

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATION INDEX  
Wednesday, March 16, 2005**

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**D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**1. Environmental Issues and Local Government Conference, March 3-4, 2005**

It was Moved by S. VanKeulen  
Seconded by Dr. F. Perello  
That the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) wishes to express its appreciation to Council for authorizing two EAC members to attend the *Integrated Environmental Management: Building Effective Partnerships* conference on March 3 and 4, 2005, and has appended a report accordingly.

Carried

**E. NEW BUSINESS**

**2. City Website – EAC Information**

It was Moved by S. VanKeulen  
Seconded by B. Stilwell  
That the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) recommends to Council that staff be authorized to attend a future EAC meeting with a view to enhancing the City's website to a more user-friendly format.

Carried

**I. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**4. Council Resolutions – February 28, 2005 (SHaRP)**

It was Moved by Dr. F. Perello  
Seconded by J. Lotkar  
That the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) supports the recommendation to Council from the Agricultural Advisory Committee, which expresses concerns relative to the reduction of funding to the SHaRP Program.

Carried

**City of Surrey**

***Environmental Advisory Committee  
Minutes***

Executive Boardroom  
City Hall  
14245 - 56 Avenue  
Surrey, B.C.  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2005**  
Time: 5:41 p.m.

**Present:**

R. Wetzel - Chair  
B. Gray  
Dr. K. Hoekstra  
H. Locke  
J. Lotzkar  
D. Maher (5:46 pm)  
Dr. F. Perello (6:33 pm)  
B. Stilwell  
Councillor Bose

**Absent:**

Dr. C. Dragomir  
A. Keshvani

**Agricultural Advisory Committee  
Representative**

S. VanKeulen

**Staff Present:**

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

**Also Present:**

R. Heilborn, Fraser Health Authority  
D. Riley

## **A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES & AGENDA**

### **1. Environmental Advisory Committee - Minutes**

It was Moved by B. Gray  
Seconded by B. Stilwell  
That the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of  
February 16, 2005 be adopted.

Carried

### **2. Adoption of Agenda**

It was Moved by B. Gray  
Seconded by S. VanKeulen  
That the agenda of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of  
February 16, 2005 be adopted with the following amendment:

E.3: Review of Large Item Pick Up Program  
Carried

## **B. DELEGATIONS**

### **1. Fraser Health Region: West Nile Virus – Update**

Randy Heilborn, West Nile Coordinator, Fraser South Health Protection, West Nile Virus Coordinator, was in attendance to present information relative to the West Nile Virus.

The following items were discussed:

- Current status of events in Fraser Health;
- Recap of 2004 activities: corvid surveillance, mosquito surveillance, public education, complaint follow-up, funding strategies;
- Environmental aides were hired for corvid surveillance (dead crows);
- Over 550 corvids were collected and reported on-line to the BCCDC;
- This project contributed to approximately 1/3 of the provincial totals;
- Regional health authorities conduct the adult or larval testing;
- Trap locations were tested once per week for regular identification of mosquito populations;
- Surveillance began in May and ended in October 2004;
- Data is collected through freezing for twenty minutes and specimens are then shipped to the BCCDC lab for complete freezing, species separation and centrifugal analysis;
- Media releases and a toll-free telephone line were two of the tools used for public education;
- There exists a high expectation that the virus will arrive in BC in 2006;
- Pre-emptive larval mosquito control measures are being planned for 2005;
- Multi-lingual brochures will be published for 2005;
- More informative and efficient website is planned for 2005;
- Complaint follow-up will occur on private lands;
- Meetings with local governments will be scheduled to present preliminary data sets with regards to the private land management;
- Contract management for an adulticiding program will be conducted through the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, in partnership with the Fraser Health Authority. The funding for this component will be a separate budget from that of the preemptive larviciding; and
- Letters of Expectation will be forwarded to all local governments, outlining recommendations for strategic controls, monitoring controls and determining of responsible authority in the event of the virus arriving in BC.

There followed a general discussion relative to the presentation. The delegation requested that the committee consider a recommendation to Council, in support of the recommendations as outlined in the Letters of Expectation. It was recommended that the FHA fine-tune its communication strategies to target the recreational business sector.

The delegation withdrew from the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

### C. DISCUSSION OF DELEGATIONS

It was Moved by S. VanKeulen  
Seconded by B. Gray  
That the Environmental Advisory Committee receive the delegation from  
the Fraser Health Authority.

Carried

### D. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

#### 1. Environmental Issues and Local Government Conference, March 3-4, 2005

J. Lotzkar and B. Gray attended the above conference provided the following information:

- Department of Fisheries and Oceans stressed risk management approaches to environmental protection;
- Review of the media releases on-table;
- UBCM event should have been oriented to policy development for local government;
- Little information was provided on riparian areas;
- Public relations on brown field development was good, although no reference to the quality or quantity of sites was provided;
- Data relative to contaminated soil sites are held by the province;
- Assessment strategies for contaminated or remediated soil sites; and
- Examples of soil clean-ups or disposal of lands by corporations were discussed.

The Drainage & Environment manager suggested that the Environmental Management System for contaminated sites project currently being conducted for the City be brought forward to the EAC when complete. This project outlines the City's responsibilities when dealing with contaminated sites issues from land acquisition to spill response.

