

Present:

B. Campbell
M. Deo
C. Dragomir
K. Keshvani
D. Maher
G. Sahota
G. Sangha
A. Schulze
B. Stewart

Regrets:

Councillor Bose
M. Harcourt

Staff Present:

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

**Agricultural Advisory
Committee Representative:**

S. VanKeulen

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Environmental Advisory Committee (“EAC”) Minutes

Minutes of the April 16, 2009 EAC meeting to be adopted.

It was

Moved by C. Dragomir

Seconded by K. Keshvani

That the minutes of the Environmental
Advisory Committee meeting of May 20, 2009 be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

1. Anna Mathewson, Sustainability Manager

Anna Mathewson, Sustainability Manager, was in attendance for an introduction to the Committee. Copies of the Sustainability Charter (the “Charter”), were circulated, noting that it was developed over 2007/2008 after considerable consultation within and outside the City. Additional comments were as follows:

- The Charter provides a comprehensive outline and a framework for action in achieving Surrey’s vision to become a more sustainable city. It is the basis for all other policy documents within the City.
- The Fraser Basin Council awarded the City for the Charter, recognizing that the Charter is very instrumental in moving forward.
- The Sustainability Manager’s role, as facilitator, includes meeting with everyone throughout the City to understand the various areas to bring together under the umbrella of the Charter. From that, a sustainability team will be created from various departments.
- Some of the focus will be regarding the new commitment to the Climate Action Charter related to carbon tax.
- Signing on to the Climate Action Charter in 2007, the City committed to becoming carbon neutral by 2012. The first step in this regard is to work on

a corporate inventory of the City's energy use and greenhouse gas emissions in order to achieve a base line for 2007 which can then be translated to carbon dioxide to give a sense of where the City is at. From that information, the City can then develop a corporate action plan, currently anticipated by fall, 2009.

- The provincial government will be holding workshops in June that will assist in helping local governments gain a better understanding of their role and requirements with regard to climate action.
- Another big piece of the Charter are the indicators and targets in order to measure change over time.

Further discussion on carbon tax credits and retrofits ensued noting that there are still a lot of unknowns at this point. Inventory is getting collected, it is just a matter of knowing how far back to go for the data. It was recommended that the data go back as far as 2005 in order to reflect some of the work that has been done. It is expected that inventory will be done by the end of July.

It was suggested that the Sustainability Manager attend EAC meetings on a regular basis in order to provide regular updates.

2. Rob Costanzo, Deputy Operations Manager

The delegation from Rob Costanzo, Deputy Operations Manager, to discuss solid waste management and to provide an update on single stream recycling was postponed until the meeting in June.

C. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Draft Pesticide Control By-law

File: 5280-23

A brief update was provided noting the following:

- There have been interdepartmental meetings to review the various discussions regarding the draft pesticide control by-law (By-laws, Operations, Parks, Engineering, Facilities, etc.).
- The Manager, Parks, is currently waiting for comments from those various departments for consideration of a further report, which will go forward to Council after Council has received a delegation from the EAC.
- Once it has been determined when the EAC goes forward as a delegation, the Committee will be circulated with the date and time and will be requested to provide their availability for a delegation appearance.

Discussions ensued regarding the EAC presentation to Council and the information that will be provided at that time. It was determined that further discussion is required between the Committee members and that a rough outline would include the opportunity to review and suggest modifications at a later date.

2. Official Community Plan (OCP) [2010] - Open Houses

As noted at the April 16, 2009 EAC meeting, four Open House Sessions regarding the above subject were scheduled. An update from those EAC members who attended was provided, noting that attendance from the general public was quite low.

3. Surrey Ecosystem Management Study Public Open House and Information Session

File No. 6440-20-2008

As noted at the April 16, 2009 EAC meeting, a Public Open House was scheduled for the Ecosystem Management Study for May 13, 2009. An update was provided to the Committee noting the following:

- Although it was an open house for the public, it was essentially the stakeholders that were in attendance (approximately 20).
- The presentation was quite detailed and very well done and the discussion after provided a number of good questions.
- There was no new information. The next open house will start getting into policy development on how to achieve and prioritize the goals.

D. NEW BUSINESS

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

F. INFORMATION ITEMS

G. Sahota provided an update from the recent DAC meeting noting that a presentation was given on the Regional Growth Strategy for Metro Vancouver for 2040 Shaping our Future. The DAC expressed concern regarding the oversight of local land use planning (e.g. who was going to be changing Surrey's land use?) and the creation of more land use designations. Apprehension, with regard to industrial land, which is at a minimum, was further noted.

G. CORRESPONDENCE

H. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

1. EAC 2009 Priority Items & Work Plan

The Committee reviewed the 2009 Priority Items & Work Plan. Following a brief discussion on the Tree By-law, the *Wildlife Act* and the *Right to Farm Act* with regard to eagles and herons, it was agreed that the Tree By-law should be further reviewed at an upcoming meeting.

I. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the EAC will be held on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Executive Board Room.

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was

meeting do now adjourn.

Moved by B. Campbell
Seconded by M. Deo
That the Environmental Advisory Committee

Carried

The Environmental Advisory Committee adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Jane Sowik, City Clerk

Al Schulze, Chairperson
Environmental Advisory Committee