

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION INDEX
Wednesday, October 20, 2004**

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. Tree Preservation By-law

It was Moved by R. Wetzel
Seconded by D. Maher
That the Environmental Advisory Committee request that the draft
amendments to the Tree Preservation By-law be forwarded to the committee for review.
Carried

H. CORRESPONDENCE

2. Grandview Heights/Hwy. 99 Corridor Plan

It was Moved by S. VanKeulen
Seconded by J. Lotzkar
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status of Latimer Lake, and requests that the committee be informed as information becomes available.
Carried

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and other similar developments takes note of the urgent need to minimize adverse effects on groundwater
hydrology; retention ponds may not be the best system to foster infiltration. Water quality is as important as
volume.
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City of Surrey

***Environmental Advisory Committee
Minutes***

Executive Boardroom
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2004
Time: 7:01 p.m.

Present:

Dr. R.M. Strang - Chair
J. Grewal
J. Lotzkar
D. Maher
Dr. F. Perello
B. Stilwell
R. Wetzel

Absent:

Dr. T. Godwin
H. Locke
Councillor Bose

Staff Present:

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

**Agricultural Advisory Committee
Representative**

S. VanKeulen

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Environmental Advisory Committee - Minutes of September 15, 2004

It was Moved by J. Lotzkar
Seconded by D. Maher
That the minutes of the Environmental Advisory committee meeting of September 15, 2004 be amended to reflect the reinsertion of receipt of the Chair's verbal report of correspondence from Rosemary Zelinka, and adopted.
Carried with S. VanKeulen against

It was Moved by R. Wetzel
Seconded by B. Stilwell
That the Environmental Advisory Committee acknowledges the above amendment to the minutes of September 15, 2004.
Carried with S. VanKeulen against

The agenda was then varied.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter of Resignation

The Committee was requested to receive correspondence from Dr. T. Godwin. There followed a discussion relative to Dr. Godwin's resignation.

It was Moved by S. VanKeulen
Seconded by D. Maher
That the correspondence from Dr. T. Godwin be received.
Carried

It was Moved by B. Stilwell
Seconded by D. Maher
That the Chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee contact Dr. Godwin, thank him for his service to the committee, and urge him reconsider his resignation.
Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

C. DISCUSSION OF DELEGATIONS

D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Special Agricultural Advisory Committee

The committee reviewed the Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes of August 12, 2004.

It was Moved by D. Maher
Seconded by B. Stilwell
That the Environmental Advisory Committee receive the Special Agricultural Advisory Committee minutes of August 12, 2004.
Carried

E. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Tree Preservation By-law**

The Chair stated that a member of Council convened a special committee to review the By-law and further stated that this item will be forwarded to the November 1, 2004 Regular Council agenda.

There followed a discussion relative to the following:

- Who is the arbiter of good health? ISA is not a registering body;
- Trees and root systems should be protected
- "Permission for General Manager to exempt" should be deleted;
- Protective fencing must be well-positioned;
- Trees being destroyed and/or severely impacted in areas under development;
- That the penalties for unlawful tree removal should carry more severe consequences. Fines for non-compliance should be significantly large;
- Implementation of regulations is inadequate;
- Canopies should be considered, not just stems;
- Douglas-fir is not of the Abies genus (p. 79);
- Encroachment of developments damaging the root systems of trees;
- Misclassification of tree species within the current By-law;
- Public opinion has driven the need to amend the current By-law;
- Cutting for views by private property owners;
- Queries of actual instances of enforcement of the current By-law (relative to developers);
- Incentives for developers to retain trees;
- Canopies vis a vis drip lines.

C. Baron stated that a public consultation review will be conducted prior to final adoption of the amendments.

D. Riley stated that some cities post the value of trees on municipal websites as encouragement to preserve significant biomasses in communities.

It was

Moved by R. Wetzel

Seconded by D. Maher

That the Environmental Advisory Committee request that the draft amendments to the Tree Preservation By-law be forwarded to the committee for review.

Carried

F. **ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

G. **ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Elgin Creek Estates**

This item was forwarded to the next agenda

2. **Border Infrastructure Program (BIP)**

This item was forwarded to a future agenda.

H. **CORRESPONDENCE**

2. **Grandview Heights/Hwy. 99 Corridor Plan**

The committee was requested to receive and review correspondence of October 3, 2004 to Mayor and Council, from Mr. David Sellars.

There followed a discussion relative to the concerns listed in the letter, specifically possibly negative impacts to Latimer Lake due to the Campbell Heights development. The following statements were made:

- Latimer Lake was to be retained in its current form with the Campbell Heights development;
- The lake level normally lowers in the summer after periods of little rain;
- The lack of recovery of the lake levels triggered that there maybe a problem with its function. Monitoring is currently being conducted by staff and consultants, which includes historic vegetation, surface water levels and groundwater levels;
- The City is currently awaiting the consultant's report which will contain an explanation as to why this is occurring as the consultant had previously affirmed that this would not occur;
- Wells have been drilled to monitor the effects on groundwater, and are being used concurrently with pre-existing wells;
- The Campbell Heights development is a joint venture between the City and a private developer;
- The consultant is fully qualified, however the City is unaware of any supporting evidence of an anomaly;

D. Riley stated that during the month of August 2004, a large sediment load moved downriver, and queried the cause. Staff stated that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) have monitored the situation, some remedial works were conducted by the development contractors and DFO have subsequently provided approval.

D. Riley queried if any staff have been to the site. Staff stated that the City and consultant team continue to monitor silt control and have provided notice to developers and other stakeholders to take the necessary steps to avoid sediment movement. General discussions ensued on:

- Silt curtains are not effective for the filtering of silt. More efficient technology needs to be considered;
- Water leakage in townhouse and apartments in other communities have found insurance companies liable for damages. Similar action should be taken for silt control.
- Staff explained the qualitative and quantitative environmental impact studies which were conducted for Campbell Heights;
- Consultants compiled the data for the studies;

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That the Environmental Advisory Committee receive the correspondence

from Mr. Sellars.

Carried

The Chair will respond in writing to Mr. Sellars.

I. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Border Infrastructure Program

Correspondence of September 28, 2004 to the Highway 10 Project Manager

2. Council Resolution - September 27, 2004

Memorandum of September 28, 2004 from Legislative Services

J. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

1. Grandview Heights Open House

D. Maher provided an overview of the public consultation of October 13, 2004, which featured plans for the proposed shopping mall at 160 Street and 24 Avenue. Concerns were expressed relative to the following:

- Public transport access;
- Vehicle access; and
- Fewer parking spaces.

2. Application for Reinstatement of the GVRD Composting License for Spade Holdings Ltd.

Tuesday, October 26, 2004, 6:30 p.m., Sunrise Banquet and Conference Centre, located at 5640 – 188 Street, Surrey.

K. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on November 24, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Executive Board Room.

L. ADJOURNMENT

The Environmental Advisory Committee adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Margaret Jones, City Clerk

Dr. R.M. Strang, Chairperson,
Environment Advisory Committee