

Present:

A. Schulze - Chair
B. Burnside
B. Campbell
C. Dragomir
K. Keshvani
G. Sahota
B. Stewart
Councillor Bose

Regrets:

M. Harcourt
J. Purewal
G. Sangha

Staff Present:

C. Baron, Drainage and Environmental
Manager
L. Anderson, Legislative Services

Agricultural Advisory Committee**Representative:**

S. VanKeulen S. VanKeulen, Agricultural
Advisory Committee Representative

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was Moved by Councillor Bose
Seconded by C. Dragomir
That the minutes of the Environmental
Advisory Committee meeting held on February 23, 2011, be adopted.
Carried

B. DELEGATIONS**1. Peter Russell, Sustainability Manager**

Further to the discussions at the February EAC meeting with regard to an environmental stewardship award program, Peter Russell, Sustainability Manager, provided an update on the progress of the awards program, the Environmental Sustainability Award (name yet to be determined) and the timing.. A PowerPoint presentation outlining preliminary directions was given and comments were as follows:

- Since the last EAC meeting, there has been a subsequent staff meeting and Corporate Report R054 - Civic Awards Program approved by Council at their March 14, 2011 Regular Council Public Hearing meeting.
- Presently, the City coordinates three formal awards: the Civic Treasures Award, the Good Citizen Award and the Youth Recognition Award.
- New awards approved:
 - Civic Beautification Award
 - Social Planning Award
 - Environmental Sustainability Award
 - Urban Design Award
 - Clean Energy Award
- The inaugural awards presentation is expected to be in the fall of 2011. Presentation event(s) and format(s) are under discussion.

- Much of the communications and nominations methods will be centralized. Envision using the web to upload nominations.
- A staff working group has been established to address/manage the scope, logistics, physical 'award', profiling winners, etc.
- As the awards will be presented at the same time, it is felt that there should be a family of awards.
- With regard to the environmental sustainability award (official name to be determined), the Committee agreed to following:
 - Overarching objectives:
 - Engage, educate, create awareness and inspire
 - Promote environmental action ("extra measures" - go above and beyond)
 - Categories include the following:
 - Youth Leader
 - Outstanding Individual
 - Community Groups (including non-profit groups and resident assoc.)
 - Businesses
 - Also: Showcase "honourable mentions" (not required to pass out award)
 - Themes:
 - Environmental communications, education and awareness
 - Environmental rehabilitation
 - Pollution prevention
 - Waste reduction and recycling
- Essentially means any one of the award categories can be nominated based on their efforts in any one of the above activities.
- EAC will be the jury, with support from the City's Sustainability department.
- The one protocol is that the jury makes recommendations to Council, award winners and then Council would endorse that.
- There is always the possibility that unique circumstances may come up.
- Surrey is a community that we have engaged volunteerism.

The timeline and key dates were reviewed with the goal to hold an awards reception on October 13, 2011.

The Committee's comments were as follows:

- We are trying to establish a terms of reference and through this discussion that is how we choose; laying out criteria and then filling in the blanks.
- Perhaps the nomination form could have weighted criteria.
- We have to stay focused on our objective, to acknowledge the right behaviors.
- We are trying to get those unsung heroes that nobody knows about. There are people that have done a lot of work for a long time.
- We don't want to be required to hand out the award each year. You want to hand out the award to those that really fit the criteria. There is no question that there are people that will stand out and every year it will be different. As times change, we need to be able to shift and have that flexibility.
- Perhaps the process is that the application and nomination has to be thorough and have some structure itself and maybe references too (if needed).

- It is important to know exactly what the nominee has done (pictures, documentation, etc.) to provide a background that will help the jury further, as opposed to simply having space for 200 words or less
- Just leave it open so that it can be strategic.
- Staff group are currently in discussion to create a standard nomination selection form.

Updates from the Sustainability Manager will be provided regularly as this program develops.

C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

1. Facilities Management Pesticide Use

Further to the Committee's request to invite Facilities Management for the City and Facilities Management for School District No. 36 regarding their policies and practice with respect to pesticides applications, the Committee was provided with copies of the e-correspondence from both parties (to staff) noting the following:

Surrey School District #36

- The grounds maintenance department does not use any pesticides on any school district property.
- To control vegetation, uses hot water, string trimmers and manual removal.
- Do not control other pests or diseases.

