



MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Langley City Hall – CKF Room
20399 Douglas Crescent, Langley, BC

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.

Present: Councillor Paul Albrecht, Chair
Councillor Rosemary Wallace, Vice Chair
Amika Watari, Post Secondary Institution Rep
Ellen Hall, Member at Large
Lisa Boughen, Member at Large
Lisa Dreves, Langley Field Naturalists
Nichole Marples, Langley Environmental Partners Society
Stafford Richter, Member at Large
Alyssa Purse, Guest

Staff: David Pollock, Director, Engineering & Parks Environment
Perry Browne, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator

Absent: Armaan Lilotha, Member at Large, with regrets
Zana Gordon, Member at Large, with regrets
Natasha Loewen, Clerk, Engineering, Parks & Environment, with regrets

The Chair acknowledged that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Katzie, Kwantlen, Matsqui and Semiahmoo First Nations.

1. AGENDA

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the DECEMBER 12, 2024 Agenda for the Environmental Sustainability Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the NOVEMBER 14, 2024 Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting be adopted as amended related to the previous year of the E-Bike drop off.

CARRIED

3. DISCUSSION

1. Earth Day 2025
 - 1.1. Scheduled on April 26, 2025.
 - 1.2. Nichole Marples of Langley Environmental Partners Society will be primarily responsible for coordinating the list of participants for events, presentations, and vendors at the event.
 - 1.3. Discussed adding variety of events and participants to the event, such as live music, zero waste programs, textile and car seat recycling, bike valet, e-bikes.
 - 1.4. Staff Liaison to possibly coordinate a poster promoting callouts for sponsors and donations for the event.
 - 1.5. The Upcycle event is to be coordinated between City Staff, Ellen Hall and Councillor Rosemary Wallace. City staff will coordinate advertising for the Upcycle event.
 - 1.6. Committee discussed potential for a drop-off for upcycle items in advance of the event. City staff to coordinate a potential storage space.
 - 1.7. Staff Liaison to confirm timelines for the event with the Recreation department.
 - 1.8. Councillor Paul Albrecht will coordinate the bike valet and Crime Prevention Committee at the event.
 - 1.9. Councillor Paul Albrecht and City Staff to coordinate with Metro Vancouver to participate in the event. City staff have already been in contact with a Metro Vancouver representative and will follow up.
 - 1.10. Discussed event prizes such as plants and soil bags.
 - 1.11. Staff Liaison to coordinate with Parks department to prepare for planting of fruit trees at the event.
 - 1.12. Discussed indigenous participation. Langley Environmental Partnerships are potentially coordinating with Karen Gabriel to put on indigenous workshops and presentations.
 - 1.13. Various recycling items were discussed, including car seats, textiles, and inner tubes for bikes.
 - 1.14. Staff Liaison to research potential textile and car seat recycling for the event, as well as develop a potential budget for these items. Staff will present options at the February 2025 committee meeting.
 - 1.15. Guest Alyssa Purse discussed potential for promoting clothing swaps through social media campaigns.
 - 1.16. The Committee discussed bringing vegetarian and vegan food vendors.
 - 1.17. David Pollock discussed the potential of using earth day as an opportunity for public consultation on a potential upcoming tree bylaw.
 - 1.18. Cap on car seats*** minimum charge.
2. ESC Work Plan
 - 2.1. To be discussed at the February 2025 meeting when the new members have joined the Committee.

4. STANDING ITEMS

N/A

5. ROUND TABLE

1. David Pollock discussed the Urban Forest Management Strategy and its adoption from Council, as well as the following quick start action items set forth by the strategy:
 - 1.1. Tree Bylaw
 - 1.2. Tree inventory
 - 1.3. Updating the Subdivision and Servicing Bylaw
2. The committee discussed two more repair cafes in the New Year presented by Mountain Equipment Company and Langley Environmental Partners Society.
3. The Committee discussed the following events that are scheduled:
 - 3.1. Langley Field Naturalists monthly members meeting on December 19 at the Langley Music school.
 - 3.2. Christmas bird count on December 28 hosted by Langley Field Naturalists.
 - 3.3. Christmas bird count for kids on December 28 Hosted by Explore Science Club.
 - 3.4. North Langley bird count on January 24.
 - 3.5. McMillan Expedition of 1824 and Bicentennial Portage on December 14.

6. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:37 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

Certified Correct:

Director of Engineering, Parks & Env.