



City of Surrey

Environmental Advisory Committee

Minutes

Executive Boardroom
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2009
Time: 6:30 p.m.
File: 0540-20

Present:

B. Campbell
M. Deo
C. Dragomir
K. Keshvani
G. Sangha
A. Schulze
B. Stewart
Councillor Bose

Regrets:

M. Harcourt
D. Maher
G. Sahota
S. VanKeulen, Agricultural Advisory
Committee Representative

Staff Present:

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

ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

1. The Committee was requested to elect a Chair for the 2009 calendar year.

It was Moved by B. Stewart
Seconded by G. Sangha
That Al Schulze be appointed Chair of the
Environmental Advisory Committee for the 2009 calendar year.
Carried

2. The Committee was requested to elect a Vice Chair for the 2009 calendar year.

It was Moved by B. Stewart
Seconded by A. Schulze
That Bob Campbell be appointed Vice Chair
of the Environmental Advisory Committee for the 2009 calendar year.
Carried

It was Moved by B. Stewart
Seconded by Councillor Bose
That the Committee send a letter to
Bill Stilwell expressing their appreciation for his valued contribution to the
Committee for the past six years, of which two years where in the position of
Chair.

Carried

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. **Environmental Advisory Committee (“EAC”) Minutes**

The following items to be added:

EAC meeting incorporated (Draft 1), a middle of the road by-law (Draft 2), through to a very stringent, total ban, by-law (Draft 3).

- All three draft by-law examples exclude the farming community, although there was discussion with regard to the terminology identifying agricultural land. It was requested that those lands be identified as “land under the *Assessment Act*”, rather than “land that is in the ALR”.
- It is the opinion of the Assistant City Solicitor to use the stronger wording “non-essential use” instead of “cosmetic use”, as in the examples that were provided to her.
- All three draft by-law examples identify “pesticides used in aerosol containers” as item 16 on the attached Schedule “A”. This item is excluded from the provisions of the various by-law drafts as they are exempted under senior government legislation to which the City is not able to ban any item that is already exempted at the senior level.
- It was requested that the wording for item 2 be replaced at the beginning to read: “Except as permitted in this Bylaw, no person shall use or apply or cause or permit the application of a Pesticide ... ”

Discussion ensued and concerns were raised regarding whether there was a requirement for specific accreditation, such as PlantHealthBC, to be considered and identified in the by-law.

It was

Moved by B. Campbell

Seconded by B. Stewart

That the EAC does not endorse item 3(f) of the Draft 1 By-law example, “managing landscape maintenance operations on Private Lands where such operations are conducted or carried out under and in accordance with an Accredited PlantHealthBC program”, or the equivalent; that it be deleted and not included in the City’s Draft By-law and the associated definitions.

Carried

It was

Moved by B. Stewart

Seconded by B. Campbell

That the two words “or potential” be removed from item 3(b) of the Draft 1 By-law example and not included in the City’s Draft By-law.

Carried

It was

Moved by B. Stewart

Seconded by B. Campbell

That the City’s further amended draft by-law be forwarded to the City’s Agricultural Advisory Committee and Development Advisory Committee for comment.

Carried

- EAC representatives to those committees can report back to the EAC with an update.
- Once the information is gathered from the other committees, and the EAC is satisfied with a final draft of the by-law, staff will prepare a report to

accompany the Committee's recommendations which should include a recommendation to hold a public open house.

- Even with a great by-law, there will still be a need to provide some kind of fairly comprehensive information pamphlet that provides examples, etc., and is easy to understand.

Discussion on the particulars of the outline for a proposed pesticide forum and/or public open house, to either gather a response or flow information to the public, ensued.

