



# Environmental Advisory Committee - Minutes

Mayor's Executive Boardroom  
City Hall  
14245 - 56 Avenue  
Surrey, B.C.  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 2011  
Time: 5:00 p.m.  
File No.: 0540-20

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**Present:**

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

**Regrets:**

J. Purewal  
B. Stewart  
S. VanKeulen, Agricultural Advisory  
Committee Representative

**Staff Present:**

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

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**A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

It was Moved by C. Dragomir  
Seconded by B. Burnside  
That the minutes of the April 27, 2011,  
Environmental Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.  
Carried

Discussion with regard to the sale of separated waste as recyclable waste ensued noting that it would be good stewardship to know where these wastes are going, as concern in this regard has been raised on many occasions. As such, the Committee was advised that there will be a requirement for this information in the new contract for which an RFP will be going out soon. The new contract will be effective January 1, 2012. Comments continued:

- The issue is that when all the mixed recyclables get to the plant, it appears they get combined/mixed/crushed and look like garbage even though there is a "buyer" for it as recyclable. Further, is there contamination at the plant with regard to mixed paper? There needs to be quality control.
- Really want to know the final destination. One way to get around this is to control/monitor what is going on by an independent contractor outside these two bodies. Perhaps have those streams analyzed from time to time.

**B. DELEGATIONS****1. Jaime Boan, Manager, Transportation**

Jaime Boan, Manager, Transportation, provided a transportation overview and an update of transportation initiatives. A PowerPoint presentation was given and comments were as follows:

- In 2008 a Transportation Strategic Plan was done setting out the direction in terms of what was wanted for the city. From that there were six fundamental principles:
  - More Travel Choice
  - Safer, Healthier Communities
  - Successful Local Economies
  - Effective & Efficient Network Management
  - Protection of our Built & Natural Environment
  - Transportation Integration
- Presently, the transportation infrastructure consists of:
  - 1,987 km of roads
  - 450 km of bike lanes, pathways and trails
  - 610 km of sidewalks along arterial and collector roads
  - 51 bridges and structures
  - 320 traffic signals
  - 28,000 street lights
- When the original plan was created there was a list of action items identified and a number of sub-plans which included a walking plan. The Walking Plan, adopted by Council in March 2011, consists of four fundamental principles:
  - Making Connections: The Importance of Networks – achieve a continuous and connected network of walking routes that connect people to services, goods, health, education, employment, recreation, and other people; and develop a pedestrian network that provides convenient and direct routes through and between communities.
  - Walking for All: Universal Accessibility – promote and support access for all; accommodate the needs of pedestrians regardless of age or ability; and support universal access for people to services, goods, and other people through transit.
  - Shaping Surrey: New Opportunities from New Development – integrate walking with strategic land-use planning and facilitate development that supports walking and transit; and promote integration between transportation and land use to reduce the need to travel and to support walking trips.
  - Streets for People: Safety and Comfort – create a pedestrian environment that is safe, comfortable and interesting; and promote excellence in design quality within the walking environment.
- Similarly, another sub-plan identified was the Cycling Plan (TBA 2011) that has five fundamental principles:
  - Making Connections: The Importance of Networks
  - Door to Door Service: End-Of-Trip Facilities
  - Signage and Maintenance: Knowing Where to Go
  - Removing Barriers: Cycling as a Safe Transportation Option
  - Cycling for All: A Cultural Change
- As with the Walking Plan, the Cycling Plan addresses the need for making connections where one of the big issues with the existing network is that there are links but they are not connected. The priority is to complete the missing links. Bike lanes are steadily expanding.
- With regard to road network planning, in 2009 the R-91 road classification map was updated as it hadn't been looked at for many years. A major road allowance map was created (something that didn't exist before) and road width

requirements were identified for all Surrey roads. In addition, the new map now provides an opportunity to know what is going to be required for each application and the modeling can be done for road needs (i.e. corridors, etc.).

- A TransLink rapid transit study has been undertaken for which the City of Surrey, City of Langley and Metro Vancouver are participants. The study has identified a number of alternatives for analysis using bus rapid transit, light rail transit, rail rapid transit and best bus alternatives. There has been a thorough analysis of both the technology and routing. It is the City's desire to see an LRT project moving forward.
- Four years ago the City established a Safe and Active Schools Program with a goal of looking at every school, making improvements to make them more accessible and safe for a walking program, and interact with some schools to work together to get the kids walking and cycling rather than driving. The program has had a lot of activity and can report that a 27% increase has been achieved (based on the three schools that were part of a study).

In closing, a brief overview of transportation demand management, intelligent transportation systems and the City's traffic management centre was provided. The Committee expressed an interest in receiving a tour of the traffic management centre which will be arranged.

