

Present:

B. Hayne - Chair
J. Purewal
G. Sahota
B. Stewart
C. Dragomir
A. Schulze
J. Stewart
G. James
S. VanKeulen, AFSAC Rep.

Regrets:

B. Campbell
R. Grewal

Guests:

Deb Jack, Surrey Environmental Partners
David Walters

Staff Present:

C. Baron, Drainage Services Manager
L. Luaifofo, Legislative Services
A. Mathewson, Sustainability Mgr.

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was

Moved by C. Dragomir

Seconded by G. Sahota

That the minutes of the Environmental

Advisory Committee meeting held on November 28, 2012 be adopted.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS**C. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS****1. Terms of Reference (TOR) for EAC**

The Chair reviewed the changes to the TOR that were proposed and discussed at the November 28, 2012 EAC meeting.

The Committee discussed the name change from the "Environmental Advisory Committee" to "*Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee*". The following comments were made:

- The City has a Sustainability Charter and it is much broader than the scope of the EAC. The name change will broaden the definition of the environment beyond the natural environment to ensure issues related to climate change and greenhouse gases (GHG's) are also being looked at.
- Environmental sustainability is one of the three pillars and includes the natural environment and built environment. The natural environment will still be a key piece of what the EAC speaks too. The name change aligns with the Sustainability Charter and the Charter is the document the City is aligned with.

- It was questioned if the Committee is being limited by adding "Sustainability" to the name? The Committee will be seen sustaining the environment whether it is "natural" or "built".
- The term "sustainability" is too limited; the name could be "Environmental *and* Sustainability Committee".
- The Committee's focus is expanded by adding "sustainability" and broadens the scope of the Committee.

2. 2013 Workplan for EAC

The Committee discussed the 2013 Workplan for the Committee. The following comments were made:

- It is valuable for the Committee to have a team or approach for items to come to the Committee and the Committee to have an advisory role. The Committee was provided a high level briefing by staff on the Adaptation Strategy. The next step would be a Corporate Report that is scheduled to go to Council in the new year.
- It was suggested that items related to climate change and GHG's continue to be brought forward by staff to the Committee.
- Add "Current Environmental Issues" to the workplan.
- Under Solid Waste Management: Mansonville Plastics appeared as a delegation at the July EAC meeting. The delegation was seeking support from various communities regarding the recycling of polystyrene. It was suggested that Rob Costanzo speak to this topic at a future EAC meeting. This will enable the Committee to determine how to proceed with the request for support from the delegation.
- The Committee suggested Mark Jaccard, a professor from SFU be invited to attend a future EAC meeting to share his idea about solutions for coal dust.
- The Sensitive Urban Infill Study (Corporate Report 255) was provided to Council at Monday's meeting. The document was not reviewed by the Committee prior to going to Council. There was a lot of information and recommendations contained in the report that was received as information by Council. The report was referred back to staff to prioritize the recommendations. The Committee suggested that a sub-committee be created to review the report to provide feedback to the Committee. It was further recommended that a delegation from UBC and staff be invited to the EAC to provide an overview of the Sensitive Urban Infill Study.
- The Committee noted that the "*Tree By-law*", under number 6 of the workplan was a pertinent item for the Committee to review this year. It was questioned if the bylaw should be looked at as part of biodiversity? It was noted that the *Tree Bylaw* has separate issues and should be kept separate.
- It was questioned how environmental projects have been selected in the past. It was noted that delegations appear before Council and Council recommended the delegation appear before the Environmental Advisory Committee. Projects can also come from the public; there has been no formal process.

- The Committee discussed the Kinder Morgan project which is a proposal for a new twin pipeline system. Another project is the coal project which will increase the capacity of coal exports in two terminals that transport coal through White Rock and Surrey. The Committee suggested that these two projects be looked at and delegations be invited to attend the Committee meeting to provide more in depth information. The two projects are massive and it was questioned whether the Committee would be able to provide useful advice if the Committee only meets once a month. The Committee is a voice for the community with projects such as the coal trains and the Committee should address these projects as they come along. The "Current Environmental Issues" should be a standing item of the workplan with a sub-committee created.
- It was recommended that Item 1 of the workplan be called, "Climate and Energy Issues". Staff noted that the Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP) could be reviewed by the Committee to highlight 5 items for Council to do a quick implementation on.
- In the new year, staff will provide the Committee with an update on the Climate Smart program to seek advice on how to better engage the Surrey business community on this training opportunity. The program is designed to reduce emissions in businesses. This item falls under climate energy on the workplan.
- Stephen Godwin will attend the February Committee meeting and will bring forward the Biodiversity Conservation Strategy. In January, an update will be going to Council for the timelines.

Summary of the changes to the workplan include:

- Rename item one (1) to "Climate and Energy Issues"
- Add "Current Environmental Issues" as number seven (7)
- Staff to confirm if the Environmental Awards – Green City Awards are annually or bi-annually.
- Review Tree By-law this year
- Create sub-committee for Sensitive Urban Infill Study and extend invitation to UBC and City staff to provide an overview of the study
- Ratify workplan at January meeting and forward to Council

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

F. CORRESPONDENCE

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Agricultural Food and Safety Advisory Committee (AFSAC) Update

An update from the December 6, 2012 AFSAC meeting was provided as follows:

- The Committee noted the use of bottled water and expressed the possibility of exploring options to utilize a "green" caterer.
- A delegation appeared before the AFSAC to propose that Surrey pass a by-law opposing the planting of genetically engineered crops within the City.
- Courts recently decided that local governments did not have the ability to control product sales such as Shark Fin or Shark fin soup.
- The AFSAC heard a delegation regarding the removal of lands from the ALC near Highway 10 and Old McLellan Road. AFSAC members did not support the exclusion application.

2. Development Advisory Committee (DAC) Update

There was no DAC meeting.

3. Presentation to the Finance Committee – Surrey Environmental Partners File no: 1705-01

Council asked that the Environmental Advisory Committee review the "Presentation to the Finance Committee" by SEP and provide Council with recommendations.

The Committee agreed that one or two members volunteer to review the document and bring forward suggestions to the Committee at the January meeting.

It was

Moved by G. Sahota

Seconded by J. Stewart

That the Environmental Advisory Committee recommend Bill Stewart and Al Schulze review the "*Presentation to the Finance Committee - November 28, 2012*" report by the Surrey Environmental Partners and provide feedback to the Environmental Advisory Committee.

H. OTHER BUSINESS

I. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on January 23, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Executive Board Room.

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by G. Sahota

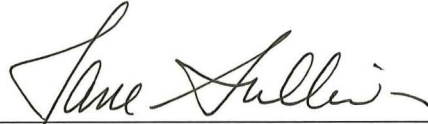
Seconded by A. Schulze

That the Environmental Advisory Committee

meeting do now adjourn.

Carried

The Environmental Committee adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Jane Sullivan, City Clerk

Bruce Hayne, Chair