



MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 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
Zana Gordon, Member at Large
Cindy Cheng, Guest Presenter
Esther Berube, Guest Presenter
Daphne Mazarura, Guest Presenter

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

Absent: Armaan Lilotha, Member at Large, with regrets
Stafford Richter, Member at Large, 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 SEPTEMBER 12, 2024 Agenda for the Environmental Sustainability Committee be adopted as amended related to the discussion topics and order.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the JUNE 13, 2024 Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3. DISCUSSION

1. Urban Forestry MGMT Strategy Draft Presentation
 - 1.1. Diamond Head presented the updates, which included the key strategies and goals including the project timeline.
 - 1.2. The strategy is currently being implemented in public consultations under Phase 2 until October 8, 2024.
 - 1.3. The Committee requested more handouts to be available around City Hall. Staff Liaison to coordinate.
 - 1.4. The Committee discussed various phases in the strategy, such as Open Houses in Langley neighborhoods, and a potential Tree Bylaw.
 - 1.5. Committee members were encouraged to complete the survey and also forward any additional commentary of the draft strategy to staff for Diamond Head's consideration.
2. Reducing Emissions from Small Gas-Powered Equipment Presentation
 - 2.1. Metro Vancouver presented the potential regulation for small gas-powered equipment to be electric powered instead of gas-powered.
 - 2.2. Committee members discussed various suggestions, such as education, incentives, and using aspen fuel instead of gas.
 - 2.3. There was consensus that it would be beneficial for Metro Vancouver to attend Earth Day 2025. Vice Chair to discuss with Metro Vancouver.
3. Earth Day:
 - 3.1. Tentatively scheduled on April 26, 2025.
 - 3.2. Committee members discussed the potential recycling initiatives at the event.
4. Bat Friendly Community Certification
 - 4.1. The certification strategy was endorsed by Council in July 2024.
 - 4.2. Committee members discussed the various criteria to obtain certification, such as identification, building bat houses, etc.

4. STANDING ITEMS

N/A

5. ROUND TABLE

1. Water Week Events are scheduled from September 22 to October 26, 2024. LEPS to provide the event sheet to Staff Liaison for Committee circulation.

6. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:43 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

Certified Correct:

Director of Engineering, Parks & Env.