

ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EAC)

Wednesday, June 21, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.

Committee Room 2, City Hall

MINUTES

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Jaimie McEvoy	- Chair
Todd Beermink	- Community Member
Ingrid Tymm	- Community Member
Amanda Semenoff	- Community Member
Karla Olson	- Community Member
Laura Cornish	- Community Member
Nadine Nakagawa	- Community Member
Patrick Parkes	- Community Member
Wilmer Lau	- Local Business Representative

MEMBER/STAFF REGRETS:

Raunaq Singh	- Student Representative
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STAFF:

Jennifer Lukianchuk	- Environmental Coordinator Engineering Services
Eugene Wat	- Manager, Infrastructure Planning Engineering Services
Mark Allison	- Manager Strategic Initiatives & Sustainability Office of the CAO
Claude Ledoux	- Parks Horticulture Manager Parks & Recreation
Carilyn Cook	- Committee Secretary, Engineering Services

GUESTS:

Lisa Westerhoff	- Project Manager, Integral Group
Rebecca Anderson	- Sustainability Intern, Integral Group

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm.

1.0 ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

1.1 Additions to the Agenda of June 21, 2017

Procedural note: Item 5.1, Selection of Environmental Grant Committee, will be addressed prior to Item 3.1, Environmental Strategy Workshop.

2.0 ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2.1 Adoption of the Minutes of April 19, 2017

MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee meeting held on April 19, 2017 be received and adopted.

CARRIED.

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

3.0 PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Environmental Strategy Workshop - Integral Group (Item 6.1, Review of Environmental Policies and Initiatives in the City of New Westminster and Item 6.2, Compilation of Sustainability Best Practices)

Jennifer Lukianchuk, Environmental Coordinator, briefly introduced Lisa Westerhoff, Project Manager, and Rebecca Anderson, Sustainability Intern, both of Integral Group (IG), to Committee members.

Lisa reminded members of the environmental policy review that IG completed, and of which members had received a copy in advance of the Workshop. The review included a best practices summary and a gap analysis identifying opportunities for New Westminster to expand upon current environmental policies.

During tonight's Workshop, IG's goal is to gain insight and ideas from the Committee to further determine what direction should be taken in the development of the Environmental Strategy and Action Plan (ESAP), which is based on the visions and goals developed by the City and the Committee. After receiving input from the Committee, local stakeholders and

organizations, and representatives of local governments from around the region, IG will provide an update at the September meeting.

The following discussion ensued:

- A policy that includes reaching the broader public, not just immediate stakeholders, should be considered;
- Transportation related environmental issues are incorporated in the Master Transportation Plan (MTP); however, members were urged to bring issues not covered in the MTP forward so they can be addressed by the Committee. Carilyn Cook, Committee Secretary, will forward a link to the City's MTP to members;
- A potential gap area may be the community plan vs. corporate plan;
- Quick wins will be identified so they can be taken care of right away;
- There should be more aggressive education about the global impacts of our lifestyle;
- Green businesses should be promoted, including the possibility of the City incorporating "green" businesses into its business licensing and, perhaps, providing them with a discount or other such incentive and/or recognition.

At this time, the Environmental Strategy Workshop commenced

Upon completion of the Workshop, further discussion ensued:

- Staff informed the group that the Integrated Storm Management Plan (ISMP) was approved by Council;
- Ways to engage the public could include signage with twitter hashtags, Facebook postings, etc., asking for feedback;
- The general public's knowledge should be assessed as people cannot provide quality feedback if they do not understand what is being asked.

4.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No items.

5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Selection of Environmental Grant Sub Committee – Councillor McEvoy & Jennifer Lukianchuk

Members were informed that the task of the Environmental Grant Sub Committee is to review grant applications and bring their recommendations

to the larger Committee. The recommendations would then go to Council in December for final approval. Sub Committee members could expect to receive a binder in mid-November which would include approximately four to five grant applications for review. It was noted that in order to avoid a conflict of interest, any member of the Sub Committee who has a personal relationship with a grant applicant would have to excuse themselves from the discussion pertaining to that particular application.

In order to provide Sub Committee members enough time to review the applications, the November 15th meeting of the Environment Advisory Committee will probably be moved to November 23rd.

Councillor McEvoy requested, by a show of hands, who was interested in being on the Environmental Grant Sub Committee. Amanda Semenoff, Ingrid Tymm, and Todd Beernink volunteered to be on the Sub Committee, and Amanda was appointed as the Chair.

6.0 REPORTS AND INFORMATION

6.1 Review of Environmental Policies and Initiatives in the City of New Westminster

This was addressed under Item 3.1, Environmental Strategy Workshop.

6.2 Compilation of Sustainability Best Practices

This was addressed under Item 3.1, Environmental Strategy Workshop.

6.3 Environment Coordinator's Update – Jennifer Lukianchuk

Jennifer provided the following updates:

Environmental Poster Contest: This year's environmental poster contest centered on the theme "Show You Care: Be Energy Aware" and a total of 148 poster entries were received. The presentation of awards for the winning entries will take place at the June 12th Council meeting. Members were invited to view the posters, which are currently on display in the City Hall foyer.

LED Street Light Pilot Program: The City has commenced with an LED Street Light Pilot Program in Glenbrooke North/Fraserview and Thompsons Landing in Queensborough, which is expected to yield savings in both cost

and energy. Carilyn will forward a link to the City's LED Street Lighting Pilot Program web page to members.

Residential Water Metering: Jennifer informed members that the report titled, "*Assessment of Water Conservation Measures and Residential Metering*" was presented to Council at the June 12th meeting. Eugene Wat, Manager, Infrastructure Planning, reminded the group that this report was in follow up to the motion passed at the February 1, 2016 Council meeting and which originated at the November 25, 2015 meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee. The motion recommended that the City consider the implementation of a water conservation program which including the voluntary implementation of water meters in all single family residential homes, including major renovations. A secondary motion recommended that the City increase summer enforcement of water conservation during watering restricted times. A full analysis, from a broader perspective, was undertaken by staff who brought the following recommendations to Council including: 1) Expansion and enhancement of the City's enforcement program with respect to water sprinkling; 2) Continued promotion of water use restrictions online, in newspaper ads, and at community events; 3) Potential door-to-door campaign (perhaps by City-hire students) to educate residents during the summer; 4) Review and audit water use at civic facilities; 5) Review of the current water metering rate structure; 6) Investigate possible toilet and washing machine rebate incentive programs in conjunction with existing programs such as Energy Save New West; 7) Explore the possibility of a pilot water meter program for single family homes that are already meter ready.

The following discussion ensued:

- Approximately one-third of the single family homes in New Westminster are meter ready (built in the last 15 years, or so);
- Upon exploring the implementation of a universal metering program, staff found that from a cost perspective, the program would not pay for itself in terms of savings and water conservation. The cost of water is inexpensive in relation to the cost of running the program;
- 70% of the water consumed by the City is already metered;
- Single family water consumption in New Westminster is among the lowest per capita in the lower mainland;
- Staff will be going back to Council to conduct a workshop on the water-saving measures that have been identified;
- Councillor McEvoy asked staff to bring the issue of water metering to the Community and Social Issues Committee. There are important

social issues with respect to water metering and these should be addressed and integrated into the water metering plan.

7.0 CORRESPONDENCE

No items.

8.0 NEXT MEETING DATES

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Certified correct,

Original Signed

JAIMIE MCEVOY

CHAIR

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CARILYN COOK

COMMITTEE SECRETARY