#### C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

#### D. NEW BUSINESS

#### E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

1. **Corporate Report R074  
Illegal Dumping Abatement Strategy**  
File: 5360-15

The subject corporate report was reviewed by the Committee. Comments were as follows:

- The idea is to increase the fines to \$10,000 for those in violation for cleanups, increase surveillance and possibly have mandatory recycling and enhanced waste management practices at construction, renovation, land clearing, land development and demolition work sites across the City.
- In addition, those that appeal their fine(s) and are found guilty, will also have to pay the legal expenses, etc.
- The problem is the garbage is being dumped particularly around construction sites.
- Port Moody and North Vancouver are the only two municipalities that have adopted bylaws in this regard.

- There was discussion earlier about there being a reward for reporting them which is not indicated in the report. There are no guidelines to enforcement; the report doesn't say what the City's policy will be in terms of enforcement.
- The need to act on it is being forced on the City largely because the cost of this unlawful dumping is growing. It is now costing over \$800,000 per year and it is rising. With the regional tipping rates going up substantially in the near future and restrictions to what their program allows, there is a lot of problems as a fallout from regional situations.
- The Committee should have advance copies of the bylaws and other information as we move forward.
- Really the biggest problem for the City is going on to private properties and cleaning up messes. Fines, stop work orders, etc. are given regularly.
- The intent is to use some advanced imaging systems and to have evidence that this is going on and a coordinated response from bylaw and police to address right at the site. The problem is getting evidence of sufficient quality that Crown could proceed with charges.
- All these things point to getting people involved in reporting them.
- The motion did say that we are supposed to be advised as this program develops.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

It was

Moved by B. Campbell

Seconded by C. Dragomir

That the Environmental Advisory Committee

recommends that Council develop the Illegal Dumping Abatement Strategy, in concert with the bylaw development, an enforcement policy for the bylaw, including but not limited to an appropriate award program.

Carried

**F. CORRESPONDENCE**

**G. INFORMATION**

**1. Grandview Heights NCP Area #4 – Public Open House**

An update from those Committee members that were in attendance at the Grandview Heights NCP Area #4 Public Open House on May 3, 2011 was provided. Comments were as follows:

- This was the second open house held for this NCP of which there were approximately 85 in attendance.
- A panel board display was set up showing 3 planning options as seen by the Committee previously. It was noted that the original "Option A" (now "Option 1") did previously have more green.
- The attendees were asked to fill in comment sheets and questions were invited, most of which dealt with types of housing, roads (in particular 24 Avenue which might go to 4 or 6 lanes), etc., following the presentation.

- It was also noted that access to Highway 15 (176 Street) would be a real problem as there was discussion of installation of another traffic light. The concern is that it is a truck route.
- There were very few questions dealing with the environment, hubs, corridors and parks. The EMS was discussed a little, but nothing too extensive.
- Although there were some objections, it seemed that those in attendance already adopted the assumption that this was going to happen and therefore directed their questions more towards the development, where lights should go, how it can be made better, etc.
- Unlike Grandview #2 and #5, looking at these plans, there is very little eco left over. This NCP has the hub and is where the EMS really stands out. Council has now endorsed the EMS. If there is any credibility to standing behind the EMS, then this development should not happen.
- There is some urgency on this. Back in January, did the Committee not recommend that there shouldn't be any further development on this until the EMS was approved? This NCP is 100% opposite to the EMS.
- This needs to be turned around and sent back. Time is of the essence. The Committee has reviewed this NCP and really should speak directly to Council on this matter.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

It was  
requests that Council receive a presentation regarding Grandview Heights NCP Area #4 in relation to consistency with the Ecosystem Management Study.

Moved by B. Campbell  
Seconded by C. Dragomir  
That the Environmental Advisory Committee  
Carried

**Note:** This recommendation was considered by Council at the Monday, May 30, 2011 Regular Council Public Hearing meeting.

**2. Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC) Update**

An update from the AAC meeting of May 3, 2011 will be provided at the June meeting.

**3. Development Advisory Committee (DAC) Update**

It was reported that there were no items pertaining to the Committee from the DAC meeting of April 28, 2011.

**H. OTHER BUSINESS**

1. **Committee Recommendation to Council  
Regular Council Public Hearing – May 9, 2011**  
DELEGATIONS: Rob Costanzo, Deputy Operations Manager  
Res No. R11-774

It was noted that the Committee’s recommendation to Council of April 27, 2011, to seek Metro Vancouver’s confirmation of its commitment to proceed with the organic biogas processing facility, was passed by Council at their meeting of May 9, 2011.

2. **Notice of Motion**

Recycling Collection and Processing Contract

The following Notice of Motion was presented:

The Environmental Advisory Committee recommend that any future recycling collection and processing contract include:

1. The provision that independent spot checks will be undertaken to accurately determine levels of contamination and refuse in all processed product streams in order to determine what percentage of all recyclables are successfully recycled; and
2. That the contract includes penalties if set performance levels are not met.

**I. NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on June 22, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Executive Board Room.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

It was  
  
meeting do now adjourn.

Moved by G. Sangha  
Seconded by G. Sahota  
That the Environmental Advisory Committee

Carried

The Environmental Advisory Committee adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

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Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

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Al Schulze, Chairperson  
Environmental Advisory Committee