



Environmental Advisory Committee

Minutes

February 4, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

Via electronic means

PRESENT: R. Hynes, Chairperson
S. Crozier, Vice-Chairperson
W. Boyd
W. Byer
J. Lawrence
I. Lessner
D. Riley

COUNCIL: Councillor E. Johanson, Council Representative (Non-voting)

STAFF J. Gordon, Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations
G. Newman, Manager of Planning
D. Johnstone, Deputy Corporate Officer
C. Richards, Committee Clerk

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:05pm.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

2021-EAC-018: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee amends the order of agenda items for the February 4, 2021 meeting as follows:

- Item 5 (Final Report of the Environmental Advisory Committee) to be discussed first, followed by Item 4 (Organization of Work and Priorities)
- Item 7 (Action Tracking) to be discussed during Item 4;

AND THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

Motion CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

2021-EAC-019: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee adopts the minutes of the January 21, 2021 as circulated.

Motion CARRIED

5. FINAL REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TREE MANAGEMENT REVIEW

The Committee discussed the Tree Management Review final report entailing proposed amendments to Bylaw 1831 and Policy 611. The following was discussed:

- The Committee members were satisfied with the Tree Management Review final report.
- The Tree Management Review final report is scheduled to go to Council on February 22nd, 2021.
- Staff noted that a report would no longer be provided at the February 22nd, 2021 Council meeting. Should Council feel that a staff report is necessary for the recommendations, it will be directed to staff to provide one at that point.
- Councillor Johanson suggested that one or two Committee members attend the February 22nd, 2021 Council meeting as participants, to represent the Committee and its resolution report.
 - R. Hynes and S. Crozier expressed interest in attending the meeting.

4. ORGANIZATION OF WORK AND PRIORITIES

The Committee discussed the organization of work and priorities on items to be completed by end of March. The on table document, titled *EAC Work in Progress or Yet to be Undertaken*, provided by Chairperson Hynes, is based on the Committee Action Tracking document. The eight (8) identified items in the on table document were discussed as follows:

Item 1: Integrated Stormwater Management Plan (ISWMP)

- It was inquired whether anything is currently happening with stormwater management (which was identified as a core mandate for the Environmental Advisory Committee) that the Committee could engage in and benefit from in the short term.
- It was noted that at this time, the Committee's mandate to review the stormwater management plan is not of practical value at this time.

Item 2: White Rock Pier Options for Southwest Floating Facility

- This item relates to the continuation of the repair of the pier since the big storm that took place in early 2019.
- The Committee asked staff whether and when Council may be ready for serious consideration of White Rock's West Warf project.
 - Council included the project in the preliminary Financial Plan, however, senior government funding is still required before starting the project. It was also made clear that the Southwest floating facility would be built to hold a public marina and no longer a private marina.

Item 3: Parks Management

- This item refers to an ongoing process on staff implementing the Environmental Advisory Committee's resolution of implementing sustainable guidelines.
- Staff provided an update that no new parks are being built right now and, therefore, no new sustainable guidelines have been implemented at this time.
- Committee members commented that the Environmental Advisory Committee recommendation also applies to existing parks.

- At some point, the Parks bylaw update is to be reviewed and, throughout that process, the Environmental Advisory Committee may be referred to review it.
- At this time, there is nothing for the Committee to act upon.

Item 4: Semiahmoo Bay Water Quality

- There are incomplete items in the action tracking document regarding the plans made to start discussions on the Semiahmoo Bay Water Quality.
- Staff noted that it was intended for a speaker to present to the Committee on this matter, however, this was put on hold due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. It was discussed in the next term, there may a possibility of having a presentation.
- There is also continued attempts by shared water alliances to have more testing funding.
- At this time, there is nothing for the Committee to act upon within the remainder of their term.

Item 5: Climate Emergency

- The resolution, which was adopted by Council on the Climate Emergency, called upon staff to complete various climate emergency-related tasks, such as including climate change implication assessments on each report to Council. It was also mandated that the Environmental Advisory Committee complete three (3) tasks:
 1. Review a part of the environmental strategic plan (2008):
 1. Review Chapter 8 on air;
 2. Review elements of the 2017 Official Community Plan; and
 3. Review the Climate Change Action Plan.
 2. Recommend updated emission reduction targets; and
 3. Recommend revisions to the Official Community Plan in context to the Official Community Plan review exercise.
- At this time, there is nothing for the Committee to act upon regarding Climate Emergency within the remainder of their term.

Item 6: Rodenticides

- Staff have not done further research on rodenticides.

- A Committee member noted a person who is knowledgeable in rodenticides could possibly be invited to a future meeting to do a presentation on the topic.

Item 7: Plastic Bag Ban

- The Committee discussed the idea of banning single-use plastic in White Rock. It was decided not to pursue this issue within the remainder of the Committee's term.
- The British Columbia Government is directly approving plastic ban bylaws to allow for an easier adoption of these bylaws. Municipalities currently cannot make the bylaw on its own without being under license with the Province.

Item 8: Environmental Strategic Plan (2008) Review

- The 2008 Environmental Strategic Plan (ESP) is to be discussed in the next term.
- It was noted that the ESP was put together as additional information that could not be part of the 2017 Official Community Plan. It is preferred to include these items in the Official Community Plan should the plan become more granular.
- It was suggested that the relevant elements of the current Official Community Plan be reviewed first.

ACTION ITEM: Committee members P. Byer and J. Lawrence to review the relevant elements of the 2017 Official Community Plan and lead a discussion on their findings at the next meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Committee Clerk to provide a link of the 2017 Official Community Plan as it has been completed so far to the Environmental Advisory Committee.

4.1 BRIEFING ON REMAINING WORK

The briefing of the remaining work was discussed under Item 4: Organization of Work and Priorities.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

7. INFORMATION

7.1 COMMITTEE ACTION TRACKING

The Committee discussed outstanding and accomplished items on the Committee Action Tracking document. This item was discussed during Item 4.

8. **2021 MEETING SCHEDULE**

The following meeting schedule was approved by the Committee at the November 19, 2020 meeting and was provided below for information:

- February 18;
- March 4; and
- March 18.

9. **CONCLUSION OF THE FEBRUARY 4, 2021 ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The meeting concluded at 5:55pm.

Approved at the February 18, 2021 meeting.

R. Hynes, Chairperson



Chloe Richards, Committee Clerk