It was Moved by  
Seconded by  
That the Environmental Advisory Committee receive the report provided  
by J. Lotzkar and B. Gray.

Carried

It was Moved by S. VanKeulen  
Seconded by Dr. F. Perello  
That the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) wishes to express  
its appreciation to Council for authorizing two EAC members to attend the *Integrated Environmental Management: Building Effective Partnerships* conference on March 3 and 4, 2005, and has appended a report accordingly.

Carried

C. Baron noted that the City has a corporate membership to the Environmental Management Association, and that members are welcome to attend monthly meetings on behalf of the City.

There followed a discussion relative to inter-committee communications.

**2. 2005 Work Plan**

This item will be forwarded to the next agenda.

**E. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Meeting Schedule**

The committee was requested to consider alternate start times for EAC meetings.

It was

Moved by B. Stilwell

Seconded by VanKeulen

That the Environmental Advisory Committee convene the next meeting

at 6:30 p.m.

Carried

**2. City Website – EAC Information**

Staff presented the City's committee website map.

The Chair noted that a link should be made available on the committee's terms of reference web page to enable users to access more committee-related information. It was also noted that the terms of reference should be located in a more accessible area of the City's website. It was felt that the website is not user-friendly.

The committee reviewed memorandum of March 16, 2005 from the City Clerk, explaining the process for receiving information and concerns from the public.

There followed a discussion relative to possible mechanisms by which the public may express concerns about environmental issues directly to the committee.

It was

Moved by S. VanKeulen

Seconded by B. Stilwell

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Council that staff be authorized to attend a future EAC meeting with a view to enhancing the City's website to a more user-friendly format.

Carried

**3. Large Item Pick Up Program**

It was

Moved by J. Lotkar

Seconded by S. VanKeulen

That the Environmental Advisory Committee requests that the Manager of Solid Waste and Contracts be requested to appear as a delegation to provide progress reports for the Large Item Pick Up Program at the June 15, 2005 EAC meeting.

Carried

**F. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

**G. UPDATES**

**H. CORRESPONDENCE**

## I. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Correspondence received February 21, 2005 from Dr. R.M. Strang, to Dr. T. Godwin.

### 2. Council Resolutions – February 21, 2005

Memorandum of February 24, 2005 from Legislative Services.

3. The committee reviewed the information provided by Mr. J. Lotzkar. Mr. Lotzkar suggested that Surrey join the fight against the development of Wal-Mart stores, and cited the City of Vancouver's strategy of using "green" tactics.

There followed a general discussion relative to ethical purchasing policies and related publications.

### 4. Council Resolutions – February 28, 2005

The committee reviewed the memorandum of March 1, 2005 from Legislative Services, which provided Council's resolution with respect to Corporate Report No. R041. Staff noted that although funding has been slightly reduced, no significant changes should occur to the Program in general.

- The committee discussed alternate sources of funding for the Program. It was noted that the City Agricultural Advisory Committee has forwarded to Council its concerns regarding the reduction in funding, and is concerned that this may send a negative message to other funding sources of the Program.

- It was

Moved by Dr. F. Perello

Seconded by J. Lotkar

That the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) supports the recommendation to Council from the Agricultural Advisory Committee, which expresses concerns relative to the reduction of funding to the SHaRP Program.

Carried

## J. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

### 1. Wind Power

The committee discussed wind-generated turbines proposed for Boundary Bay. It was felt that it is highly unlikely that this project would succeed in Boundary Bay.

### 2. Semiahmoo Trail

The committee discussed the development of a portion of the Trail where all the trees were removed in order to install sewer lines. There followed a discussion relative to the Tree Preservation By-law and utility placement.

It was

Moved by D. Maher

Seconded by J. Lotkar

That the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) recommends that the General Manager, Engineering, provide a report to the EAC relative to the removal of trees in the buffer zone of Semiahmoo Trail, located at the northeast quadrant of 32 Avenue for the construction of a servicing line.

Carried

### 3. Recycling of Anti-freeze

The Chair noted that anti-freeze is a hazardous chemical and should be recycled. H. Locke provided an overview of the eco-fee charged to purchasers of different oil products, however anti-freeze is a product not included in the fee. It was noted that anti-freeze represents a major cost for recycling. Mr. Locke further stated that more recycled anti-freeze products are currently being sold in stores.

The committee questioned whether the Union of BC Municipalities and/or the Federation of Canadian Municipalities have ever dealt with the question of the disposal of anti-freeze.

There followed a general discussion relative to the federal legislation, which regulates the recycling and disposal of hazardous materials. The committee agreed that Herb Locke would research this issue, and provide a report at the next meeting.

It was

Moved by  
Seconded by

That the Environmental Advisory Committee questions whether the Union of BC Municipalities or the Federation of Canadian Municipalities have ever dealt with the question of the disposal of anti-freeze.

Carried

#### **K. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on April 20, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in the Executive Board Room.

#### **L. ADJOURNMENT**

The Environmental Advisory Committee adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Margaret Jones, City Clerk

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Ross Wetzel, Chair  
Environmental Advisory Committee