

**Present:**

A. Schulze - Chair  
Councillor Bose  
B. Campbell  
C. Dragomir  
K. Keshvani  
G. Sangha  
G. Sahota

**Regrets:**

M. Deo  
D. Maher  
M. Harcourt  
B. Stewart  
S. VanKeulen, Agricultural Advisory  
Committee Representative

**Staff Present:**

C. Baron, Drainage & Environment Manager  
M. Allison, Planning & Development  
L. Anderson, Legislative Services

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**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**1. Environmental Advisory Committee ("EAC") Minutes**

It was Moved by C. Dragomir  
Seconded by B. Campbell  
That the minutes of the Environmental  
Advisory Committee meeting of October 21, 2009, be adopted.  
Carried

**B. DELEGATIONS**

**1. Mark Allison, Senior Planner  
Long Range Planning & Policy Development**

Mark Allison, Senior Planner, Long Range Planning & Policy Development, provided a short PowerPoint presentation on the Sustainable Development Checklist. The following was noted:

- There are 57 scope items of the Sustainability Charter.
- Scope item **EN9 - Institutionalize Sustainable Land Use Planning and Development Practices** - The City will promote sustainable land use and development by creating sustainability practices through the development of tools such as "Sustainability Checklists" that will be used in the review and approval of new developments.
- Immediate actions, under Council direction, included "develop a Sustainability checklist, in consultation with the development industry, City committees and community stakeholders".
- Categories of the Checklist include:
  - Neighbourhood (NCP and City-led processes)
  - Large Development Projects:
    - Buildings with more than 400 units or 50,000 m<sup>2</sup>;
    - Subdivision or strata with more than 20 units; and

- Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Institutional, Mixed Use.
  - Small development projects.
- The creation of a checklist for the large development projects is currently underway. It will be applied to OCP amendments, rezonings and development permits.
- The checklist would be completed by the proponent, with online guidance available and assistance from City staff.
- Development planners will work with proponents to ensure completeness and consistency.
- Staff will attach a brief summary of the checklist to land use reports, for example:
  - “Proposed development addresses all sustainability criteria in an acceptable manner, is close to transit and local services, and provides a range of units sizes, including affordable units for seniors,” or
  - “Proposed development addresses a number sustainability criteria, including the use of alternative energy in the form of geoexchange heating, but is located in a low density area that is far from services and not served by public transit, requiring private automobiles for most trip purposes”,with the full checklist being available for review, if requested, in the project development file.
- This is not an enforcement tool, it is discretionary, an information item for Council that helps to provide all the information at once. The objective is not to “pass” or “fail” proposals, but to assist applicants and the City in working together to develop high quality buildings, developments and communities that support Surrey’s vision and goals for a Sustainable City.
- The checklist will also provide the opportunity to track and record progress.
- It is anticipated that a presentation to Council will be late 2009, followed by an outreach and awareness program early 2010, and the checklist to be submitted with large development applications by mid 2010.

Members noted their availability for the Sustainability Charter Checklist Workshop, Wednesday, December 9, 2009 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The Workshop addresses the entire checklist on social, economic and environmental issues.

## C. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

### 1. Tour - Emterra’s (IPI) Single-Stream Materials Recycling Facility

Those Committee members that were able to attend the tour of Emterra’s single-stream materials recycling facility provided the following comments:

- It was an interesting tour.
- 250 tons of recycling is delivered daily and it looks like there is still a capacity for more.

- Although the laser identifying machine was not working on both tour dates, the machinery was working much better than had been anticipated.
- The main concern was the separation of No. 8 news; the balance is labeled “mixed paper” and consists of glass, plastic, garbage, unable to be recycled.
- A lot was learned about glass, which is effectively garbage (partially because of contamination). Efforts are being made to find a need for the mountain of glass piling up that won’t become hazardous waste later on. Encorp facilities were highly recommended for recycling as they are very clean; less contamination equals greater recycling opportunities.
- It would be beneficial to have some sort of report generated showing the quantities broken down (plastic, metals, paper, etc.) from the various areas from which an educational target/component could be put in place.
- A further date should be scheduled for those Committee members that were unable to attend, followed by a delegation from the Deputy Operations Manager to provide further information regarding strategies to improve the quality of the waste stream and to answer any additional questions the Committee may have.
- Following the tour and the delegation of the Deputy Operations Manager, it is suggested that the Committee prepare a report to Council noting the current information gathered and any concerns and/or recommendations the Committee has with regard to decreased volumes.

It was

Moved by B. Campbell

Seconded by C. Dragomir

That the Environmental Advisory Committee

prepare a report to Council, including recommendations, after all Committee members have viewed Emterra’s single-stream materials recycling facility and have received a delegation from the Deputy Operations Manager.

Carried

The Agenda was varied.

