



MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025 AT 6:07 P.M.

- Present: Councillor Paul Albrecht, Chair
Councillor Rosemary Wallace, Vice Chair
Amika Watari, Youth Representative
Lisa Boughen, Member at Large
Lisa Dreves, Langley Field Naturalists
Navneet Sandu, Member at Large
- Staff: David Pollock, Director, Engineering, Parks & Environment
Natasha Loewen, Clerk, Engineering, Parks & Environment
- Absent: Ellen Hall, Member at Large, with regrets
Mallory Palliyaguru, Member at Large, with regrets
Nichole Marples, Langley Environmental Partners Society, with regrets
Perry Browne, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator, 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 FEBRUARY 13, 2025 Agenda for the Environmental Sustainability Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the DECEMBER 12, 2024 Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting be adopted as amended relating to item 5.2 of Mountain Equipment Company, instead of Mountain Equipment Co-op.

CARRIED

3. DISCUSSION

1. Introduction of New Committee Members
 - 1.1. Welcome and brief orientation of the new members.
2. Earth Day 2025
 - 2.1. Scheduled on April 26, from 10am to 2pm, with setup tentatively at 9am.
 - 2.2. Members are encouraged to volunteer at the event and to bring family and friends.
 - 2.3. Metro Vancouver is interested in participating in the event and is considering showing the water wagon display. Staff Liaison to coordinate attendance with Metro Vancouver.
 - 2.3.1. Staff Liaison to coordinate water supply with the Parks Department, as the Committee expressed concerns regarding the feasibility of supplying water.
 - 2.4. Councillor Paul Albrecht to coordinate with the Nutrifor (Biosolids) department at Metro Vancouver to gauge interest in attending the event.
 - 2.5. Staff Liaison noted that Tera Edell with the Recreation Department has confirmed that Douglas Park has been reserved for the event as the Committee was waiting for final confirmation.
 - 2.6. There was discussion around the various types of workshops for the event and the Committee agreed on leaf imprinting.
 - 2.7. Staff Liaison confirmed that the washrooms would likely still be closed at Douglas Park and noted that toilet trailers would be more favorable than porta-potties. Nichole Marples of LEPS budgeted for porta-potties but will email Staff Liaison to confirm funding.
 - 2.8. The Committee discussed requesting donation prizes for the event. B&B Contracting Group (contractor for the Fraser One-Way project) is delighted to provide prizes for the event. MEC will also provide prizes.
 - 2.9. The Arts Display has removed the age categories this year and replaced with 2D art and 3D art categories for any age to enter. The applications will be displayed at City Hall prior to the event and the winners will be awarded by People's Choice. The winners will be announced at the Earth Day event.
 - 2.10. Councillor Rosemary Wallace will distribute the Art Display poster to surrounding schools and the Raphael House. The Committee is encouraged to share with the community, friends and family.
 - 2.11. Staff Liaison has been coordinating with Earthday.org regarding a workshop at the event about renewable energy-related projects with the 2025 Earth Day theme, Our Power, Our Planet. The Committee discussed the workshop and expressed that the slogan might not align with the event.
 - 2.12. The Committee is eager to have KFN attend the event to present local and edible plants.
 - 2.13. The Committee discussed the Station Café's potential attendance at the event to provide an indigenous perspective. Staff Liaison to connect with the café to gauge interest.
3. ESC Work Plan
 - 3.1. The Committee discussed the 2024 accomplishments and the draft objectives for this year. City staff to compile the draft and email to committee members to review.
 - 3.2. A brief update to the 2024 ESC Work Plan is as follows:
 - 3.2.1. The UFMS bylaw is nearly complete. There are two (2) workshops anticipated with the Committee in 2025.
 - 3.2.2. Repair-it Café events will be recurring throughout the year.
 - 3.2.3. Langley City received the Bat Friendly Community certification.

- 3.2.4. The Sustainability Charter is in progress with Perry Browne and City staff.
- 3.2.5. The Nicomekl River cleanup is tentatively scheduled on August 16, 2025.

4. STANDING ITEMS

- 1. City Provided Segregated Waste Containers
 - 1.1. Staff Liaison proposed a pilot project of segregated garbage, green waste, dog waste and recycling waste bins for City staff to implement at trail heads and City parks.

5. ROUND TABLE

- 1. Councillor Rosemary Wallace to connect with Metro Vancouver regarding the Air Quality presentation for the Committee.
- 2. There was discussion around Alyssa Purse's application to join the Committee. There isn't currently a member at large position open, but the Committee acknowledges the benefit of having additional resources on the Committee. Staff Liaison to discuss the possibility of adding an additional position with the Administrative Department.
- 3. The Committee discussed the following events:
 - 3.1. LFN backyard bird count this weekend.
 - 3.2. LFN butterfly presentation at Fort Langley Hall.
 - 3.3. Derby Reach Brae Island Park Association AGM on February 24 at Fort Langley Community Hall.
 - 3.4. LFN Birds & Bryophytes on March 13 at Derby Reach Park.
 - 3.5. LEPS and MEC Repair-it Café on March 8 at MEC Langley.
 - 3.6. LFN invasive plant pulls in May and June at Portage Park.

6. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:51 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

Certified Correct:

Director of Engineering, Parks & Env.