 Additions to the Agenda of November 22, 2018

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Agenda of the Environment Advisory Committee meeting held on November 22, 2018 be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of September 26, 2018

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee meeting held on September 26, 2018 be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 No items.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 No items.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 2019 Environmental Grant Program Allocations – Ingrid Tymm

Ingrid Tymm, 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, Kyle Routledge, Committee member, stepped out of the room.

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.

Kyle Routledge returned to the meeting.

5.2 Environmental Metrics Workshop – George Benson

George Benson provided a presentation on the Environmental Metrics for the City of New Westminster. There were 11 indicators in total; however, staff were hoping to reduce that number to 9; therefore, the committee was asked for input and the following comments were provided:

- The definition of Green infrastructure should be more clear
- Add more context to all of the indicators and examples to make it more understandable to anyone viewing the site.
- Energy Save New West – Hard to measure because people opt in, complete their work and then are done. Consider measuring the number of people signed up, not the number of buildings. Track the accumulated amount of savings. Consensus was to drop Energy Save and keep the others.
- Electric Vehicle Charging – this re-enforces the notion that cars are the best method of transportation. This is more specifically a fuel switching metric. Measure them all, not just high-speed.
- Terrestrial Ecological Cover – It should be stated that this includes Native & Non-native vegetation. Staff to look into a way to capture both separately.
- Suggestion to include a type of wildlife metrics.
- Consider including pervious or non-pervious. Suggestion to look into what other cities are doing.
- Canopy cover would include new street trees; however having it separate shows what the City is attributing. Tree canopy cover includes private property.
- Demolition Waste – Only includes a full demo. 70% is the level for compliance in order to receive the full deposit back. Measure is for full compliance.
- Water use per capita –Residential water use, not commercial.
- Combined Sewer Overflow – Consensus was to remove this item out of this group.
- Members suggested including a note that there is other information available and to speak with staff to know more.

5.3 Draft Environmental Strategy Work Plan for 2019 – Jennifer Lukianchuk

Jennifer reviewed the anticipated work plan for 2019. This is a draft copy and was sent out to members prior to the meeting. The following information was provided:

- Green means this can begin or complete in 2019, yellow is a possibility to start in 2019 and red is 2020 or thereafter.

- After 2019 the plan will be revisited and the reds can be reviewed and possibly given a more specific timeline.
- The work plan was completed based on staff resources, what could be done easily and what could not.
- It was noted that the committee can make environmental issues a priority through making recommendations to council.
- The numbers in the work plan tie directly back to the ESAP.
- Another staff position has been requested as part of the budget process. The implementation of some items that are yellow may be dependent on this new position.
- In terms of accountability, this can be brought back to the committee on a yearly basis, or a semi-annual basis for an update.

Discussion on specific item number within the plan took place and the following comments were made:

- Item 5.3b – this action has to follow another action within the plan – consider noting what the other action item that it is dependent on.
- Item 4.2a – this is a huge project, but is not something that will be implemented right away. It was decided to move this item to green and change wording to note that it is being looked into.
- Item 7.3b – this is an expensive project with the transportation group and will not be happening until about 2020 or thereafter. It is also part of the strategic planning exercise. Staff to look into this item further and discuss how to make it a norm for any redevelopment to be done as a green street. Mark Allison will remain in contact with Patrick Parks about this item.
- Item 13.4a & b seem to be dependent on each other. Consider adding additional notes to discuss their connection.
- Item 10.1, 7.2a & 7.3a – the ISMP was developed and these are now the actions to implement that plan.
- Item 7.3b -
- Item 7.1a – members felt this should be made yellow and not red.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 Environment Coordinator’s Update – Jennifer Lukianchuk

No update at this time

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

No items.

8.0 NEXT MEETING DATES

TBA

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Certified correct,

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JAIMIE MCEVOY
CHAIR

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TABITHA GUICHON
COMMITTEE SECRETARY