## G. INFORMATION ITEMS

### 3. Environmental Sub-committee Meeting

The Chair provided an update from the recent Sustainability target indicators and task force meeting, held October 15, 2009. The following was noted:

- Preservation, restoration, conservation and enhancement are the four key elements to sustainable heritage planning.
- Natural areas that are open and accessible and those that are not should both be considered. Water quality, air quality and biodiversity should be considered.
- Alternative modes of transport needs to be considered to be a truly liveable city (e.g. cyclist lanes).
- It is important to control urban sprawl. Instead of having islands of green space in the city, have islands of urban uses surrounded by green.

- There are two components of environmental sustainability - constructed (clean air/water) and the living (often overshadowed by the constructed). A balance between the built environment and the natural environment needs to be created.
- The next meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2009.

#### 4. Biodegradable “Doggie” Bags

It was noted that the Corporation of Delta has a program that provides biodegradable doggie bags free at locations frequently visited by dogs and their owners. A suggestion to add this matter to a future agenda to discuss, and to have the Manager, Parks at that meeting, was put forward.

### D. NEW BUSINESS

### E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

1. **Corporate Report R209  
Ecosystems Management Study – Phase 1 Update**  
File: 6440-20 (2008)

It was Moved by Councillor Bose  
Seconded by C. Dragomir  
That the Corporate Report R209,  
Ecosystems Management Study – Phase 1 Update, be received.  
Carried

Discussion ensued noting that this is a fairly complicated subject. Corporate Report R209 was referred to a shirtsleeve session; a full presentation of Staff to Council. The intent was to have a similar formal presentation to the EAC.

It was Moved by B. Campbell  
Seconded by Councillor Bose  
That the Environmental Advisory Committee  
requests a full Staff presentation of Corporate Report R209 – Ecosystems  
Management Study – Phase 1 Update, at the next Committee meeting.  
Carried

2. **Friends of Bear Creek Park**  
File: 5400-80

It was Moved by Councillor Bose  
Seconded by C. Dragomir  
That the correspondence from Friends of  
Bear Creek Park, dated October 22, 2009 and October 29, 2009, in regard to  
closure of the 84<sup>th</sup> Avenue road allowance, be received.  
Carried

**F. CORRESPONDENCE****G. INFORMATION ITEMS (Continued)****1. Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) Update**

The AAC have requested a presentation from the Engineering Department on the R91 Transportation Plan, a by-law establishing the arterial and collector network in Surrey, once it is ready. The first presentation will be to the Transportation Committee, followed by the AAC and then to the EAC (January).

**2. Development Advisory Committee (DAC) Update**

G. Sahota provided an update from the recent DAC meetings as follows:

- Developers have expressed some concern regarding the Sustainability Checklist and the possibility of voluntary items becoming mandatory.
- Development cost charges (DCCs) were discussed noting that the option to increase, keep the same or reduce (and escalate over the next three years) the costs was being considered.
- There was some discussion on the development of the City Centre. Some drawings of the future City Centre outlook and densities were shown.
- It was questioned whether or not a central business district, such as City Centre, could offer more four storey structures as well as high rises.
- The shortage of building lots available compared to the flood of lots available at the beginning of the year was also noted.

**H. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS****1. Proposed 2010 Meeting Dates**

At the meeting of October 21, 2009 meeting, it was requested that the Committee consider changing the scheduled meeting dates. A memo from the City Clerk, dated November 6, 2009, setting out the option of the second or the fourth Wednesday of each month, was considered.

The Committee agreed to change the meeting dates to the fourth Wednesday of each month, with exception of February 10 and December 15.

It was

Moved by Councillor Bose

Seconded by G. Sangha

That the Environmental Advisory Committee

change the Committee meeting dates to the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Carried

**2. Committee Member Term Expiration Dates**

The Committee reviewed the list of the Committee member's and the various term expiration dates. All expiring members noted their request to be reappointed has been submitted.

**3. EAC 2010 Priority Items & Work Plan**

The 2009 Priority Items & Work Plan was provided as a guideline, for review and update for 2010. The following was noted:

- The Ecosystem project creates an enormous opportunity.
- Dr. Val Schaefer has a terrific book that really does begin to change the way we think about our environment. A copy of his book will be made available to each Committee member.
- There is a need to start talking about nodes and the idea of having centres where there can be a reasonable population and connections and corridors. Nodes and corridors does not mean that everything is gray, there can still be green, it goes with the green infrastructure.

It was suggested that Dr. Val Schaefer be invited to a meeting early in the year to provide a presentation to the Committee.

**J. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Executive Boardroom.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

It was  
  
meeting do now adjourn.

Moved by K. Keshvani  
Seconded by G. Sangha  
That the Environmental Advisory Committee

Carried

The Environmental Advisory Committee adjourned at 8:42 pm.

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Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

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Al Schulze, Chair  
Environmental Advisory Committee