



Corporation of the City of
NEW WESTMINSTER

ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EAC)

Wednesday, February 21, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.

Committee Room 2

City Hall

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy	- Chair
Patrick Parkes (Left at 7:40 pm)	- Community Member
Ingrid Tymm (Arrived at 6:50 pm)	- Community Member
Natalie Douglas	- Community Member
Ginny Van Pelt	- Community Member
Joe Hargitt	- Community Member
Leslie Malcolm	- Community Member
Andrew Murray	- Community Member
Raunaq Singh (Arrived at 7:04 pm)	- Student Representative
Kyle Routledge	- Local Environment Organization Rep

STAFF:

Jennifer Lukianchuk	- Environmental Coordinator Engineering Services
Mark Allison	- Manager, Strategic Initiatives & Sustainability, Office of the CAO
Eugene Wat	- Manager, Infrastructure Planning Engineering Services
Janet Zazubek	- Planning Assistant, Development Services
Carilyn Cook	- Committee Secretary Engineering Services
Oana Capota (Left at 7:30 pm)	- Museum Curator, Office of the CAO Museum & Heritage Services
Heather Corbett (Left at 7:00 pm)	- Committee Clerk Legislative Services

GUESTS:

Lisa Westerhoff (Left at 8:20 pm)	- Principal, Integral Group
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The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm.

Procedural Note:

Item 3.1: Orientation and Oath of Office
to be conducted prior to the start of regular agenda items.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

1.1 Additions to the Agenda of February 21, 2018

There were no additions to the agenda, however, it was noted that Item 5.1: Museum Transportation Exhibition Content Development would be addressed prior to Item 3.2: Environment Strategy Update.

Patrick Parkes, Committee member, requested the addition of air quality monitoring and community gardens to the next meeting's agenda.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of November 23, 2017

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee meeting held on November 23, 2018 be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Orientation and Oath of Office – Heather Corbett, Legislative Services

Heather Corbett, Committee Clerk, briefly introduced herself, the chair, Councillor Johnstone, and staff liaisons. After a short roundtable introduction of members, Heather commenced with her presentation which covered the role of advisory committees, terms of reference, meeting attendance and quorum, meeting conduct, City policies & freedom of information and, lastly, oaths of office. Members were reminded to RSVP Carilyn Cook, Committee Secretary, regarding their attendance for each meeting, to ensure quorum.

Councillor McEvoy welcomed Committee members and provided a brief summary of how the meetings would be run.

3.2 Environment Strategy Update – Lisa Westerhoff, Integral Group

Jennifer Lukianchuk, Environmental Coordinator, provided a short recap of the City's environmental strategy and introduced Lisa Westerhoff, Principal, Integral Group (IG). Lisa commenced with her presentation

stating that that IG's goal is to develop a comprehensive environmental strategy for the City that aligns with existing plans and strategies, harmonizes with social and economic goals, and provides an implementation roadmap and living document.

The following discussion ensued:

- A member suggested that the City work on minimizing over illumination light pollution, which may be considered in the strategy;
- The guiding principles with respect to food procurement for City events, City owned buildings, etc., are yet to be determined in order to minimize the footprint of food served by the City;
- Staff advised that riparian zones will have guidelines regarding setback, opportunities to incorporate natural areas, etc.;
- Staff advised that key indicators will be developed to assure that we are reaching our goals;
- Lisa advised that there is a big demand for energy autonomy and many reasons and rationale for moving away from already clean electrical energy sources; however, a member stated that we do not want people replacing already clean electrical energy to the detriment of other actions that may make a bigger difference overall.

The final draft of the strategy will go to Council and be followed by another public open house or vice-versa – the sequence is yet to be determined. Councillor McEvoy reminded everyone that they could submit their comments at any time, not just at Committee meetings, and that it will be up to the Committee to ensure that items within the strategy are implemented once it is adopted.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No items.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Museum Transportation Exhibition Content Development – Oana Capota (See Item 6.1)

Oana Capota, Museum Curator, introduced herself and requested suggestions from the group to help shape the content of the upcoming “*People Gotta Move*” transportation exhibition which will be on display at the museum from July 5, 2018 to the middle of November 2018.

Members provided the following suggestions for the exhibit:

- The old interurban railway line;
- Trivia around Twelfth Street;
- Electric vehicle charging stations and where they are being installed;
- The environmental impact of transit on the City over time;
- Display transit-related artwork made by kids;
- A portable exhibit that could go to block parties, etc.;
- A walk based on the exhibit;
- Steamboat races on the Fraser River;
- Information on the Pattullo Bridge being painted orange so the bi-planes wouldn't crash into it.

Members were encouraged to send any additional ideas they may have to Carilyn who will forward them to Oana.

5.2 Election of Alternate Chair – Committee

THAT Joe Hargitt act as Alternate Chair for the Environment Advisory Committee for the 2018 term.

CARRIED.

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

5.3 Environmental Considerations for New Aquatic Centre – Mark Allison

Mark Allison, Manager, Strategic Initiatives & Sustainability, stated that the City is now moving to a detailed design phase for the new Canada Games Pool, stating that the focus until now had mostly been on function (user groups, requirements for recreation, meeting spaces). He stated that staff were given direction from the Mayor's Task Force to produce environmental sustainability principles for the project. To that end, staff have developed a number of criteria with many of them paralleling areas in the environmental strategy. Mark advised the group that a workshop was held that included 25 staff and outside people who brainstormed opportunities for the entire site – not just the building. He stated that there will be another round of public consultation which Committee members will be invited to attend.

The following discussion ensued:

- Staff advised that the new community centre and pool will be in one building;
- Staff informed members that the new community centre and pool may use passive design features to maximize solar energy, etc., including grey water recycling in line with the City's Integrated Storm

Management Plan. It was noted, however, that while chlorine can be neutralized, the pool is a very large body of water and it would go to the Metro Vancouver sewage plant for processing;

- Staff stated that savings realized from the new, more energy efficient community centre and pool will most likely be used to defray the cost of the project. A member suggested that the savings go back into environmental issues.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 Museum Transportation Exhibition Content Development (See Item 5.1)

6.2 Environment Coordinator's Update – Jennifer Lukianchuk

There was no update at this time.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

No items.

8.0 NEXT MEETING DATES

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

Thursday, November 22, 2018

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Certified correct,

Original Signed

JAIMIE MCEVOY

CHAIR

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CARILYN COOK

COMMITTEE SECRETARY