



## MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.

Present: 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

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

Absent: Councillor Paul Albrecht, Chair, with regrets  
Armaan Lilotha, Member at Large, with regrets  
Zana Gordon, Member at Large, with regrets

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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 NOVEMBER 14, 2024 Agenda for the Environmental Sustainability Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

### 2. MINUTES

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the SEPTEMBER 12, 2024 Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

### **3. DISCUSSION**

1. Sustainability Framework Presented by Dena Kae Beno and Keith Jones
  - 1.1. The Sustainability Framework for the City of Langley was presented to the Committee.
  - 1.2. The Committee discussed the level of detail in the framework, including the magnitude and complexity, and how to achieve the desired outcomes.
  - 1.3. The Consultant (Keith Jones) advised the Committee to focus on attainable achievements including focusing on what needs attention.
  - 1.4. The City will continue to work on the framework, and will report back to the Committee as they continue.
  
2. Bat Friendly Certification
  - 2.1. The City officially obtained the Bat Friendly Certification on October 7, 2024.
  - 2.2. The City was virtually presented the Bat Friendly Certification by BC Bats at the October 21 Regular Council Meeting.
  - 2.3. On October 28, during a bat presentation at Timms Library by Terri-Lou and Ron Trainor of the Langley Field Naturalists, the City accepted a certificate, with media coverage by the Langley Advance Times.
  - 2.4. The BC Bat Program has been presented at schools providing education.
  
3. Earth Day:
  - 3.1. Tentatively scheduled on April 26, 2025.
  - 3.2. The Committee discussed the positive and negative outcomes of the event in 2024, and which items can be revised in 2025.
  - 3.3. Various recycling items were discussed, including car seats, textiles, and inner tubes for bikes.
  - 3.4. The E-Bike drop off was favorable in 2025 and should be implemented at the 2025 event.
  - 3.5. Staff Liaison to contact Metro Vancouver about collecting car seats and if there is an opportunity to be subsidized. Staff Liaison to also confirm if Metro Vancouver will attend Earth Day.
  - 3.6. Staff Liaison to coordinate updating the Upcycling Poster for various events leading up to Earth Day.
  - 3.7. There was discussion surrounding the potential of having a public speaker, tutorial or live music at the amphitheater.
  
4. ESC Work Plan
  - 4.1. To be discussed at the December 2024 meeting to identify potential work items, to be confirmed and ratified at the February 2025 committee meeting.

### **4. STANDING ITEMS**

N/A

### **5. ROUND TABLE**

1. Stafford Richter brought forth that TransLink is seeking ideas for reusing old SkyTrain cars entering retirement
2. The Committee discussed the following events that are scheduled:
  - 2.1. Repair café at Murrayville on November 30, 2024
  - 2.2. Farmers Market at St. Andrew's Anglican Church on December 7, 2024
  - 2.3. Christmas Bureau throughout December 2024.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:31 pm.

CARRIED

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CHAIR

Certified Correct:

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Director of Engineering, Parks & Env.