2. **Surrey Ecosystem Management Study Stakeholder Meeting**

File No. 6440-20-2008

The memo, dated December 22, 2008, from the General Manager, Planning and Development regarding above subject line was reviewed. It was noted that the Committee is required to appoint two members to attend the meeting, provide input and to represent the Committee through this process. C. Baron, Drainage and Environment Manager provided a brief PowerPoint presentation (ecological study), as originally viewed by the Committee early 2008, and additional comments were as follows:

- Further to the originally scheduled date for the above meeting of February 5, 2009, information will be received shortly regarding the rescheduled date, which is expected to be the first week of March.
- The study is being done to be consistent with the Sustainability Charter.
- With the major OCP review being delayed slightly, this is a way of identifying areas where land uses are restricted by hazardous or environmentally sensitive conditions.
- Trying to look at with a bigger picture now and the needs, as opposed to high medium or low polygons; wanted to try to get into something that was more relevant.
- To guide land use decisions so that we are looking at what exists and where it is possible to manipulate and preserve marsh and fringe lands that may have a massive relevance.
- A further review was provided noting the change in thought to "relevance".
- Once in place, Surrey's ecosystem management will help inform future NCPs and broader decisions and recommendations will be possible. These things can change tremendously based on connectivity, while helping the evolution of the City.
- It was agreed that the Committee's direction, after their current focus on the proposed pesticide by-law has been completed, will be regarding ecosystem management.
- As space is limited for the subject meeting, B. Stewart and B. Campbell agreed to attend on behalf of the Committee, with A. Schulze and M. Deo as alternates.
- There will be a Public Open House scheduled.

3. Mayor Lois Jackson, Chair, Metro Vancouver Board

The letter dated November 6, 2008 from Mayor Lois Jackson, Chair, Metro Vancouver Board, regarding the ban of single-use, disposable shopping bags in BC, as referred to the EAC from Council, was deferred at the January 21, 2009 EAC meeting.

It was

Moved by B. Campbell

Seconded by M. Deo

That letter dated November 6, 2008 from Mayor Lois Jackson, Chair, Metro Vancouver Board, regarding the ban of single-use, disposable shopping bags in BC, be deferred to the March 18, 2009 EAC meeting in order to allow time for discussion.

Carried

4. Boundary Bay Water Quality Initiatives

At the January 21, 2009 EAC meeting, the Committee was advised of a forum on Boundary Bay water quality initiatives, which has subsequently had a further meeting last week. C. Baron, Drainage and Environment Manager, provided an update. The following was noted:

- The water quality initiatives are going to be for the whole Puget Sound – Vancouver, BC to Tacoma, WA. Although it is early on in the development stages, the intent is to coordinate what is collected in water data, etc. so that comparable measurements can be taken and consistent standards can be set.
- C. Baron has been asked to sit on the committee as a Canadian representative of the GVRD.
- Minutes of the meetings, together with copies of the proceedings and a CD of the workshop, were provided for the Committee's viewing. It was suggested that copies of the CD can be made if required.

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**F. INFORMATION ITEMS****G. CORRESPONDENCE****1. Brita Colero, Community Action Coordinator, Delta/Surrey/White Rock, Canadian Cancer Society, Fraser Valley Region**

E-correspondence dated February 12, 2009, together with attachments, from Brita Colero, Community Action Coordinator, Delta/Surrey/White Rock, Canadian Cancer Society, Fraser Valley Region, regarding the development of a pesticide-use by-law in Surrey.

It was Moved by B. Stewart
Seconded by Councillor Bose
That the e-correspondence, dated
February 12, 2009, from Brita Colero, Community Action Coordinator,
Delta/Surrey/White Rock, Canadian Cancer Society, Fraser Valley Region, be
received.

Carried

H. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

1. EAC 2008 Priority Items & Work Plan

The 2008 Priority Items and Work Plan was provided, as a guideline, for review and update for 2009. No additions/omissions were given.

2. City of Surrey Good Citizen Award

Nomination forms for the City of Surrey Good Citizen Award, 2009, were distributed to the Committee members.

I. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the EAC will be held on March 18, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Executive Board Room.

J. ADJOURNMENT

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

Carried

The Environmental Advisory Committee adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Jane Sowik, City Clerk

Al Schulze, Chairperson, Environmental
Advisory Committee