

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATION INDEX  
Wednesday, April 21, 2004**

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**1. Corporate Report No. R069 (Campbell Heights)**

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Seconded by R. Wetzel  
That the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends to Council that an executive summary of environmental issues identified in all corporate reports relating to Campbell Heights, be prepared outlining those concerns where there is clarity, and areas yet to be further refined; and

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Carried

**City of Surrey**

***Environmental Advisory Committee  
Minutes***

Manager's Boardroom  
City Hall  
14245 - 56 Avenue  
Surrey, B.C.  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2004**  
Time: 7:02 p.m.

**Present:**

Dr. R.M. Strang - Chair  
H. Locke  
D. Maher  
Dr. F. Perello  
J. Sarwal  
R. Wetzel  
Councillor Bose  
Bill Stillwell

**Absent:**

Dr. T. Godwin  
S. VanKeulen  
J. Grewel

**Staff Present:**

C. Baron, Drainage & Environment Manager  
K. Miller, Legislative Services

**Also Present:**

D. Riley

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**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**1. Environmental Advisory Committee - Minutes**

It was Moved by Councillor Bose  
Seconded by R. Wetzel  
That the minutes of the Environmental Advisory committee meeting of March 17, 2004 be adopted.

Carried

Councillor Bose reported that at the Regular Council- Public Hearing of April 29, 2004, Council discussed the new Surrey Transfer Station that is receiving a Bronze LEED certification.

Mayor McCallum has called for a presentation to address comments from the committee.

**B. DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations scheduled for this meeting.

## C. DISCUSSION OF DELEGATIONS

## D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

### 1. Corporate Report No. R069 (Campbell Heights)

At the March 24, 2004 EAC meeting, the committee was requested to review the above report and provide comments accordingly. There followed a discussion relative to the following issues:

- Concerns regarding the lack of consideration relative to land exchange;
- Recommendation which was forwarded to Council received a broader range of attention and consideration;
- Council's commitment to industrial development of Campbell Heights;
- Attention was drawn to item 2, should read, "... the *integrity* of the headwaters...";
- Designation of open space corridors and buffers should be clarified as to how and by whom these would be managed;
- Lands north of 32 Avenue have never been included within the ALR, but should remain under consideration for future inclusion in the ALR;
- Economic considerations appear to have a greater influence than environmental concerns;
- The volume of motor traffic caused concerns, and needs indication of public accessibility and flow of traffic volume;
- Environmental mitigation measures during road widening;
- Minor provisions for housing development;
- Options on 77 acres of land indicating a serious commitment for development;
- Servicing areas and relevant contracts;
- Approvals being obtained from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans;
- Bridge construction (184 Street) and calls for tenders; and
- Financing and servicing resources have already been invested and it may be assumed that the decisions were made prior to considering other concerns.

The committee then discussed the quality of the map appended to the report. Strong concerns were expressed relative to the illegibility of the supplemental information provided for the committee's review. Councillor Bose requested that the City Clerk provide colour copies of maps and other supplemental information, with a view to assembling legible information.

It was further noted that environmental reports, in layperson terms, be included in corporate reports for Council's review. It was thought that this would facilitate the sharing of information and would better inform Council and the public. C. Baron stated that very detailed reports, relevant to all aspects of any project are compiled and available for review. With time, environmental concerns shift and thus reporting tactics vary in accordance with season, location, negotiations with other governmental agencies, and the refinement of data, all contribute to the content of reports. Written summaries of past and current environmental concerns are maintained by the City and made available as appropriate. There followed a general discussion relative to the data available for review. Councillor Bose informed the committee that Council receives the corporate reports and summaries, but that references to more current and detailed information should be included. The committee discussed the format and general content of corporate reports, and that previous reports regarding Campbell Heights be forwarded to a future agenda.

It was

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Seconded by R. Wetzel

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## **2. Driving Range Lighting**

The committee reviewed memorandum of March 19, 2004 on the Driving Range Lighting – Colebrook Road/King George Highway. Concerns were expressed relative to driver visibility being put at risk to the west of the driving range on King George Highway. It was noted that this issue is not currently being addressed by Council. It was noted that the property owner does not appear to be held accountable for lighting concerns.

This item will be forwarded to the next agenda.

## **E. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Restructuring of Agenda / Meeting Format**

The committee reviewed the memorandum of April 13, 2004. It was agreed that correspondence items would be addressed individually, time constraints would be taken under consideration, and that the following amendments be implemented:

Item #7 will now read, "in the case of staff, a recommendation from Council will be required."

