



Environmental Advisory Committee

Minutes

February 18, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

Via Electronic Means

- PRESENT:**
- R. Hynes, Chairperson
 - S. Crozier, Vice-Chairperson
 - W. Boyd, Committee Member
 - P. Byer, Committee Member
 - J. Lawrence, Committee Member
 - I. Lessner, Committee Member
 - D. Riley, Committee Member
- COUNCIL:**
- Councillor E. Johanson, Council Representative (Non-voting)
 - Councillor S. Kristjanson, Council Alternate (Non-voting)
(entered the meeting at 4:22 p.m.)
- STAFF:**
- J. Gordon, Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations
 - G. Newman, Manager of Planning
 - D. Johnstone, Deputy Corporate Officer
 - C. Richards, Committee Clerk
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2021-EAC-020: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee amends the agenda for the February 18, 2021 meeting as follows:

- Add *Electrical Vehicle Parking Spaces* as item 5.1 under Other Business;
- Add *Update on the Draft Resolution Recommendation to Council* as item 5.2 under Other Business;

AND THAT adopt the agenda as amended.

Motion CARRIED

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

2021-EAC-021: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee amends the minutes of the February 4, 2021 as noted:

- Under Item 3, add "Committee members commented that the Environmental Advisory Committee recommendation also applies to existing parks."
- Under Item 6, amend the first bullet to read "Staff have **not** done further research on rodenticides."
- Under Item 7, amend the first bullet to read "The Committee discussed the ideas of banning single-use plastic in White Rock, **but decided to not pursue this issue within the remainder of their term.**"
- Under Item 8, amend the first bullet to read "The 2008 Environmental Strategic Plan (ESP) is to be discussed **in the next term.**"
- Under Item 8, amend the last bullet to read "It was suggested that the relevant elements of the current Official Community Plan be reviewed first";

AND THAT the minutes be adopted as amended.

Motion CARRIED

4. **DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROVISIONS OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN**

- Committee members P. Byer and J. Lawrence led a discussion of relevant elements of the 2017 Official Community Plan. The Committee discussed strategies and policies from the 2017 Official Community Plan relating to:

- Climate
- Greenhouse gas
- Energy
- Trees
- Canopies
- A member inquired how the discussed policies will fit within the Official Community Plan that is currently being reviewed.
 - Staff noted that time management is essential for the Official Community Plan review to ensure progress is being made on the conversation of building heights. Staff could consider recommendations, but not within the context of the current Official Community Plan review.

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- It was noted by staff tree retention is in the scope of the Official Community Plan review.
- It was noted that under Policy 9.5.1, the 2017 Official Community Plan states a commitment to update the green house gas emissions target for White Rock within the first two years of the release of the 2017 Official Community Plan. The goal of updating targets was never met and the current target was never met. This matter was previously flagged as a strategic priority for Council.
- A member expressed concerns that allocating ten (10) percent of parking spaces for electric vehicle charging stations is inadequate.

ACTION ITEM: Chairperson Hynes to present at the next meeting a draft report regarding an amendment to Policy 12.5.1 of the 2017 Official Community Plan's Green House Gas targets.

ACTION ITEM: J. Lawrence, Committee member, to further review Policy 12.5.7, Electric Vehicles, to provide a proposal on the policy for the following meeting.

5. **OTHER BUSINESS**

5.1 **Electric Vehicle Ownership by the City**

The Committee discussed replacing City vehicles with electric vehicles. The following was noted:

ACTION ITEM: Committee member P. Byer to research other municipalities' plans regarding electric vehicles.

- Members noted that there may be other vehicle alternatives in the future that may be more energy efficient in the long run, which may not require an electric charging station.
- In response to a question from the Committee staff noted that the City currently has four (4) electric vehicles.

5.2 Update on the Draft Resolution Recommendation to Council

The Committee discussed the draft resolution recommendation that is being presented to Council at the February 22, 2021 Regular Council meeting.

- Councillor Johanson intends on introducing the topic.
- Chairperson Hynes and Vice-Chairperson S. Crozier plan to attend the meeting.
- It was noted that Council may refer staff to review the draft resolution report.

6. INFORMATION

6.1 COMMITTEE ACTION TRACKING

The Committee discussed outstanding and accomplished items on the Committee Action Tracking document.

7. 2021 MEETING SCHEDULE

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

- March 4; and
- March 18.

8. **CONCLUSION OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2021 ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The meeting concluded at 6:08 p.m.

Approved at the March 4, 2021 meeting.

R. Hynes, Chairperson



Chloe Richards, Committee Clerk