



City of Surrey

Environmental Advisory Committee

Minutes

Executive Boardroom
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2007
Time: 6:30 p.m.
File: 540-20

Present:

B. Stillwell - Chair
S. Deo
C. Dragomir
A. Keshvani
H. Locke
G. Sangha
W. Stewart

Absent:

F. Perello
D. Maher
Councillor Bose
S. VanKeulen – Agricultural Advisory
Committee Representative

Staff Present:

C. Baron, Drainage & Environment Manager
R. Costanzo, Deputy Operations Manager
L. Anderson, Legislative Services

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Environmental Advisory Committee (“EAC”) Minutes - October 17, 2007

It was Moved by C. Dragomir
Seconded by H. Locke
That the minutes of the Environmental
Advisory Committee meeting of October 17, 2007 be adopted.
Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

1. Rob Costanzo

At the October 17, 2007 EAC meeting the EAC passed the following resolution:
“That Rob Costanzo, Deputy Operations Manager, be invited to the November EAC meeting to provide an update.” Further to that resolution, Rob Costanzo, Deputy Operations Manager, was in attendance to provide an overview of the new recycling contract for Surrey. Comments were as follows:

- Residents will continue to have a two can limit for waste.
- The routes, which were established in the late 1980’s, will be changed to increase efficiencies by switching from a four day collection (where Friday’s had been reserved to cover statutory holidays, etc.) to a five day collection.
- The large item pick-up program will continue.
- Recycling and yard waste collection will also continue, with new programs to be introduced:
 - o Recycling will be a single stream process, beginning April 2, 2008. Improvements to this process put single stream equal to that of three stream. Additionally, a three stream process increases the number of trucks required for collection as well as the number of trips taken by the trucks to empty, since the materials are not

compacted and one compartment of the truck fills faster than the others. With single stream, the material goes in compacted to a certain point in order to avoid glass being crushed into particles, the vehicles travel less (no back and forth trips), less emissions, etc. Residents will be provided with a larger blue box with the intent of placing all recycling items together, with no restriction to the number of recycling bins collected.

- o Tetra-pak and waxed milk cartons will be acceptable for recycling, with a further increase to materials permitted over time.
- o All City facilities will have a recycling collection.
- o Litter barrels at all the bus stops will be collected weekly.
- o Getting rid of plastic bags for yard waste in order to alleviate leaching/fermenting that, when compacted, created some liquid spillage from these yard waste materials. Liquid waste that will no longer be weighed and charged. There will be an option of brown paper wet strength bags that get stronger with moisture up to 14 days or using a new bin that will be marked for yard waste only (decals will be available to add to bins), with no limit enforced.
- A communications firm has been hired to assist with materials to communicate to residents. The first blitz of information is due to be distributed on December 8, 2007. Calendars will be delivered between Christmas and the new year.

Discussion ensued with regard to backyard composting and the use of grass clippings for compost as well as kitchen waste, for use in backyards and gardens.

A review of the tenders received was given to provide the EAC with an overview of the selection process and the various costs. It was noted that the feedback from other municipalities was positive regarding the new waste collector, IPI.

R. Costanzo suggested that the EAC tour IPI's recycling facility once they have it operating for single-stream processing and also noted that the implementation of a school program to tour the facility and to educate children on the benefits of recycling would be very beneficial.

C. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

D. NEW BUSINESS

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

F. CORRESPONDENCE

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1. Interchange Location and Design on Highway No. 1 in the Vicinity of Harvie Road/192 Street Corporate Report R232**
File No.: 0410-20 (mot/gate)

The above noted report was received at the Regular Council – Public Hearing Meeting held on November 5, 2007, a copy of which was provided to the EAC for information.

- 2. Port Mann / Highway #1 – Environmental Assessment Review – Surrey Response Corporate Report R233**
File No.: 8630-30 (PMH#1)

The above noted report was received at the Regular Council – Public Hearing Meeting held on November 5, 2007, a copy of which was provided to the EAC for information. It was noted that the comments received from the EAC regarding this project had been implemented into the report.

- 3. Campbell Heights**

C. Baron, Drainage & Environment Manager, provided information regarding an upcoming walk about in Campbell Heights with Council on November 29, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. It will be led and mapped out by various stream keepers and community groups. Staff will also be in attendance and EAC members wishing to participate were requested to advise of their attendance. A map showing the meeting area will be provided, via email, to those wishing to attend.

It was further noted that there are some upcoming public meetings starting with various developments planned for the area.

H. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- 1. Sustainability Charter**

C. Baron, Drainage & Environment Manager, to provided an update noting that some internal drafts were completed. A detailed update will be provided at the January, 2008 meeting.

I. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the EAC will be held on January 16, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Executive Board Room.

It was
Moved by B. Stewart
Seconded by H. Locke
That the Environmental Advisory
Committee approves the 2008 meeting schedule as follows:

January 16	July 16
February 20	August – no meeting
March 19	September 17
April 16	October 15
May 21	November 19
June 18	December 17 (if required)

Carried.

L. ADJOURNMENT

It was
Moved by K. Keshvani
Seconded by B. Stewart
That the Environmental Advisory
Committee meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Environmental Advisory Committee adjourned at 8:09p.m.

Margaret Jones, City Clerk

Chairperson (name and Committee)