Item #8, Correspondence which seeks information or action from an outside agency, individual or community group may require a recommendation to Council.

It was  
Moved by B. Stillwell  
Seconded by R. Wetzel  
That the Environmental Advisory Committee receive the memorandum  
of April 13, 2004 and adopt the meeting format as amended.

Carried

## **F. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

## **G. UPDATES**

### **1. List of Outstanding Items**

The committee reviewed the list of outstanding items, and provided the following direction:

- A presentation of the City website will be scheduled for the next meeting;
- It was agreed that the City Page outline water restrictions and watering with efficiency. The Chair will provide information for the City Page;
- Elgin Creek Estates information remains outstanding. This item will be forwarded to the next agenda;
- Development application no. 7903-0005-00 requires clarification with a site address;
- Groundwater mapping item still pending preliminary findings on well testing and an emergency potable water system. Councillor Bose stated that with looming costs for filtration systems within the GVRD, the motive behind this item was financial. This item will be addressed by a future delegation.;
- Pharmaceuticals will be addressed by a future delegation;
- Semiahmoo Trail development proposal will be deleted from the list, however it was noted that advisement should have been obtained at the close of an issue.

## **H. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **1. Correspondence from Mr. James Edmondson**

The committee reviewed correspondence from Jim Edmondson, in which he expressed concerns relative to the use of harmful chemical pesticides in Surrey. The following issues were discussed:

- The amount of chemicals used in various municipalities;
- Legislation on banned chemicals;
- Chemicals used to deter or annihilate invasive vegetation;
- Surrey's integrated pest management policy;
- Pest Management Act;
- Development of pest control on City land and commercial permits for the use of pesticides;
- Difficulties in isolating pesticide use calls for GVRD and provincial intervention; and
- Chemical suppliers in the Surrey / White Rock area.

The committee agreed to receive a full presentation on this topic with a view to obtaining an understanding of the regional perspective on the use of pesticides. The differentiation between commercial and residential uses is a complex issue and the question arose as to what restrictions are listed in the by-law. It was agreed that this issue will be forwarded to a future agenda at which time the Engineering and Parks departments will present information to the committee.

The Chair will correspond directly to Council regarding a response to Mr. Edmondson.

## **I. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **1. White Rock & Surrey Naturalists**

The committee reviewed correspondence of March 24, 2004.

### **2. Surrey Transfer Station**

An invitation to the opening of the above facility will be distributed at the meeting. This event is scheduled for April 27, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. Members are encouraged to attend. It was agreed that members wishing to car pool will meet at City Hall at 9:30 a.m..

### **3. 2004 Salmon Habitat and Restoration Program (SHaRP)**

The committee reviewed Corporate Report R037. R. Wetzel provided a report on behalf of the Agricultural Advisory Committee. C. Baron reported that the program is ongoing and a consultant is being brought on board. The students will be working with local volunteer groups with a focus on water quality.

The first event is scheduled during the Cloverdale Rodeo. In which case the SHaRP students will have a booth showing agricultural/environmental practices within Surrey.

## **J. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

### **1. Committee Appointments**

Councillor Bose reported that in the Fall of 2003, Council reviewed the committee structure and respective functions and policing issues. Since that time, there have been changes to two of committees. Councillor Bose encouraged the committee to develop a work plan for the coming year and provide an annual report to Council. Councillor Bose further stated that this committee is very successful and that staff need support from committees just as the committee needs the support of staff.

There followed a discussion relative to varying projects the committee may undertake and the ways and means most appropriate to bring issues to Council's attention.

A member suggested that the committee undergo goalsetting, to work out a way to deal with specific goals and topics; and further supported the suggestion that the committee develop an annual reporting process.

The Chair then provided an overview of the committee's terms of reference. Staff reminded the committee that it had been invited to develop a business plan and subsequently request additional resources.

**2. Avian Flu**

H. Locke provided comments on the impact to unrelated industries in view of the above. Councillor Bose reported that Council has been kept apprised of the situation, in light of an isolated instance of avian flu in Cloverdale. The City Manager is actively gathering information and reports to Council regularly.

**3. Citizen of the Year Nomination**

The Chair stated that a well-document dossier would be presented to the committee in 2005.

**4. Light Pollution**

F. Perello stated that the City of Calgary is one of the Canadian leaders proactively addressing concerns with light pollution.

This item will be forwarded to the next agenda.

**K. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on May 19, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Executive Board Room.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

The Environmental Advisory Committee adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

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Chairperson