

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION INDEX
Wednesday, January 12, 2005**

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Terms of Reference

It was Moved by B. Stilwell
Seconded by C. Dragomir
That review of the terms of reference be deferred until Council has
provided appropriate input.
Carried

I. CORRESPONDENCE

1. City's New Large Item Pickup Program

It was Moved by S. VanKeulen
Seconded by J. Lotzkar
That the Environmental Advisory (EAC) Committee advises Council that
the revised Annual Spring Clean-up and Re-use Weekend Event is a good example of the kinds of issues
which should be referred to the EAC for review and comment.
Carried

City of Surrey

***Environmental Advisory Committee
Minutes***

Executive Boardroom
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2005
Time: 6:55 p.m.

Present:

R. Wetzel, Chair
Dr. C. Dragomir
B. Gray
Dr. K. Hoekstra
Dr. K. Keshvani
H. Locke
J. Lotzkar
D. Maher
Dr. F. Perello
B. Stilwell
Councillor Bose

**Agricultural Advisory Committee
Representative**

S. VanKeulen

Staff Present:

W. Whelen, Planning & Development
C. Baron, Drainage & Environment Manager
K. Miller, Legislative Services

Councillor Bose called the meeting to order and provided an overview of the status of the committee's membership.

There followed a round table discussion relative to each member's experience and related interests in the committee.

Councillor Bose then provided information relative to the pending revision of the committee's terms of reference and informed the members that Council will be providing input into the revision of the terms. Councillor Bose then explained how matters are referred to the committee from Council and the objectives of the Procedure By-law, which govern Council and its advisory bodies. Councillor Bose anticipates that Council will likely review information provided by staff and from

that, will assist in developing expanded terms of reference.

There followed a general discussion relative to the committee's ability to review development applications.

A. ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

1. Chairperson for the 2005 calendar year

It was Moved by S. VanKeulen
Seconded by B. Gray
That R. Wetzel be elected as Chairperson for the 2005 calendar year.
Carried

2. Vice Chairperson for the 2005 calendar year

It was Moved by B. Gray
Seconded by C. Dragomir
That H. Locke be elected as Vice Chairperson for the 2005 calendar year.
Carried

3. Representative to the Agricultural Advisory Committee for the 2005 calendar year

It was Moved by B. Gray
Seconded by D. Maher
That R. Wetzel be appointed as a representative to the Agricultural Advisory Committee.
Carried

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

It was Moved by J. Lotzkar
Seconded by B. Gray
That the minutes of the Environmental Advisory committee meeting of December 15, 2004 be adopted.
Carried

C. DELEGATION

D. DISCUSSION OF DELEGATION

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Seconded by C. Dragomir
That review of the terms of reference be deferred until Council has provided appropriate input.
Carried

It was Moved by B. Stilwell
Seconded by C. Dragomir
That Dr. R. Strang be invited to participate on the review of the
committee's terms of reference, once the primary document has been received by Council.
Defeated on a tie vote

It was suggested that the committee have an informal meeting with members of Council, in order to review the terms of reference. It was agreed that this item would be addressed by the Chair.

Councillor Bose noted that members should attending environmental conferences, seminars and workshops, and that costs may be accommodated in accordance with Council policy. It was agreed that this item would be addressed by the Chair.

Councillor Bose encouraged members to bring forward issues which are perceived to negatively impact the environment, for the 2005 Work Plan. There followed a general discussion in which it was agreed that a Work Plan should be developed following receipt of Council's input relative to the terms of reference.

It was noted that participation from the other City departments has been perceived as lacking on this committee. C. Baron recalled previous recommendations in which the committee supported excusing Planning and Development, and Parks, Recreation and Culture staff from attending EAC meeting regularly.

It was noted that there have been occasions where development has occurred in the City, which should have been brought forward to the committee for review and comment.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs)

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

G. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

1. Draft Wild Salmon Policy

The committee was requested to review the attached document and provide comment to Council.

It was Moved by B. Stilwell
Seconded by D. Maher
That the Environmental Advisory Committee receive the information
referred by Council and that it be forwarded to the February 16, 2005 EAC agenda.
Carried

H. UPDATES

I. CORRESPONDENCE

1. City's New Large Item Pickup Program

Information for discussion, distributed by Mr. J. Lotzkar, and staff provided the document, "City of Surrey Annual Spring Clean-up & Re-use Weekend", which reviewed the City's existing annual event and a presentation of alternative options.

Mr. Lotzkar expressed concerns relative to the valuable ethic of recycling, and stressed the importance of meeting recycling goals at a municipal level.

Mr. Lotzkar brought the committee's attention to USA Today article, "Recycling efforts dropping off", of July 7, 2004.

There followed a general discussion relative to the costs and benefits of continuing with the current program, or implementing alternatives to make the program more efficient.

The committee expressed concerns relative to the delay in pick up in the 2004 event.

It was Moved by S. VanKeulen
Seconded by J. Lotzkar
That the Environmental Advisory (EAC) Committee advises Council that the revised Annual Spring Clean-up and Re-use Weekend Event is a good example of the kinds of issues which should be referred to the EAC for review and comment.
Carried

It was Moved by S. VanKeulen
Seconded by D. Maher
That the Environmental Advisory (EAC) Committee recommends to the General Manager, Engineering that the Large Item Pick up Program be forwarded to the EAC for ongoing evaluation.
Carried

J. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Grandview Heights / Hwy 99 Corridor Plan: Cumulative Environmental Impacts

The committee reviewed the correspondence of November 30, 2004 from the General Manager, Engineering to Mr. C. David Sellars.

2. Council Resolutions – January 10, 2005

The committee reviewed the memorandum of January 11, 2005 from Legislative Services, and noted that two delegations have been referred from Council for future meetings.

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

1. Future Delegations and Pending Agenda Items

The following issues were discussed:

- Riparian areas Regulations;
- Federal Wild salmon Policy;
- Groundwater Exploration and Augmentation to Potable Water Supply
- Integrated Pest Management Plan for the City
- Border Infrastructure Project
- Environmental Management Plan for Contaminated Sites for the City
- Tree Preservation Bylaw
- Various NCPs underway at the City

2. Media Interview – Tree Preservation By-law

D. Maher informed the committee that she was interviewed by the CBC on January 11, 2005 to discuss the City's Tree Preservation By-law. Ms. Maher then provided an overview of the interview. The committee was encouraged to attend upcoming Open Houses. Information may be obtained from the City's website.

3. Groundwater Aquifers

D. Maher asked about the impact of the draw down for potable water use in Langley in the Brookwood aquifer on the aquifer and environment in Surrey. The Drainage & Environment manager discussed the joint groundwater project that took place on the aquifer and some of the draft findings. The report is in draft format at this time and could be made available to the committee when finalized. The delegation to appear on Groundwater within Surrey could elaborate on the report findings..

4. Member Contact List

The committee requested that their personal information be shared with fellow members. The Administrative Assistant will distribute the information accordingly.

5. Correspondence to Former Members

It was
for their participation on the committee.

Moved by F. Perello
Seconded by B. Gray
That letters of thanks be forwarded to Dr. R. Strang and Dr. T. Godwin
Carried

L. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on February 16, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Executive Board Room.

M. ADJOURNMENT

The Environmental Advisory Committee adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Margaret Jones, City Clerk

R. Wetzel, Chair
Environmental Advisory Committee