

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATION INDEX  
Wednesday, December 15, 2004**

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**E. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Terms of Reference for Surrey Environmental Advisory Committee**

It was Moved by R. Wetzel  
Seconded by H. Locke  
That the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) recommends  
to Council that the proposed amendments of the current terms of reference be tabled until such time that  
newly appointed members are able to participate.  
Carried

It was Moved by S. VanKeulen  
Seconded by B. Stilwell  
That the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) requests that Council provide its view as to how the EAC  
may be more effective. (*See Attachments A and B*)  
Carried

**City of Surrey**

***Environmental Advisory Committee  
Minutes***

Executive Boardroom  
City Hall  
14245 - 56 Avenue  
Surrey, B.C.  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2004**  
Time: 6:02 p.m.

**Present:**

Dr. R.M. Strang - Chair  
H. Locke  
D. Maher  
Dr. F. Perello  
B. Stilwell  
R. Wetzel  
Councillor Bose

**Absent:**

J. Grewal  
J. Lotzkar

**Staff Present:**

K. Miller, Legislative Services

**Agricultural Advisory Committee  
Representative**

S. VanKeulen

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**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was Moved by Councillor Bose  
Seconded by B. Stilwell  
That the minutes of the Environmental Advisory committee meeting of  
November 24, 2004 be adopted.  
Carried

**B. DELEGATIONS**

**C. DISCUSSION OF DELEGATIONS**

**D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

## **E. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Terms of Reference for Surrey Environmental Advisory Committee**

The committee was requested to review the Chair's suggested modifications to the terms of reference and provide further input.

It was suggested that the committee compare the existing terms of reference with the draft document presented, and upon a query regarding the logic of revising the terms, the Chair stated that difficulties in initiating action have prevented the committee from being proactive, as in the case of the City's apparent lack of comprehensive environmental impact assessments in new developments.

Councillor Bose provided an overview of the reasons for a member's recent resignation, and suggested that the terms be strengthened in order to have its responsibilities enhanced and raise the committee's overall effectiveness.

Councillor Bose continued that an example would be the review of the Official Community Plan (OCP) and Neighbourhood Concept Plans (NCPs). Councillor Bose further stated that land use issues might be best brought to the committee prior to approval of developments.

It was suggested that only those land use applications which present significant environmental impacts should be brought forward to the committee, and it was pointed out that increased staff time will need to be considered should the committee become more involved in land use and development issues. It was agreed that the Planning and Development Department should be consulted with respect to providing consistent staffing and support to the committee.

The Chair stated that the committee should be more involved on the Development Advisory Committee (DAC), which he felt is somewhat low profile and whose roster is comprised wholly of members of the development industry.

Councillor Bose provided an overview of the mandate and responsibilities of the DAC, which was described as a sounding board to assist the Planning and Development Department in planning the future of the City. Members of the DAC represent the homebuilding, real estate, and construction industries, as well as staff and one member of Council.

It was suggested that the draft document should include that the EAC be engaged in the preliminary stages of land use and development planning, and the review of the OCP; it should further be the intent of the committee to provide input prior to development. Councillor Bose commented that minor amendments to the OCP should not be of concern, however annual and five-year evaluations would be important to the committee.

It was recommended that the committee should liaise more actively with community organizations in order to bring to the attention of Council, concerns from the public.

The committee discussed "cross appointments" in partnership with members of local community and interest groups.

Councillor Bose suggested that amendments to the terms of reference be addressed when new members are able to participate in the new year. The committee then discussed the possibility of creating an opportunity for former members to act as a resource to the committee in order to broaden its focus. Such individuals would be able to attend all EAC meetings and would enhance the expertise on the committee.

There followed a general discussion relative to accessing the media and the possibility of conducting a work session with Council. Councillor Bose expressed concerns on the health of the committee and its focus.

Concerns were expressed regarding the Planning Department's ability to bring issues to the committee's attention.

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**F. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

**G. UPDATES**

**H. CORRESPONDENCE**

**I. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**J. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

**K. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on January 19, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Executive Board Room.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

The Environmental Advisory Committee adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

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Margaret Jones, City Clerk

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Dr. R. M. Strang, Chair  
Surrey Environmental Advisory Committee