

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE TASK FORCE

January 6, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting of the Task Force on Environment and Climate
City Hall – Committee Room 2

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Jonathan Côté
Councillor Patrick Johnstone
Councillor Nadine Nakagawa
Lisa Spitale, Chief Administrative Officer
Emilie Adin, Director of Development Services
Dean Gibson, Director of Parks and Recreation
Jim Lowrie, Director of Engineering Services
Colleen Ponzini, Director of Finance
Rod Carle, General Manager, Electric Utility

GUESTS:

Cheeying Ho, Executive Director, Whistler Centre for Sustainability
Peter ter Weem, Executive Vice President, Purpose and Brand Citizenship, Elevator Strategy

STAFF:

Steven Faltas, Business Process Manager, Electric Utility
Blair Fryer, Manager, Communications and Economic Development
Tristan Johnson, Senior Planning Analyst, Development Services
Jennifer Lukianchuk, Environmental Coordinator, Engineering Services
Lynn Roxburgh, Senior Planner, Development Services
Denise Tambellini, Intergovernmental and Community Relations Manager
Eugene Wat, Manager, Infrastructure Planning, Engineering Services
Carol Lee, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

1. MOTION:

THAT pursuant to Section 90 of the Community Charter, members of the public be excluded from the Closed Meeting of Environment and Climate Task Force immediately following the Regular Meeting of Committee on the basis that the subject matter of all agenda items to be considered relate to matters listed under Sections 90(1) (a) (e) of the Community Charter:

90 (1)

- (a) *personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality.*
- (e) *the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;*

ADJOURNMENT

2. MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the regular meeting of the Environment and Climate Task Force be adjourned and proceed to Closed Session.

CARRIED

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

RECONVENE TO REGULAR COMMITTEE

3. MOVED AND SECONDED

THAT the regular meeting of the Environment and Climate Task Force be reconvened in the Committee Room 2 at 3:22 p.m.

CARRIED

All members present voted in favour of the motion.

ADDITIONS TO AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA Urgent/time sensitive matters only

4. No additions

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

5. No items

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. No items

PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS FOR ACTION

7. No items

NEW BUSINESS

8. Seven Bold Steps for Climate Action – Reporting Progress

Emilie Adin, Director of Development Services, provided a presentation on the development of framework to report progress on the Seven Bold Steps for Climate Action (Seven Bold Steps).

In response to a question from the Committee, Tristan Johnson, Senior Planning Analyst, Development Services, reviewed current key performance indicators (KPIs).

Discussion ensued and the Committee noted the following:

- Considerations in the development of appropriate metrics for Seven Bold Steps reporting:
 - The benefit of using existing data
 - Possible sources of data for new metrics
 - Opportunities to partner with regional agencies, e.g. Metro Vancouver and TransLink, in the development of metrics and data collection
 - The City would be able to access data that is currently collected by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) if the City is able to demonstrate that it has the ability to analyse the data
- Concern regarding overwhelming staff with the development of new KPIs and data collection
- The value in gathering qualitative data to tell the stories of advancing the work of the Seven Bold Steps through the equity and social lenses.

A copy of the presentation is included as Attachment 1.

9. Climate Action Communications and Engagement Strategy

Cheeying Ho, Executive Director, Whistler Centre for Sustainability, and Peter ter Weeme, Executive Vice President, Purpose and Brand Citizenship, Elevator Strategy, provided a presentation regarding the approach that will be utilized to develop the climate action communication and engagement strategy.

The Committee provided input on what would be considered successful implementation of the engagement and communications strategy:

- The feedback represents the fullness of community
- Community input is acknowledged and valued in the final report
- Consideration of broad issues
- Harness the energy that currently exists in the community around climate change
- Universal awareness that the City is taking steps in the area of climate change
- Inward engagement with City staff
- Ensure the level of information provided encourages broad engagement, not just “experts” in climate change
- Inclusion of positive messages to communicate that climate action steps will make the City a better place to live
- Engage Indigenous voices and those in the community with mobility challenges.

A copy of the presentation is included as Attachment 2.

10. Corporate Energy and Emissions Reduction Strategy Update

Jennifer Lukianchuk, Environmental Coordinator, Engineering Services, provided an update on the Corporate Energy and Emissions Reduction Strategy (CEERS).

In response to questions from the Committee, Ms. Lukianchuk and Eugene Wat, Manager, Infrastructure Planning, Engineering Services, provided the following information:

- “Fleet” includes both the corporate fleet and equipment
- Waste generated in City facilities is currently included in community emissions:
 - The need to consider how to account separately for corporate and community waste that is transferred to the landfill.

Discussion ensued and the Committee noted the following:

- CEERS and the Seven Bold Steps express the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction target differently:
 - The need to clarify the definition of the “net zero” emissions target
- The need to develop a simple explanation to respond to questions from the community regarding considerations in the prioritization of climate actions.

A copy of the presentation is included as Attachment 3.

11. Community and Corporate Electric Vehicle Strategy

Rod Carle, General Manager, Electric Utility, and Steven Faltas, Business Process Manager, Electric Utility, provided a verbal update on the development of the Community and Corporate Electric Vehicle Strategy and noted:

- Gathering of electric vehicle (EV) strategies adopted by other municipalities is underway
- A consultant will be retained in the next few months to develop the strategy
- Load forecasts are being analyzed
- Development of rates and fees
- Work with BCIT and BC Hydro to pilot installation of Level 3 charging stations
- Challenge with the reluctance of strata councils to install EV chargers on strata property.

Discussion ensued and the Committee noted the following:

- There are numerous issues to be considered in locating EV charging stations
- The rate structure being developed should encourage residents to charge EVs during non-peak load periods.

INFORMATION ITEMS

12. No items

NEXT MEETING

February 10, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Original Signed

Jonathan Côté

Chair

Original Signed

Carol Lee

Recording Secretary