

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ENCAC)

**Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
Committee Room #2, City Hall**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Nadine Nakagawa	- Chair, City Council Member
Michelle Bono	- Community Member
Karen Crosby	- Community Member
Colleen Gillespie	- Representative, Professional in Environment or Climate Field, Business, Government or Non-Profit
John Lekakis	- Representative, Local Institution (SD40)
Teresa Morton	- Representative, Local Environment Association
Patrick Parkes	- Community Member
John Ragone	- Community Member
Bryanna Thiel	- Representative, Professional in Environment or Climate Field, Business, Government or Non-Profit
Serena Vampa	- Representative, Local Business Association

MEMBERS REGRETS:

Raunaq Singh	- Community Member
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STAFF PRESENT:

Leya Behra	- Manager, Climate Action
Jennifer Lukianchuk	- Senior Environmental Coordinator
Heather Corbett	- Committee Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1.0 HOUSEKEEPING

1.1 Introductions / Share Interest in the Committee

Councillor Nakagawa led a round of introductions, asking all members to give some background on

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- What are you optimistic about?

1.1 Committee Orientation and Oaths of Office

Heather Corbett, Committee Clerk, provided a Committee orientation presentation, reviewing the following documents:

- Environment and Climate Advisory Committee (ENCAC) Terms of Reference;
- Committee Advisory Policy;
- Committee Rules of Conduct;
- City of New Westminster Respectful Workplace Policy;
- City of New Westminster Social Media Policy; and,
- Freedom of Information Permission Forms.

Ms. Corbett administered the Oath of Office to all members of the Committee present.

2.0 ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

No changes were made.

3.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

3.1 Adoption of the Minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee (EnAC) of November 26, 2019

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the November 26, 2019 Environment Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

All Committee members present voted in favour of the motion.

A request was received from the Committee to ensure that a discussion about the Brunette River (as per bullet 6, in Item 5.2 in the minutes) be addressed in future.

4.0 PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Environment and Climate Overview and Work Plans for 2020

Strategic Priorities and 7 Bold Steps

Leya Behra, Manager, Climate Action, provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the City's Strategic Plan and the Seven Bold Steps.

In response to questions from the Committee, Ms. Behra provided the following information:

- Adaptation strategies have not been captured as part of the 7 bold steps; however, it is part of the Environmental Strategy and will be incorporated into the bold steps where synergies exist;
- The detailed plans for how each of the 7 Bold Steps would be achieved are currently being developed in conjunction with other City departments;
- The compiling, planning and monitoring of current City projects, and how they relate to the 7 Bold Steps, forms part of the Climate Action Team's workplan;
- The percentage of greenhouse gases (GHGs) that are emitted through construction and materials used in erecting a building in the City is not a figure that is currently captured; however, there is discussion about incorporating this into community emissions figures;
- The goal of having 60% of all trips within the City be by sustainable modes does not include thru traffic;
- The City's regional advocacy on the subject of thru traffic would likely be concentrated on increasing transit to the Fraser Valley and discouraging car use by building density where services are located;
- The communication and engagement strategy for the work within the 7 Bold Steps is currently being developed, and would be brought to the Committee for feedback; and,
- The engagement would include identifying how the actions within the 7 Bold Steps would affect those who are less represented.

Committee members noted that it could be useful to look to other municipalities for ideas, and one useful document is the City of Vancouver's Coastal Adaptation Plan for the Fraser River area.

Environmental Strategy and Action Plan

Jennifer Lukianchuk, Senior Environmental Coordinator, provided a PowerPoint Orientation outlining the City's Environmental Strategy and Action Plan (ESAP), which was developed in 2018, noting that it does not contain Sustainable Transportation as that is covered within the Master Transportation Plan (MTP).

The areas covered in the presentation included:

- ESAP Action Areas;
- Context within the City;
- Consultation process for the strategy; and,
- Vision, goals, strategies and actions.

Committee members noted that some consideration could be given to the development of the foreshore in terms of fisheries, flooding, sea level rising and the importance of the waterways to engage with indigenous people.

WorkPlan

Leya Behra, Manager, Climate Action, reviewed the schedule of Committee and Task Force meetings and presented the Committee's draft Work Plan.

Heather Corbett, Committee Clerk, noted that the workplan would be further developed in conjunction with the Committee, and would be presented to Council for final approval.

Committee members noted that it would be useful to receive a copy of the workplan once finalized, and to receive all materials regarding strategies that would be considered by the Committee in advance of meetings.

5.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Appointment of Alternate Chair to Environment and Climate Advisory Committee

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT Meesh Bono be appointed as the Alternate Chair of the Environment and Climate Advisory Committee for the 2020 term.

CARRIED.

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

7.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

7.1 Environment Coordinator's Update

Jennifer Lukianchuk, Senior Environmental Coordinator, provided the Committee with information about the City's Tree Sale, taking place March 14th, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Queensborough Centre. The sale is an opportunity for residential homeowners to contribute to the expansion of the City's tree canopy by purchasing a maximum of two trees at the reduced cost of \$10 each.

In response to a question from the Committee, Ms. Lukianchuk reviewed the species of trees available and noted that they were likely chosen for their hardiness and environmental tolerance, and to consult the Parks and Recreation Department website for further information.

8.0 CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items.

8.0 NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, May 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. – Committee Room 2, City Hall

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Certified correct,

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COUNCILLOR NADINE NAKAGAWA
CHAIR

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HEATHER CORBETT
COMMITTEE CLERK