Civic Facilities

- The City has a contract with Bio-Pest to provide preventative maintenance for some facilities on a monthly basis to mitigate the risk of infestation and emergency pest control.
- How much notice is given to the clients prior to application?
 - *Bio-Pest inspects the site and decides on the course of action and coordinates with the facility operator, they will schedule the application when it will impact the site the least, which can be after hours, if the application can be applied during regular working hours a four hour window is given.*
- Type of products used most often depending on the type of pest are:
 - *Synthetic Phythroids are used for control of ants, as well as Drax or Boric acid.*
 - *Rodents for external use only Rodenticide, and several different kinds of traps. All traps are anchored to the location by metal locking devices that are totally child proof.*
- Frequency of application?
 - *The primary focus is prevention. Our PM program has been very successful but depending on the season, we can get one or more call a week (average 3-4 calls a month) which includes all kinds of pests including ants, wasps and rodents.*
- As Civic Facilities is not responsible for pest control. Each facility operator should be contacted for more information.

2. Clayton Neighbourhood ISMP

An update from the Committee member that was in attendance at the stakeholder consultation on January 28, 2011 for the Clayton Neighbourhood ISMP was deferred to the Committee's meeting in May.

D. NEW BUSINESS**E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL****F. CORRESPONDENCE****G. INFORMATION ITEMS****1. Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) Update**

An update from the AAC meeting of March 8, 2011, was provided as follows:

- *Species at Risk Act (SARA)*
 - The AAC received a delegation from Stephen Godwin, Environmental Coordinator, Drainage & Environment Section, to explain recent developments regarding the *Species at Risk Act (SARA)* and proposed species recovery plans. He explained the process involved in formulating recovery plans (draft plan, followed by public consultation, then the final plan).
 - The focus is currently on the Salish Sucker. It has been extirpated from Surrey, but may eventually be reintroduced to the Little Campbell.
 - AAC members are concerned about the implications to farm operations of increased setbacks from critical habitat. As attention turns to other species, developments will be monitored.

2. Development Advisory Committee (DAC) Update

There were no items pertaining to the EAC at the DAC meeting of February 24, 2011.

H. OTHER BUSINESS**1. EAC 2011 Priority Items and Work Plan**

The updated 2011 Priority Items and Work Plan was reviewed for updates and/or amendments.

Discussion ensued with respect to solid waste issues. It was requested that Rob Costanzo, Deputy Operations Manager, provide an update to the Committee at the April meeting. In particular, the Committee would like to discuss:

- Illegal dumping (including surveillance, fines/enforcement, care and maintenance of worksites, etc.)
- New contract (including timing, destination of commodities and issues related to solid waste business)
- Kitchen waste pickup pilot (early findings)
- South Surrey Eco center
- Biogas facility
- Recommendations in updating the bylaw

It was noted that the Transportation Annual Report, which lays what has been accomplished in the last year and what is still to be done, is complete. In addition, the Transportation Strategic Plan, the City's long range planning document that sets out the vision, objectives, proposals and priorities for transportation in Surrey in the future, is now available on the City's website at <http://www.surrey.ca/plans-strategies/4789.aspx> (Surrey.ca/Plans & Strategies/Transportation Strategic Plan).

It was further noted that a report on the City's new traffic management program was recently provided to the Transportation Committee. A very sophisticated program, traffic monitoring and management of signals of 80 intersections throughout the city, takes place (in real time) from a central control located at City Hall. The cameras are continually watched in order to provide on the spot signal cycle adjustment to optimize various traffic situations. The use of this technology provides the opportunity to ensure a more effective use of the infrastructure already in place.

Some of the locations (approximately 20) are available to view live on the City's website at <http://www.surrey.ca/city-services/762.aspx> (Surrey.ca/City Services/Online Services/Maps & COSMOS/COSMOS and Interactive Maps/Traffic Cameras) [a demonstration was provided to the Committee].

It was requested that transportation staff provide an update at the May Committee meeting regarding the following:

- Traffic control centre and how it works (a tour)
- Traffic cameras
- Walking plan
- Cycling plan
- Transportation annual report
- Transit plan

2. Earth Day Celebrations

The Committee was brought up to date on plans for expanded Earth Day celebrations on April 15 – 16, 2011 at the Surrey Centre/SFU Concourse. The event, "Party for the Planet – Surrey Celebrates Earth Day" will include a stage powered by bicycles and lots of interactive activities for everyone. The biofuel truck will also be there.

It was noted that several Committee members plan to attend and that the Committee may wish to become involved in the event in future years.

I. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on April 27, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the Executive Board Room.

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was

meeting do now adjourn.

Moved by G. Sahota
Seconded by C. Dragomir
That the Environmental Advisory Committee

Carried

The Environmental Committee adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Al Schulze, Chair
Surrey Environmental Advisory Committee