

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATION INDEX
Wednesday, May 19, 2004**

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

1. CAMPBELL HEIGHTS

It was Moved by R. Zelinka
Seconded by J. Lotzkar
That the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) recommends to
Council that the City Manager provide a copy of the 1997 Environmentally Sensitive Areas Update and Park
Acquisition and Enhancement Strategy Report and that it be forwarded in confidence to the EAC for review in
a Closed Meeting under Section 90 (e) of the Community Charter.

Carried

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City of Surrey

Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes

Executive Boardroom
City Hall
14245 - 56 Avenue
Surrey, B.C.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2004
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Dr. R.M. Strang - Chair
Dr. T. Godwin
J. Grewal
Dr. F. Perello
J. Lotzkar
S. VanKeulen
R. Wetzel
R. Zelinka
Councillor Bose

Absent:

H. Locke
D. Maher

Staff Present:

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

Also Present:

G. Ferguson

New members were introduced and welcomed to the committee. There followed a round table introductory discussion, wherein the members provided summaries of their respective backgrounds.

A. ELECTIONS

Chair

It was Moved by B. Stilwell
Seconded by F. Perello
That Dr. R. Strang be elected as Chair of the Surrey Environmental
Advisory Committee for the 2004 calendar year.
Carried

Councillor Bose then called for further nominations. There being no further nominations, Dr. R. Strang was
acclaimed as Chair of the Surrey Environmental Advisory Committee.

Vice Chair

It was Moved by R. Wetzel

Seconded by S. VanKeulen
That Dr. T. Godwin be elected as Vice Chair of the Surrey
Environmental Advisory Committee for the 2004 calendar year.
Carried

Councillor Bose then called for further nominations. There being no further nominations, Dr. T. Godwin was acclaimed as Vice Chair of the Surrey Environmental Advisory Committee.

Representative to the Surrey Agricultural Advisory Committee

It was
Advisory Committee for the 2004 calendar year.
Carried

Moved by S. VanKeulen
Seconded by T. Godwin
That R. Wetzel be appointed as representative to the Agricultural

Councilor Bose then called for further nominations. There being no further nominations, R. Wetzel was acclaimed as representative to the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Councillor Bose withdrew from the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

B. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was
April 21, 2004 be adopted.
Carried

Moved by F. Perello
Seconded by B. Stilwell
That the minutes of the Environmental Advisory committee meeting of

C. DELEGATIONS

D. DISCUSSION OF DELEGATIONS

E. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. GVRD Transfer Station Opening

R. Wetzel provided an overview of the above event at which the facility was toured. Mr. Wetzel expressed concerns regarding some recent visits to the facility, specifically the lack of efficiency when disposing of green waste, and as such no plan seemed to be in place for the disposal of green waste. The presence of odour of the facility was incongruent with initial plans to have an odour-free facility.

Trucks were not on site to collect waste, as the facility's trucks were being used for spring clean up in Surrey. Mr. Wetzel expressed concerns about waste being delivered to the site over a six-hour period, when trucks were not available to dispose of the piled garbage, which had had enough time to incubate. Mr. Wetzel further noted that Surrey's spring clean had taken place five days prior to the tour of the facility. Mr. Wetzel further stated that the high-powered lights at the facility are kept on during day light hours.

The committee agreed that the priority is to see the facility functioning properly.

It was
Moved by B. Stilwell

Seconded by J. Lotzkar

That the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) wishes to bring to the attention of Councillor M. Hunt, as Chair of the GVRD, the above concerns relative to the GVRD Waste Transfer Station and that the Chair of the EAC forward correspondence to Councillor Hunt accordingly.

No vote was taken on the above motion.

The Chair requested that the past presentation by the GVRD to EAC regarding the transfer station to be brought forward to the June 2004 meeting.

2. 2004 Work Plan

The committee discussed developing a work plan for the 2004 calendar year. The Chair confirmed that the EAC has the ability of choosing its own topics and issues to address. The committee has no funding.

It was suggested that an application to Council be forward to provide funding to assist the committee in its efforts on particular workplan items when determined.

