

Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee - Minutes

Present:

Councillor Pettigrew, Chair
J. Werring
K. Purton
M. Lamont
N. Hogan
P. Mann
S. Rush

Regrets:

B. Campbell, Vice-Chair
J. Dhami
L. Walker
M. Sharma
S. VanKeulen

Staff Present:

C. Barron, Drainage Manager
J. Owen, District Energy Manager
N. Aven, Manager of Parks
S. Godwin, Environment Manager
C. Eagles, Administrative Assistant

A. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of May 29, 2019.

It was

Moved by K. Purton

Seconded by J. Werring

That the minutes of the Environmental

Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting held May 29, 2019 be amended to replace the Recommendation under Item C.1 as follows:

That the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee recommend that Council direct staff to develop a comprehensive sustainable financial plan to fund the approved Biodiversity Conservation Strategy for Council's consideration by Spring 2020.

Carried

B. DELEGATIONS

1. **Camp We Empower Programs**

Roha Tahir, Volunteer and Local Outreach, Camp We Empower

The delegation provided a Power-Point presentation on the programs at Camp We Empower and noted the organization is a non-profit that empowers the next generation and creates change. Participants are in Kindergarten through Grade 12 and are engaged in workshops, Mega Series Camps and volunteer opportunities. The delegation noted climate change, sustainability, the world and oceans are what is important to them.

In response to a question from the Committee, the delegation noted that youth host the workshops and those who act as judges are community leaders. It was noted that during the camp activities, the leaders discuss the importance for youth to share values.

The delegation noted they expect to perform a grand finale in the atrium at City Hall.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Disaster Mitigation Adaptation Fund (DMAF)

Carrie Baron, Drainage Manager

Staff provided a Power-Point presentation on the Disaster Mitigation Adaptation Fund (DMAF) and noted the Government of Canada will invest \$2 billion to support large-scale infrastructure projects to help communities better manage the risks of disasters triggered by natural hazards. Projects supported by the government within the DMAF must meet certain requirements and will be focused on natural infrastructure and foreshore enhancements across the City. The City's objective is to reduce coastal flood vulnerability in the coastal lowland within the City through structural and nature-based infrastructure work.

The City has 13 proposed projects to be implemented over the next 10 years with an estimated funding of \$187 Million. Staff discussed areas where foreshore enhancements will be focused.

2. Single Use Plastics

The Committee discussed single use plastics, the elimination of contaminated Styrofoam, the wrapping of bails on farmland, fast food restaurant packaging, and noted there are no local facilities to receive plastic bags.

The Surrey Board of Trade (SBOT) was in attendance and noted that SBOT will begin to phase out single use plastics within British Columbia to align with the Regional and Federal objectives.

The Committee expressed interest to have staff provide an update on what Metro Vancouver is doing with respect to single use plastics and what can be implemented in different jurisdictions. The Committee would like to have an update from staff from the City's Engineering Department on the topic of single-use plastics and the City's general recycling.

D. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS

1. ESAC Tree Bylaw Amendment Recommendation

The Committee discussed the previous recommendation made to Council.

2. Workplan

The Committee determined upcoming discussion items for future meetings. The workplan will be looked at annually to assist focusing the Committee.

E. ITEMS REFERRED BY COUNCIL

F. CORRESPONDENCE

G. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Agricultural Food Security Advisory Committee (AFSAC) Update

J. Werring noted that at the June 4, 2019 AFPAC meeting, Second Harvest presented on their organization which provides excess food to social services in need. At the meeting, an application was presented that proposed to include land into the Agricultural Land Reserve.

H. OTHER BUSINESS

I. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee will be held on July 31, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in 2E Community Room B.

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by J. Werring
Seconded by K. Purton
That the Environmental Sustainability

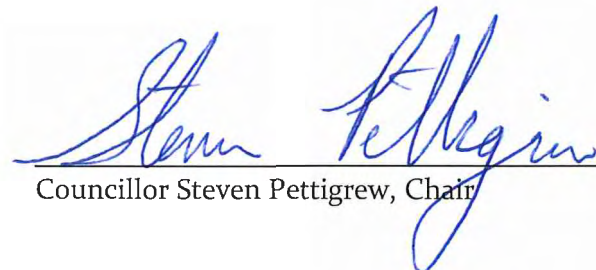
Advisory Committee meeting adjourn.

Carried

The Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee adjourned at 8:13 p.m.



Jennifer Ficocelli, City Clerk



Councillor Steven Pettigrew, Chair