



ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
Meeting Held Electronically

PRESENT

Councillor Nadine Nakagawa	Chair, City Council Member
Danison Buan	Representative, Local Business Association
Karen Crosby	Community Member
Collen 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

REGRETS

Meesh Bono	Community Member
Patrick Parkes	Community Member
John Ragone	Community Member
Raunaq Singh	Community Member
Bryanna Thiel	Representative, Professional in Environment or Climate Field, Business, Government, or Non-Profit

GUESTS

Ryan Coleman	Ecolighten Consulting
Sue Chung	Ecolighten Consulting

STAFF

Nayel Halim	Community Energy and Emissions Specialist
Lynn Roxburgh	Acting Supervisor, Land Use, Planning and Climate Action
Nicole Ludwig	Assistant City Clerk
Katie Stobbart	Committee Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Councillor Nakagawa opened the meeting at 5:13 p.m. and recognized with respect that New Westminster is on the unceded and unsurrendered land of the Halkomelem speaking peoples. She acknowledged that colonialism has made invisible their histories and connections to the land. She recognized that, as a City, we are learning and building relationships with the people whose lands we are on.

2. INTRODUCTIONS AND ICEBREAKERS

2.1 Icebreaker Question

Committee members and staff responded in turn to the icebreaker question, “Have you done anything that is bringing you joy or stress relief recently?”

3. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4.1 Adoption of the Minutes of November 17, 2021

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the November 17, 2021 Environment and Climate Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

All Committee members present voted in favour of the motion.

5. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Energy Save New West: 2021 Year in Review and 2022 Program Plans

Ryan Coleman and Sue Chung, Ecolighten Consultants, provided a presentation entitled “Energy Save New West: Program Update.”

In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Coleman and Ms. Chung provided the following comments:

- Step Code is an energy efficiency requirement for houses. Where code is the legal bare minimum, step code is an enhanced level with performance indicators;

- The four languages selected were chosen by looking at the percentage of each demographic as well as taking suggestion from Empower Me;
- Have not yet explored Google Ads for digital marketing; and
- Can work with other municipalities to encourage the Province to do more mandating particularly around new builds.

The Committee expressed its support for the program.

5.2 Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP) 2050: Action Mapping Workshop

Nayel Halim, Community Energy and Emissions Specialist, provided a presentation entitled “Community Energy & Emissions Plan (CEEP) 2050 Workshop.” Mr. Halim led an action-mapping exercise, in which participants ranked proposed environmental actions on an impact-effort matrix.

Procedural Note: Teresa Morton left the meeting at 6:49 p.m., at which time quorum was lost.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

7. STANDING REPORTS AND UPDATES

7.1 Acting Supervisor of Land Use Planning and Climate Action's Update

Lynn Roxburgh, Acting Supervisor, Land Use, Planning and Climate Action, reported the following:

- There is a presentation forthcoming on climate action key performance indicators. We want to be measuring our success and progress toward the targets we have set. Would like to turn it into a publicly accessible report card so we can show transparently what we are doing;
- E-mobility strategy will likely come back next meeting so we can focus on all the feedback that has been received; and
- Working on a program called Equitable New Deal, working with a consultant who is doing a provincial wide assessment of energy poverty in BC, which will include a deep dive on five municipalities, including New Westminster. Will be exploring how that data can inform the rest of our work.

8. NEW BUSINESS

There were no items.

9. END OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 6:58 p.m.

10. UPCOMING MEETINGS

The remaining scheduled meetings for 2022 take place at 5:00 p.m. on the following dates:

- March 16
- May 18
- July 20
- November 16

Certified Correct,

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Councillor Nadine Nakagawa
Chair

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Katie Stobbart
Committee Clerk