



MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.

Present: Councillor Paul Albrecht, Chair
Councillor Rosemary Wallace, Vice Chair
Nichole Marples, Langley Environmental Partners Society
Lisa Dreves, Langley Field Naturalists
Amika Watari, Post Secondary Institution Rep
Ellen Hall, Member at Large
Marcela Ferreira, Member at Large
Zana Gordon, Member at Large
Stafford Richter, Member at Large
Lisa Boughen, Guest Presenter

Staff: David Pollock, Acting Director of Engineering, Parks and Environment

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 14, 2023 Agenda for the Environmental Task Group be adopted.

CARRIED

2) **MINUTES**

The July 13, 2023 Minutes of the Environmental Task Group meeting will be presented at the October committee meeting for adoption.

3) **DISCUSSION**

- a) A Student Review of Textile Waste in Metro Vancouver”, a PowerPoint presentation by Amika Watari and Lisa Boughen

The PowerPoint presentation by Amika Watari and Lisa Boughen provided the Committee with information on the issue of textile waste in Metro Vancouver and introduced two policy matters for consideration namely

including textile waste as a component of Metro Vancouver's solid waste services and/or the development of a textile waste reduction guide or tool kit.

Committee members expressed support for the development of a guide or tool kit.

Staff stated that they would contact Metro Vancouver to discuss how the Region is addressing textile waste.

b) Urban Forest Management Strategy – Verbal Update by Staff

Staff provided a verbal update on the Phase One Public Engagement Strategy. There were 205 respondents to the survey and the consultant developed five general themes out of the public consultation, namely:

1. Long Term Vision for the Urban Forest (UF)
2. Protecting the UF
3. Managing the UF
4. Growing the UF
5. Stewardship of UF

The second phase of public engagement will consider how better to reach residents who may be less computer literate.

Committee members commented that the strategy should consider northern tree species better suited for the Region.

c) Community Gardens

A verbal update on the expansion of the community garden at Douglas Park was given by staff, noting that the gravel base preparation is complete and that the additional plots will be constructed and filled with planting media this fall. The existing fence will be expanded to include the new plots and all the garden plots will be completed and ready for assignment to residents for the 2024 growing season.

d) Earth Day

Committee members were informed that the 2024 Earth Day event will be discussed at the next committee meeting. Suggestion to encourage bike participation through secure parking facilities.

4) STANDING ITEMS

- a) Content for posters was discussed and the previously discussed textile waste identified as a possible candidate.
- b) Members discussed bringing the Adopt-a-street program to a committee meeting for discussion on rebranding and re-energizing the program.

- c) The recent walking tour with Minister Aman Singh, Parliamentary Secretary for the Environment was discussed and considered very positive

5) **ROUND TABLE**

- Nichole Marples noted the various LEPS tours and events. It was requested that a calendar of events be developed to inform committee members. Nicole also asked for confirmation that the Christmas Event would take place and the Chair confirmed that it would be the first Saturday in December.
- Lisa Dreves noted that the Field Naturalists are publishing a book outlining the first 50 years of the organization. Lisa also queried what the City is doing to address excessive heat in older apartment buildings, especially for the elderly and queried if there were statistics for the numbers of residents that were victims of heat.
- Cllr. Rosemary Wallace noted that she had attend the MV Zero Waste Committee and single use plastics were discussed.
- Ellen Hall noted that the heat map graphics from the UFMS presentation would be a good candidate for future posters.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 8.32 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

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DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING, PARKS
& ENVIRONMENT