

Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee - Minutes

Present:

Chair – D. Skaey
L. Bykowski
N. Hogan
S. Mossop
K. Otting

Regrets:

Councillor Starchuk
G. James
M. Sharma
S. Sabharwal
S. VanKeulen (AFSAC Rep.)
J. Zelazny (Rep. to AFSAC)

Staff Present:

S. Godwin, Environment Manager
N. Aven, Urban Forestry Manager
R. Took, Community Engineer Planner
R. Costanzo, Manager, Engineering
Operations
L. Luaifoa, Legislative Services

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee Minutes of May 31, 2017, be approved.

It was

Moved by S. Mossop
Seconded by K. Otting

That the minutes of Environmental
Sustainability Advisory Committee (ESAC) meeting held on May 31, 2017 be
approved.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

1. **Biofuel Facility Update**
File: N/A – Verbal

Rob Costanzo, Manager, Engineering Operations, provided the following brief update to the ESAC regarding the Biofuel Facility.

- The City of Surrey was advised in April, 2017 that Harvest Power would not be able to receive Surrey's compost material any longer. Due to numerous odour complaints over the past year, the facility diverted its intake of waste to be able to address the issue and avoid being closed down. Surrey now brings its organic waste to a facility in Delta.
- The delivery of materials to Surrey's biofuel facility has been delayed due to issues identified during the cold commissioning testing phase. An opening date is still pending while the design team determines the solution for the issue.
- The project is still on task to be up and running in 2018 even though everything has been pushed back a few months. The grand opening will be re-scheduled for a later date.

2. 105 Avenue Connector Update

File No: 8740-01

Victor Jhingan, SNG LRT Early Works Lead, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the 105 Avenue Connector project from Whalley Boulevard to 150 Street.

The following comments were made:

- Staff noted that in June, approximately 3,000 letters were mailed out notifying local residents of the Open House for the project on June 7. Ads were also placed in the local newspapers and the information was posted on the City of Surrey website and social media. The purpose of the open house was to engage with the community on the project and with those most affected. The open house was grouped into two categories: Road alignment to the south and elements of the road and the second theme concentrated on Hawthorne Park.
- Staff advised that an online petition was initiated from residents with concerns for the impact of the road alignment through Hawthorne Park.
- Staff advised that a second open house is intended for the fall and updates will be provided to the ESAC on the final plan for the project prior to construction in early 2018.
- The Committee questioned if the Light Rail Transit (LRT) work on 104 Avenue is in connection with the 105 Avenue project. Staff noted that plans for the new road have been planned since 1986 and would have happened regardless of the LRT work. Due to the LRT work, it was best to complete the work in advance.
- The Committee questioned the intent for a roadway in Bear Creek Park. Staff noted that the resistance for a road through Bear Creek Park has been significant.
- The Committee commended staff for the well delivered presentation.

3. Community Climate Action Strategy Update

File No: N/A – Verbal Update

Rory Tooke, Community Engineer Planner, provided an update on the CCAS.

The following comments were made:

- Staff noted that the City of Surrey was awarded the Milestone 5 for the Partners for Climate Protection program. The City has attained all 5 milestones in 3 categories for reducing emissions with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM). Surrey is ahead of other municipalities in regards to the achievement of all 5 milestones.

4. Newton Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan (SNAP)

File No: N/A - Verbal Update

Rory Tooke, Community Engineer Planner, provided an update on SNAP.

The following comments were made:

- Staff advised that the City of Surrey, through the FCM, was funded to develop a SNAP. The Newton community was selected for the pilot project that is meant to trial programs that will help meet some of the desired outcomes outlined in the City's Sustainable Charter 2.0. The FCM funding covered a full range of sustainability issues from: food, waste, water, energy and emissions. Staff will work to prioritize these issues through a collaborative planning process with the stakeholders and community members.

5. Delegation Request

Residents of Campbell Heights request to appear before the ESAC to express "Concerns about Air Emissions and Water Quality in Campbell Heights" area.

It was

Moved by K. Otting

Seconded by L. Bykowski

That the delegation request from Campbell Height's residents be considered at the July 26 ESAC meeting.

Carried

C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

D. NEW BUSINESS

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

F. CORRESPONDENCE

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Corporate Report R126: Tree Planting and Removal

Staff provided a verbal overview of Corporate Report 126 to the ESAC. The following comments were made:

- The Committee inquired about the maintenance of the city trees. Staff responded that the Parks Urban Forestry and Environmental Programs is responsible for the planting, watering and pruning.

- The Committee noted that residents have concerns about trees being removed throughout Surrey yet numbers reported confirm that more trees are being planted than removed. Staff noted that trees less than 30cm dbh are not counted as part of the tree inventory.
- In response to the Committee's inquiry about trees on private property, staff advised that trees on private property are protected through the City Tree Protection Bylaw and over time, the property owner is required to ensure the replacement trees are there. The *Tree Bylaw* helps to better track the history of trees and educate homeowners about the trees on private properties.
- The Committee inquired about the expansion of Cloverdale Recreation Centre and the clearing of trees with that project. The Committee noted that consistency is required with tree clearing and that the City should also abide by the same standards as residents.

2. Agriculture and Food Security Advisory Committee (AFSAC) Update

No update was provided.

3. Coastal Flood Adaptation Strategy Update

No update was provided.

4. Grandview Heights NCP Update

The next meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2017. A report will be provided at the July 26 meeting.

H. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Green City Awards

The Committee discussed in closed camera the applications for the Green City Award.

2. July ESAC Agenda

The Committee requested that an item be added to the July agenda to discuss ESAC ideas/brainstorm session.

I. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, in room 1E Committee Room B.

It was	Moved by L. Bykowski
	Seconded by N. Hogan
	That the Environmental Sustainability
Advisory Committee meeting do now adjourn.	
	<u>Carried</u>

The Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Councillor Starchuk, Chair