
Present:

A. Schulze - Chair
B. Burnside
B. Campbell
M. Harcourt
J. Purewal
G. Sahota
G. Sangha
B. Stewart
Councillor Bose

Regrets:

C. Dragomir
K. Keshvani
S. VanKeulen, Agricultural Advisory
Committee Representative

Staff Present:

O. Croy, Manager, Parks
L. Anderson, Legislative Services

Councillor Bose chaired the meeting until the election of the new Chair.

ELECTIONS & APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments for the 2011 calendar year were made by acclamation:

1. Al Schulze - Chair
2. Bob Campbell - Vice Chair
3. Bill Stewart – EAC representative to the Agricultural Advisory Committee
4. Gopal Sahota – EAC representative to the Development Advisory Committee

There was a round table of introductions.

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was

Moved by B. Stewart

Seconded by G. Sangha

That the minutes of the Environmental
Advisory Committee meeting held on December 15, 2010, be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

D. NEW BUSINESS**1. Stakeholder Consultation for the Integrated Stormwater Management Plan for Clayton Neighbourhood – Friday, January 28, 2011, 10:30 am - 12 pm**

B. Stewart and M. Harcourt volunteered to attend the above subject stakeholder consultation.

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL**F. CORRESPONDENCE****G. INFORMATION ITEMS****1. Pesticide Control By-law - Update**

An update on the Council decision regarding amendments to the Pesticide By-law was provided. The following was noted:

- Council gave approval and final adoption to amend the by-law to include multiple housing.
- Council considered the Committee's recommendation to prohibit the use of pesticides on sports fields, walkways, playing surfaces, etc. and referred the recommendation back to staff for a further report.
- In addition to the inclusion of multi-family and manufactured home parks, there was a striking of Schedule 'A' in substituting for that exclusion based on Schedule '2' of the IPM regulations (which is the provincial listing and has a much more expansive list of excluded pesticides).

Discussion ensued with respect to public education relative to the by-law. It was suggested that an overview of how the City's SHaRP, SNAP and other Nature Matters programs are helping to get the word out on the reduction in the use of pesticides by the public, alternatives to pesticide use, etc., be provided at the next meeting.

There was further discussion with regard to any policies in place for the use of pesticides used by the City Facilities and Maintenance operations as well as the Surrey School District, for both outdoors and indoors.

It was

Moved by G. Sahota

Seconded by Councillor Bose

That the Environmental Advisory Committee invite Facilities Management for the City and Facilities Management for School District No. 36 to appear as delegations to the Committee on policies practice with respect to pesticides applications.

Carried

2. EAC Presentation to Council – Follow-up

A follow-up to the Committee's progress report and comments on the Draft Ecosystem Management Study (EMS) presented to Council at the Council-in-Committee meeting of January 10, 2011, was provided. It was noted that the presentation was well received and that a video recording for the presentation and other meetings of Council can be viewed on the City's website at: <http://www.surrey.ca/city-government/6993.aspx>.

It was noted that the Committee's recommendation on the EMS was referred back to staff as the normal practice is for recommendations from the various presentations to be considered by staff for a report back to advise Council of staff's evaluation of the comments for Council's consideration.

The agenda was varied.

5. Rezoning Concerns

B. Campbell shared correspondence he had received expressing concern with regard to the removal of trees and the damaging effect to the ecosystem for a proposed development extending along 188 Street from 72 Avenue to 70 Avenue (Application No. 7905-0359-00). The proposal is to amend the Clayton Heights Community Plan from Urban to Commercial with Multiple Residential.

It was noted that the existing Land Use Plan already identifies the property as Commercial/Residential, however it is the zoning that is now being brought in to line with the current Land Use Plan. The developer will be providing a public meeting on February 1, 2011. Diagrams of the subject area were provided to the Committee noting that the surrounding area is high density and multi-family. It was further noted that there is quite a lot of parkland in the area and that a swap through the parkland acquisition fund provided a recent expansion of Clayton Park.

3. Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) Update

An update from the AAC meeting of January 6, 2011, was provided as follows:

- The AAC received a delegation from a local 4th generation dairy farmer about the negative consequences to his operation caused by the improvements to Hwy. #15. Commitments reportedly made by the Minister of Transportation had not been completed, with the result that his farm trucks have to travel very long distances to access his home farm legally. His problems have reportedly been compounded by conflicts with City by-law enforcement officers using the turnarounds for vehicle inspections. A lengthy motion was passed by the AAC recommending that a letter to the Minister of Transportation, copied to the Minister of Agriculture and to the ALC, be written over the Mayor's signature to address concerns and to complete construction that had stopped. It was further recommended that By-law

Enforcement provide opportunities for other trucks and farm vehicles to get past when using the turnaround to inspect vehicles.

- A further delegation was received from Bryan Tasaka, Special Events Coordinator, Filming and Special Events, with regard to including the 2011 Flavours of Surrey event in the Fusion Festival at Holland Park in July. A final decision regarding this opportunity will be provided at the February meeting.

4. Development Advisory Committee (DAC) Update

An update from the DAC meeting of November 24, 2010, was provided as follows:

- Developer Contributions to Public Art: S. McKinnon, Arts Manager, and L. Cavan, G.M. Parks, Recreation & Culture, provided a further update, noting that a shirtsleeve session had been held to provide Council with an update on the program's development and to get their feedback, for which there was a very favourable response was received.
- Copies of the "Final Draft – Private Sector Development Public Art Program", which identifies the type of projects that will be subject to the contribution to the Program and provides guidelines on how the public art work is to be developed (in terms of funding), were distributed.
- Since the subject November 25th DAC meeting, Council approved (December 13, 2010) the program to phase in over a two year period beginning March 1, 2011. First year development will be required to provide 0.25% of construction value (not including land or off-site servicing). Staff have been instructed to provide a report to Council after the first year of the Policy's implementation, complete with recommendations.
- OCP Review: D. Luymes, Manager of Community Planning, provided an update on the OCP Review, noting a progress report was scheduled to go to Council before Christmas for a Public Open House and draft revised OCP in January 2011. A finalized version of the OCP is targeted for March 2011.
- Small Lot Single Family Zones Review: Council and City Staff have both raised issues regarding small lots. Two things prompted the Small Lot Single Family Zones Review. First, Council requested a post-occupancy assessment of East Clayton as a result of mixed reviews received from residents and others, and to improve the planning of future NCPs such as West Clayton. Secondly, Staff were asked to look at small lot zones and see if it is reasonable to adjust these zones. Of note, drainage has not worked as effectively as planned for small lots. There has been a conflict with service connection works (lack of accessibility for servicing). Trees and urban forest, the usability of yard and garage, parking, and unsightliness are other contentious issues associated with small lots.
- DCC Discussion: J. Arason, Utilities Manager, provided the annual update on DCCs and asked DAC for their input. City Staff are recommending that both the general and Campbell Heights DCC rates remain the same. It is anticipated that the Highway 99 Corridor DCCs will rise approximately 10% to accommodate the increased contribution towards a future sanitary sewer pump station.

H. OTHER BUSINESS

1. EAC 2011 Priority Items & Work Plan

The Committee was requested to review the 2010 Priority Items & Work Plan for review and update for 2011 at the February meeting.

Discussion ensued with regard to the implementation of an environmental stewardship program, by the Committee, to recognize those individuals and/or companies that have been doing exemplary work (e.g. a retail outlet that makes an extra effort to promote biodegradable bags, a builder that ensures all materials are properly handled and disposed of, etc.). The idea is to recognize these entities on a regular basis and, perhaps once annually, identify one or two recipients for further recognition by Council. As a similar program is underway through the City's Sustainability office, it was suggested that a brief report from the Sustainability Manager regarding their program be provided to the Committee in order to avoid duplication.

I. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on February 23, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the Executive Board Room.

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by B. Campbell

Seconded by G. Sahota

That the Environmental Advisory Committee

meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Environmental Committee adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Al Schulze, Chair

Surrey Environmental Advisory Committee