



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

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:

CHAIR

Director, Eng., Parks & Ops.