



# City of Surrey

## *Environmental Advisory Committee*

### *Minutes*

Executive Boardroom  
City Hall  
14245 - 56 Avenue  
Surrey, B.C.  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2006  
Time: 6:30 p.m.

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**Present:**

R. Gray - Chair  
C. Dragomir  
K. Hoekstra  
H. Locke  
A. Keshvani – 6:33 p.m.  
D. Maher – 6:33 p.m.  
F. Perello  
B. Stilwell – 6:42 p.m.  
Councillor Bose

**Regrets:**

R. Wetzel

**Staff Present:**

C. Baron, Drainage & Environment Manager  
J. Reimer, Legislative Services

**Agricultural Advisory Committee**  
**Representative**

S. VanKeulen

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**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**1. Environmental Advisory Committee - Minutes**

It was Moved by C. Dragomir  
Seconded by Councillor Bose  
That the minutes of the March 15, 2006  
Environmental Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.  
Carried

**B. DELEGATIONS**

**C. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**1. EAC Retreat Summary**

The Environmental Advisory Committee asked that this item be brought forward at the next meeting on May 17, 2006.

**2. Update on Mayor's Transportation and Transit Task Force**

The Environmental Advisory Committee had previously expressed an interest in the Mayor's Transportation and Transit Task Force. Councillor Bose provided a brief update and background on the Committee

K. Keshvani and D. Maher entered the meeting at 6:33 p.m.

Councillor Bose noted that the Task Force was put together to deal with major traffic issues in Surrey such as choke points in the City and options to alleviate these. He continued:

- That public transportation does have an environmental component.
- That there is a standing transportation committee appointed by the Mayor.
- That the Transportation Committee would meet April 20 and review priorities.
- That enhanced service is planned for and is being looked at by the Transportation Committee.
- That enhanced access and bus lanes are being considered.
- That they are also reviewing the City's Transportation Plan.
- That the Committee will look at the need to keep rural roads rural and more usable for farmers.
- That the Transportation Committee will also look at bicycle routes, capacities of major intersections, traffic calming programs.

B. Stilwell entered the meeting – 6:42 p.m.

The Committee briefly discussed transportation and noted:

- That there are some projects currently starting up that may need to be reviewed such as the Gateway Project and the Golden Ears Bridge.

The Environmental Advisory Committee asked that an update be scheduled for the June, 2006 meeting.

### 3. EAC Work Plan

The Environmental Advisory Committee worked on listing priorities for its work plan at the April meeting, which were reviewed by the Vice-Chair, R. Gray. R. Gray noted that there had not been a lot of support from the Committee for an almanac or for Strategic policy.

The Committee agreed that these items should be dropped.

The Committee asked for an update on the SeaBreeze Project. The Drainage and Environment Manager and R. Gray advised:

- That there was not a lot of support for strategic policy meetings.
- That only item 7 needs to be deleted from the current work plan.
- That there is no current information about the project on the Sea Breeze website.

- That the environmental assessment for their project appears to have been suspended until it is known whether or not they are able to proceed.
- That they are still at the table and will be part of the Hearing.

It was Moved by B. Stilwell  
Seconded by K. Keshvani  
That the Environmental Advisory  
Committee accept the 2006 Work Plan, as amended.  
Carried

#### **4. Guidelines for Delegations**

The Environmental Advisory Committee had asked that guidelines for delegations be developed. The Vice-Chair and Administrative Assistant provided a draft “Guidelines for Delegations to the Environmental Advisory Committee”.

The Committee reviewed the draft guidelines and made minor changes to make the guidelines more clear.

It was Moved by F. Perello  
Seconded by C. Dragomir  
That the Guidelines for Delegations to the  
Environmental Advisory Committee be accepted.  
Carried

The Environmental Advisory Committee asked that the Guidelines be provided to delegations to the Committee so that they are aware of expectations and outcomes.

#### **D. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

##### **1. Beverage Container Return Centres – Proposed Text Amendments to Surrey Zoning By-law, 1993, No. 12000 - Corporate Report No. L002 File No.: 3900-30**

At the March 27, 2006 Regular Council Land Use Meeting, Council referred Corporate Report L002 to the Environmental Advisory Committee for review and comment.

