



City of Surrey

Environmental Advisory Committee

Minutes

Executive Boardroom
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2007
Time: 6:42 p.m.
File: 0540-20

Present:

Chair - B. Stillwell
Councillor Bose
S. Deo
A. Keshvani
H. Locke
G. Sangha

Absent:

S. Li
C. Dragomir
D. Maher
F. Perello
W. Stewart

Staff Present:

C. Baron, Drainage & Environment Manager
L. Anderson, Legislative Services

Agricultural Advisory Committee
Representative

S. VanKeulen

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 p.m.

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The request was made to amend the following:

- Item E.1, seventh bullet, second sentence, remove “B20 will not be allowed” and replace with “B20 may not be allowed”.

It was

Moved by Councillor Bose

Seconded by M. Deo

That the minutes of the Environmental

Advisory Committee meeting of July 18, 2007 be adopted, as amended.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

C. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Highway 1/Port Mann Twinning Project

At the July 18, 2007 EAC meeting a link was provided in response to the Committee’s request for a presentation on the whole transportation model on the basis of the assessment of the Port Mann project.

As the Gateway – Port Mann Highway #1 project is now in the review stage, the Committee members were encouraged to check the information on the website, www.th.gov.bc.ca/gateway/2_hwy1, and to go to the open houses regarding this issue. The open house and question-and-answer session dates and locations were noted.

Discussion ensued pertaining to the 60 day notice period, that is now in effect, for the City and residents to provide any comments and/or concerns regarding the project. Additional comments were as follows:

- Every interchange will be redone; all the structures will be redone.
- Looking at four new lanes east of the Port Mann Bridge, two new lanes west of the Port Mann Bridge and a new bridge.
- There is provision for rapid transit, with more pedestrian access to walk and ride across the bridge again.
- There are many major projects converging on highways into Surrey.
- The social and economic impact to communities is being reviewed.
- There is controversy around the air quality monitoring; it would be beneficial to have a knowledgeable representative from Gateway to provide further information on this issue.

Discussion ensued regarding the further development that will be likely which will result in increased traffic, impacting streams, waterways, etc.

Final comments were as follows:

- November 13, 2007 is the final date to submit comments.
- All comments provided will receive a response; all comments will be posted on the Environmental Assessment Office website.
- C. Baron will provide a copy of the DVD, containing all the reports (approximately 2,500 pages) regarding the project, to each committee member, via courier, as soon as possible.
- A special committee meeting, October 10, 2007, will be scheduled to deal with specific comments and concerns on how the project affects Surrey as a community.
- C. Baron will contact the Gateway representatives to request a delegation appearance at the October 10, 2007 meeting.
- As there are many aspects to the project, it was recommended that each committee member direct their focus on one or two specific sections in order to allow sufficient time to review with the other members.

2. Use of Herbicides for Weed Control in Street Landscaping

Corporate Report C016

At the July 18, 2007 EAC meeting the following motion was made: *“That O. Croy, Manager, Parks, be invited to provide further information regarding Corporate Report C016.”* Further to that resolution, staff have scheduled O. Croy’s delegation appearance to the October 17, 2007 EAC meeting.

D. NEW BUSINESS

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

F. CORRESPONDENCE**1. Canadian Cancer Society**

Letter dated August 16, 2007 from Brenda Kent, Community Action Coordinator, Surrey/White Rock, Canadian Cancer Society, requesting an opportunity to appear as a delegation before the EAC concerning the cosmetic use of pesticides in our communities was discussed.

It was
representatives be invited to attend, as a delegation, to the October 17, 2007 meeting.

Moved by Councillor Bose

Seconded by G. Sangha

That the Canadian Cancer Society

Carried

It was recommended that the delegation be contacted, prior to their appearance, to request further information on the types of pesticides and the specific risks of certain commodities they will be discussing. The presentation should speak to the linkage between these certain pesticides and cancers.

Further comments were as follows:

- Homeowners are a big generator of pesticides.
- In terms of various hazardous materials, there should be better record keeping regarding the disposal of these materials.
- As a community, it is important to know how and where to dispose of the various materials.

A brief discussion regarding the disposal of pesticide containers and how they are regulated ensued.

G. INFORMATION ITEMS**H. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS****1. Sustainability Charter Workshop**

EAC members in attendance at the Sustainability Charter Workshop held on August 29, 2007 provided the following comments:

- It was a good workshop.
- A draft outline is anticipated for the October meeting.
- Phase 3, the implementation strategies, is expected to roll out by the end of the year or early next year.
- Updates will be on-going.

I. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the EAC will be held on October 17, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Executive Board Room.

L. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by M. Deo
Seconded by Councillor Bose
That the Environmental Advisory

Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Environmental Advisory Committee adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Margaret Jones, City Clerk

Chairperson (name and Committee)