

Present:

B. Campbell
C. Dragomir
D. Maher
G. Sahota
G. Sangha
A. Schulze
B. Stewart
Councillor Bose

Regrets:

M. Deo
M. Harcourt
K. Keshvani

Staff Present:

C. Baron, Drainage & Environment
Manager

**Agricultural Advisory
Committee Representative:**

S. VanKeulen

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

Minutes of May 20, 2009 EAC meeting to be adopted.

It was

Moved by B. Stewart

Seconded by C. Dragomir

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

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

1. Solid Waste Management and Single Stream Recycling

File No. 5380-01

R. Costanzo, Deputy Operations Manager, provided a presentation on solid waste management and an update on single stream recycling. The following comments were provided:

- Discussions on waste diversion streams
- Recycling officially changed to single-stream as of January 1, 2009. Problems of the past relating to processing have substantially improved as a result of technological advances in the sorting equipment.
- Single stream offers collection efficiency as fewer trucks doing the same works thus less fuel used and lower GHG emissions. Truck carrying capacity went from 5 tonnes to 15+ tonnes which translates to less back-and-forth trips between routes and processing facility.
- More materials accepted in the recycling stream i.e. Tetra packs, milk cartons, aluminum food containers
- Global recyclables commodity markets dropped significantly in late 2008/early 2009, but have improved in recent months. The trend suggests

that market indices are on the increase; however it is unlikely that they will reach 2008 peak levels anytime soon (2008 being the peak year for recyclables commodities globally).

- New yard waste collection requirement that cans and/or kraft bag be used instead of plastic yard & leaf bags has not impacted annual yard waste tonnages. Yard waste tonnages in 2008 were greater than in 2007. Based on January to May 2009 tonnages, total annual 2009 volumes are projected to be higher than in 2008. Kraft bags/cans has also significantly reduced leachate since kraft bags/cans allow yard waste moisture to escape. The use of Kraft bags/cans has also made processing more efficient as no more debugging is required at the disposal site.
- Recycling is mandatory for all multifamily and residential homes in Surrey
- Regionally, there is a push to collect full organics including kitchen waste. It is thought that is collection stream will reduce waste by another 15% to 25%.
- Surrey still has a composter subsidy program. Composters can be purchased through the Engineering works yard.
- Illegal dumping of materials along roadways etc is a problem for the whole region especially those with rural components. The lack of a Metro Vancouver residential drop off facility may be part of the problem, although increased enforcement, steeper penalties combined with increased education is also be required to effect measurable improvements. Metro Vancouver has committed to establishing a Surrey RDO facility after they have completed their regional Solid Waste Management Plan update which they hope to have ratified in late 2009.
- R. Costanzo offered small group tours of the facility (3-4 members at a time). R. Costanzo to send the group some dates and times for the tours preferably before the July 15, 2009 EAC meeting.

C. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Draft Pesticide Control By-law

File: 5280-23

A. Schultz & B. Campbell provided an update of the delegation to Council and discussions during the delegation period. The following comments were provided:

- The delegation garnered interest in the local press to the issue of Pesticide control in Surrey
- A clear list of what is an “invasive species” and what is a “noxious weed” needs to be made.
- Staff are to develop a spreadsheet outlining the 18 different bylaws in lower mainland, basic principles of each and how they compare. This was to be in a chart/matrix form some examples included approved applicators, exclusion lists etc.
- Discussions on using the City website to post the draft bylaw including background information. This issue is to be discussed at the July 15, 2009 EAC meeting. B. Campbell or other members to make a draft for discussion purposes.

Bill Stewart left at 8:30 pm

G. Sahota left at 8:45 pm

- *These people left during the pesticide discussion*

D. NEW BUSINESS

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

F. CORRESPONDENCE

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

H. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

1. EAC 2009 Priority Items & Work Plan

The 2009 Priority Items & Work Plan was provided for review and/or update.

I. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on July 15, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Executive Board Room.

L. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Councillor Bose

Seconded by B. Campbell

That the Environmental Advisory Committee

do now adjourn.

Carried

The Environmental Advisory Committee adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Jane Sowik, City Clerk

Al Schulze, Chairperson
Environmental Advisory Committee