The Committee discussed the proposed changes to the Zoning By-law in relation to Beverage Container Return Centres and was appreciative of Council’s efforts to make it easier for them to operate.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

It was Moved by S. Van Keulen  
Seconded by D. Maher  
That the Environmental Advisory  
Committee advise Council that it endorses the proposed Text Amendment to the  
Surrey Zoning By-law relating to Beverage Return Centres.  
Carried

**2. 2006 Environmental Stewardship Program – Nature Matters  
Corporate Report R068  
File: 4806-905**

At the April 10, 2006 Regular Council Public Hearing meeting, Council forwarded copies of Corporate Report No. R068, regarding the 2006 Environmental Stewardship Program, to the Environmental Advisory Committee for information.

The Environmental Advisory Committee discussed Corporate Report R068, and noted that often 2 to 3 weeks will have passed before reports such as this reach the Committee and it would be helpful if Legislative Services would include an update on what action Council took on the item and where the matter stands.

**3. 2006 Environmental Stewardship Program Nature Matters – Corporate  
Report R068  
File: 4806-905**

The Drainage and Environment Manager provided an update on the Environmental Stewardship Program and commented:

- That there will be something coming out in the Press about the Environmental Stewardship Program.
- That some of the SHaRP funding is through partnerships.
- That the program does have some agricultural components.
- That the distribution of the funding is itemized in a report.
- That staff work closely with the School District and recruit students for the programs.
- That the School District has already asked when the program will start, as they are keen to participate.
- That it will provide a sense of community for the students who work on cleaning up areas.

**F. CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. Request for EAC Designate to attend Grandview Heights NCP #2 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting.**

A memo from the Long Range Planning and Policy Development Division, Planning & Development Department was submitted requesting the EAC to appoint a designate to attend the Grandview Heights NCP #2 Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting on April 20, 2006.

D. Maher advised that she would attend on behalf of the Environmental Advisory Committee.

**G. INFORMATION ITEMS**

Councillor Bose advised that Council will most likely select a new member from among those who had previously applied.

**H. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

**1. Committee Updates**

**(a) Development Advisory Committee**

F. Perello provided the following update:

- That it is worthwhile for the Environmental Advisory Committee to continue to have participation on the Development Advisory Committee.
- That he anticipates more input from the Environmental Advisory Committee will be sought as time passes.
- That it is interesting to hear development issues and they have recently been discussing the sediment by-law.
- That the Development Advisory Committee is advisory to the Planning and Engineering Departments.
- That the Development Advisory Committee is interested in the proposed increases to the Development Cost Charges.

Councillor Bose commented:

- That Council is looking at how to accommodate growth without opening other areas, and creating higher densities within City and community centre areas makes more sense.
- That higher densities support public services such as transit.
- That the City is growing at a rate of 2.4% per year which is a decline from previous years.

- That  $\frac{3}{4}$  of 1 parking space for each dwelling is now acceptable within a City Centre.

The Environmental Advisory Committee discussed higher densities and noted:

- That there is the issue of Utilities which may become an issue to service higher densities such as high-rise developments.
- That people need affordable housing and it should be environmentally sound.
- That parks development and infrastructure need to be stressed for new development.
- That in looking at growth, it may be that the number of vehicles rather than population should measure this.
- That many people live in large cities and never own a car.

**(b) Riparian Areas Regulation**

The Drainage and Environment Manager provided an update on the Riparian Areas Regulation. Ms. Baron noted:

- That Council has been advised of the current status.
- That a By-law has not yet adopted due to outstanding issues.
- That the Province has not provided a date when everything will be finalized.
- That the City is ready and able to proceed once the Province gives the go ahead.
- That other levels of government still have outstanding issues.

**(c) Letter from Pierre Rovtar concerning Tree Cutting, Development**

It was  
Moved by Councillor Bose  
Seconded by K. Keshvani  
That the issue of tree cutting in development be referred to the General Manager, Planning and Development for more information.

Carried

**(d) Future Meetings of Environmental Advisory Committee**

The Environmental Advisory Committee requested the following delegations:

May

Update on fire plan for natural areas – the Administrative Assistant will contact G. Ward pf the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department.

T. Mack of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department to be asked to make a presentation on planned park acquisition.

July

R. Costanzo to be asked to provide an update on the Garbage and Recycling programs initiated by the Engineering Department.

(e) **Colebrook Road**

The Environmental Advisory Committee noted that Colebrook Road needs some sort of security because of the amount of dumping that occurs there.

**I. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on May 17, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the Executive Board Room.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

It was

Moved by Bill Stillwell  
Seconded by K. Keshvani  
That the meeting do now adjourn.  
Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Certified as true and correct:

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City Clerk: Margaret Jones

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Vice-Chairperson: R. Gray  
Environmental Advisory Committee