

# City of Surrey

## *Environmental Advisory Committee* *Minutes*

Staff Lounge  
City Hall  
14245 - 56 Avenue  
Surrey, B.C.  
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2005**  
Time: 6:34 p.m.

**Present:**

R. Wetzel - Chair  
Dr. C. Dragomir  
B. Gray  
Dr. A. Keshvani  
J. Lotzkar  
B. Stilwell  
Councillor Bose, Ph.D.

**Absent:**

Dr. K. Hoekstra  
H. Locke  
D. Maher  
Dr. F. Perello  
S. VanKeulen

**Staff Present:**

M. Jones, City Clerk  
V. Lalonde, Engineering  
K. Miller, Legislative Services

**Also Present:**

D. Passmore, Fraser Valley Conservation Coalition  
K. Whittemore, Fraser Valley Conservation Coalition  
L. Oldford-Down, Fraser Valley Conservation Coalition  
P. Rovtar, Fraser Valley Conservation Coalition

### A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

#### 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  
June 15, 2005 be amended to delete G. McKinnon from the list of attendees, and adopted.  
Carried

### B. DELEGATIONS

#### 1. Fraser Valley Conservation Coalition (FVCC)

Representatives from the FVCC were in attendance to discuss environmental issues in the City of Surrey. The following issues were discussed:

- 250 members comprise the FVCC;
- Impact of Campbell Heights development on the environment;
- Value of wildlife habitat;
- Value of recreational activities;
- Mixed forest which provides for great amount of bio-diversity;
- Value of wetlands;
- Value of heritage forests;
- Draining of natural and built water areas;
- 266 species of wildlife recorded in the area;
- Linkages between wet growth and forests;
- Envirowest and Dillon Consulting reports;
- Impacts to the City and Township of Langley.

There followed a general discussion relative to the water levels of Stokes Pit and the potential for the proposed development co-existing with the natural environment.

The delegation withdrew from the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

## 2. City Website

Marg Jones, City Clerk was in attendance to discuss the City's website. The following issues were discussed:

- Website should be more easily navigable (i.e., environmental information should be kept on the same page, rather than in several areas within the City's website);
- All information is managed by individual departments and therefore concurrence would be necessary;
- Website should feature easily accessible links to various environmental matters (i.e., recycling, drainage, pesticides/insecticide use, tree and wildlife preservation);
- Recruitment of an environmental coordinator to oversee the environmental governance;
- It was noted that environmental issues are overseen by all the City's departments;
- The City Clerk suggested that a meeting with the corporate web managers be scheduled to explore the options available and provide recommendations to a sub-committee.

This item will be forwarded to the next agenda.

M. Jones withdrew from the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

## C. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

### 1. EAC Meeting with Council

The committee discussed the July 12, 2005 meeting with Mayor McCallum and members of the council, and discussed the following points:

- Committee's involvement with development;
- Referrals from Council (compensation and impacts to environmentally sensitive areas);
- Committee's involvement in policy development;
- Environmentally sensitive areas (ESAs);
- The possibility of the committee being involved at the early stages of development and land use matters.

## D. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Sub-committees / Work Plan

The committee discussed striking sub-committees in order to deal with specific projects relative to the work plan as follows:

- Waste Management, (including the Large Item Pick Up Program): R. Wetzel, K. Hoekstra, J. Lotzskar, A. Keshvani
- Community Development: R. Wetzel, B. Gray, J. Lotzkar, B. Bose, C. Dragomir
- Communication / Education (including website and community engagement): R. Wetzel, B. Bose, B. Stilwell, K. Hoekstra

#### **Recommendation for Ratification at Next Meeting**

That the Environmental Advisory Committee should be engaged in the earliest stages of development of general and local land use plans.

This item will be forwarded to the next agenda, at which time members will be expected to provide topics of interest for sub-committees to the Administrative Assistant prior to noon on the Tuesday of the week

preceding the September 21, 2005 meeting.

"Retreat to Review Terms of Reference" will be forwarded to the next agenda.

**E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**

**F. UPDATES**

**G. CORRESPONDENCE**

**H. INFORMATION ITEMS**

**1. Council Resolutions – June 20, 2005**

Memorandum of June 21, 2005 from Legislative Services.

**2. Ethylene Glycol (Antifreeze)**

Correspondence from the Ministry of Environment to Mayor McCallum.

**I. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

**1. Surrey Residential Waste and Recycling Calendar**

It was noted that the above is well organized and contains valuable information.

**2. Abandoned Vehicles**

There followed a discussion relative to the disposition of abandoned vehicles.

**3. Solid Waste and Recycling Magazine**

J. Lotzkar distributed an article "IC&I Waste Management Trends" of June/July 2005. The committee briefly discussed the state of Burns Bog Landfill.

**4. Resources**

Councillor Bose suggested that a library be created for environmental publications, and further suggested that a list of publications be developed for the possible purchase of subscriptions.

**J. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on September 21, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mayor's Executive Board Room.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

The Environmental Advisory Committee adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

July 20, 2005

Margaret Jones, City Clerk

Ross Wetzel, Chair  
Environmental Advisory Committee