It was further suggested that the following items be considered with respect to Surrey's pursuit of environmentally friendly initiatives:

- Distribution of information to the public;
- Assemblage of information similar to that of North Vancouver;
- An environmental almanac;
- Committee review of proposed neighbourhood concept plans;
- Committee review of implementation plans for new developments;
- Tools for parkland acquisition;
- Committee conduct a review of environmentally sensitive areas' (ESAs) mapping system on a regular basis. (Staff noted that provincial legislation is currently under review and therefore it may be premature to review ESAs);
- Preparation of an environmental status report, which addresses water and air quality, status of habitats, basic grounds for division of the City in terms of environmental protection and enhancement, with a view to providing a framework for Council. It was noted that the City of Richmond has a similar model which may be used. There followed a general discussion on the possible parameters which may be used to qualify data;
- Review of non-governmental organisation (NGO) data on similar studies. Staff explained various partnership approaches on projects;
- Committee conduct a review of the Official Community Plan (OCP) relative to environmentally sensitive areas;
- Working with the GVRD's Liveable Strategic Plan;
- Environmental impacts on highway and road development;
- Committee organising an environmental tour; and
- An annual report submitted to Council.

F. Perello will provide a list of possible indicators for the environmental health report initiative on which the committee may consider at the next meeting.

There followed a discussion relative to the City's website and its information about environmental preservation, the reporting procedures to Council, and the referral process to advisory committees.

R. Zelinka will obtain the City of Richmond's environmental report for the next meeting.

There followed a general discussion relative to the possibility of the committee going on a tour of ESAs.

S. VanKeulen reminded the committee that the EAC is an advisory body to Council, and should adhere to the terms of reference as set out in February 2000. Mr. VanKeulen further provided an overview of past

accomplishments of the EAC.

There followed a general discussion relative to the intent of the terms of reference.

It was suggested that the committee forward correspondence to the Ministry of Transportation and Highways, requesting a delegation appear at a future EAC meeting with a view to obtaining information on the environmental impacts of highway and road expansion.

1. Biocides

The Chair provided information relative to his response to correspondence from Mr. Edmondson regarding biocides.

F. NEW BUSINESS

1. Pesticide Use

The committee reviewed the draft of safe pesticide use for the City Page.

It was suggested that in early 2005, a notice on proper placement and disposal of materials during spring clean up be placed on the City Page.

2. Light Pollution (Attachment A)

The committee addressed concerns relative to light pollution. Mr. Perello distributed an abstract of "*The First World Atlas of the Artificial Night Sky Brightness*", (P. Cinzano, F. Falchi and C.D. Elvidge, 2001). There followed a discussion relative to the following:

The Chair of the EAC will forward correspondence to Surrey Council stating that the Environmental Advisory Committee applauds the City of Surrey for following the City of Calgary's initiative with respect to addressing light pollution, and would request that Council approach B.C. Hydro with a view to enhancing and extending the Power Smart program in an effort to offset costs.

3. Driving Range Lighting

This item was dealt with under E.1.

4. City Website

Due to technical difficulties, this item will be deferred to a future meeting.

5. Elgin Creek Estates

Staff informed the committee that no report was available at this time.

G. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

H. UPDATES

1. List of Outstanding Items

The committee reviewed the list of outstanding items and provided the following direction:

- Remove Development Application No. 7903-0005-00.
- Remove EWOS.
- Remove Gateway Council.
- Remove Biocides.
- Add Nico Wynd development application (with re-zone) relative trees (the Administrative Assistant will research this item and report at the next meeting).
- Add 2004 Work Plan / Annual Report.

I. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Copying of Documents

The committee reviewed the memorandum of April 27, 2004 from the City Manager.

2. Council Resolutions – April 26, 2004

The committee reviewed the memorandum of April 27, 2004 from Legislative Services.

J. INFORMATION ITEMS

K. OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

1. Campbell Heights

The committee discussed the environmental concerns relative to the Campbell Heights development. It was noted that various community associations have expressed concerns regarding the lack of planning to protect the environment prior to development of the area. There followed a discussion relative to the following:

- Identification of areas which should be preserved;
- Creek relocations;
- Recharge zones;
- Habitat studies;
- Clean up of site;
- Amount of lands to be set aside for species at risk; and
- Environmental survey conducted is qualitative rather than an inventory.

It was agreed that the Campbell Heights development, including traffic impact studies and responses, will be forwarded to the next meeting.

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Seconded by J. Lotzkar

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L. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee is scheduled for June 16, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Executive Board Room.

M. ADJOURNMENT

The Environmental Advisory Committee adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Margaret Jones, City Clerk

Dr. R. Strang, Chair