



## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023 AT 6:00 p.m.  
Langley City Hall  
20399 Douglas Crescent, Langley, BC

### A G E N D A

1) **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

2) **AGENDA**

Adoption of the December 14, 2023 agenda.

3) **MINUTES**

Adoption of the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting held November 09, 2023.

4) **DISCUSSION**

1. 2024 Earth Day
  - a. Global theme is "Earth vs Plastics"
  - b. [www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org)

5) **STANDING ITEMS**

- a) 2023 ESC Work Plan
- b) Poster / Flyer: Determine Future Poster Topic Ideas
- c) New Initiatives and Emerging Trends

6) **ROUND TABLE**

## ADJOURNMENT

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## FUTURE MEETING DATES

- January 11, 2024

Please notify David Pollock at [dpollock@langleycity.ca](mailto:dpollock@langleycity.ca) of your **confirmed attendance** to be able to meet the quorum requirements to hold the meetings.



## MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 09, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

Present: Councillor Paul Albrecht, Chair  
Councillor Rosemary Wallace, Vice Chair  
Amika Watari, Post Secondary Institution Rep  
Lisa Dreves, Langley Field Naturalists  
Marcela Ferreira, Member at Large  
Ellen Hall, Member at Large

Staff: David Pollock, Director, Engineering, Parks & Environment

Absent: Nichole Marples, Langley Environmental Partners Society  
Zana Gordon, Member at Large  
Stafford Richter, Member at Large

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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 09, 2023 Agenda for the Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESC) be adopted.

**CARRIED**

### 2) **MINUTES**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the October 14, 2023 Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED**

### 3) **DISCUSSION**

#### a) Definition of Environmental Sustainability:

Committee members discussed the various elements and possible composition of a definition for Environmental Sustainability. Members noted that any definition should build upon the language in the committee's Terms of Reference mandate that speaks to social, environmental and economic aspects, to consider the cultural, balanced and future-generation perspectives.

The Committee Chair will work with staff liaison to consider amending the mandate in the committee Terms of Reference for discussion at a future meeting.

#### b) Urban Forest Management Strategy (UFMS)

The staff liaison provided a verbal update on the status of the UFMS, noting that the consultant is completing the canopy modelling and preparing the first draft of the strategy document.

The proposed schedule is to present to draft strategy to Council at either the December 04 or December 11, 2023 Council Meeting, then have the ESC review the strategy at the December 14, 2023 meeting. The second round of public consultation is scheduled for January 2024. The final UFMS is expected to be completed for Council's consideration early in the second quarter of 2024.

#### c) Design Criteria Manual

Requested at a previous ESC Meeting, the staff liaison spoke to the City's Design Criteria Manual and the specific section pertaining to landscaping and trees. In response to a query from a member it was clarified that the Manual governs new trees on City property and road allowances only.

#### d) ESC Terms of Reference

Members had previously requested a copy of the ESC Terms of Reference and the current document was distributed.

#### e) 2024 Committee Members

Committee member, Marcela Ferreira is standing down at the end of 2023 and the staff liaison noted the City was recruiting for potential new members for 2024.

### 4) **STANDING ITEMS**

#### a) 2023 Work Plan

The 2023 Work Plan items were discussed and the Committee Chair noted that the 2024 Work Plan would be a subject for the January 2024 ESC agenda.

#### b) Posters / Flyers

Deferred for discussion at the January 11, 2024 ESC meeting.

c) New Initiatives and Emerging Trends:

Vice-Chair Wallace provided a summary of topics discussed at the recent Zero Waste conference.

**5) ROUND TABLE**

- a) The member from the Langley Field Naturalists noted the recent book publication by the society.
- b) Members discussed the possibility of engaging with post-secondary students.
- c) Upcoming events related to the environment and sustainability were noted by various members for information. Discussion on various advertising options, including asking schools to send out emails to the parents and students, to encourage more youth to attend City's events such as the Neighbourhood Meetings, Earth Day, Community Day, etc.
- d) The staff liaison noted that Metro Vancouver were interested in attending a future meeting to discuss textile waste and demolition toolkit.
- e) It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:40 pm.

**CARRIED**

Certified Correct:

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CHAIR

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Director, Eng., Parks & Ops.



# COMMITTEE REPORT

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject **Environmental Sustainability Committee  
2023 Work Plan**

File #: 5210.00

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From: Councillor Paul Albrecht, Chair

Date: May 1, 2023

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## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approve the Environmental Sustainability Committee 2023 work plan.

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## SUMMARY:

The Environmental Sustainability Committee discussed the 2023 work plan at its April 13, 2023 meeting and the following list was approved for submission to Council.

1. Annual Earth Day Event, planning 2023
2. Tree Preservation/Urban Forest Management Plan:
  - Review and provide input to Urban Forest Management Plan when ready and being prepared by Diamondhead Consulting.
3. Nicomekl River Clean Up Event
  - Investigate the amount of debris in the river and assess if this is something that can be addressed using volunteers
4. Discuss Environmental Recognition program(s)
  - in the business community
5. Raise "Point of Pride" profile
  - Recruit new members.
  - Contest: 'street of the year'.

6. Investigate the feasibility of 'Self-serve bicycle repair kiosk' located at City Hall
7. Host a Repair-It Cafe Event
8. Educational Sustainability Posters
9. Host a Recycling Event:
  - Target items difficult to recycle, ie. Textiles, Tires, etc.
10. Implement Edible Planters

The committee discussed all of the selections and it was noted that they request that all 10 items be identified on the 2023 Annual Work Plan and that the top 5 would be the priority and the remaining done if time permits.

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** THAT the Committee request Council approve all 10 items on the 2023 Annual Work Plan.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Councillor Paul Albrecht, Chair