



Environmental Advisory Committee

Minutes

March 18, 2021, 4:00 p.m.
Via Microsoft Teams

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 S. Kristjanson, Council Alternate (Non-voting)

STAFF: J. Gordon, Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations
G. Newman, Manager of Planning
C. Richards, Committee Clerk
K. Sidhu, Committee Clerk

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

2021-EAC-024: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee add the following items to the March 18, 2021 agenda:

- Item 6.1 - Sustainable Park Design Guidelines;
- Item 6.2 - 2021 City Advisory Body Committee Structure Review Report;
- Item 6.3 - 2021 Council Strategic Priorities;

AND THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

Motion CARRIED

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

2021-EAC-025: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee adopts the minutes of the March 4, 2021 meeting as circulated.

Motion CARRIED

4. **GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION TARGET PROPOSAL**

The Committee further reviewed and discussed the greenhouse gas reduction target proposal, drafted by R. Hynes, Chairperson.

It was noted that any Official Community Plan (OCP) amendment recommendations would be separate from the OCP review that is currently being conducted. In addition, there may be a need to evaluate potential impacts to the timing of the on-going review of building heights if there is interest in prioritizing this undertaking.

2021-EAC-026: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee recommend that Council consider the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Target Proposal report with the recommendation and / or endorse the recommendation to staff:

The City of White endorses the current GHG emission reduction targets of the Governments of Canada, BC and Metro Vancouver, in particular the shared commitment to achieve net zero emissions, or carbon neutrality, by 2050. The City will undertake all possible measures within its jurisdiction and capabilities to contribute to the realization of these targets, including through the achievement of carbon neutrality in its corporate operations by 2030 and by actively promoting the reduction of community-wide GHG emissions in White Rock.

To these ends, concrete plans will be developed and steps taken in all spheres enumerated under BC's annual climate action reporting requirements, ie: broad planning, building and lighting, energy generation, greenspace protection and enhancement, solid waste management, transportation, water and wastewater management, and climate change adaptation efforts.

Motion CARRIED

5. ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING IN NEW BUILDINGS - POSSIBLE REVISION TO OCP POLICY 12.5.7

The Committee further reviewed and discussed electric vehicle charging in new buildings and possible revisions to the Official Community Plan's Policy 12.5.7.

Staff noted that this amendment, in addition to the early proposed OCP amendment regarding greenhouse gas reduction targets, would benefit from additional due diligence and comparative review of other municipal approaches. Further, it was noted that OCP policy regarding this matter may be better-established at a higher level (i.e., setting intentions – to increase the supply of electric vehicle charges facilities in new buildings to help reduce green house gas emissions), while relying on the implementing zoning bylaw to provide the specific numbers (e.g., 20% of all required parking spaces shall be served by a level two charging facility).

2021-EAC-027: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that Council direct staff to amend OCP Policy 12.5.7 as follows:

Electric Vehicles – Require the following electric vehicle charging components in new residential, multi-unit residential, and commercial buildings. A minimum of:

- *1 Level 2 EV-ready parking stall in single-family homes with garages*
- *20% of parking stalls to be Level 2 EV-ready in commercial buildings*
- *100% of resident parking stalls to be Level 2 EV-ready in multi-unit residential buildings*
- *50% of visitor parking stalls to be Level 2 EV-ready in multi-unit residential buildings*

AND THAT zoning bylaws be amended to be consistent with these requirements.

Motion CARRIED

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 SUSTAINABLE PARK DESIGNS IN NEW PARKS

Committee member, D. Riley, led the discussion on sustainable park designs for new parks.

- It was noted that a recommendation was made to Council previously regarding sustainable park designs.
- Any new park plans must take sustainability into consideration.
- There are two park projects the City is currently looking into.
 - Centre Street Walkway (project approved)
 - Maccaud Park
- It was noted that the Centre Street Walkway project plans were done in 2014 and may not satisfy the current sustainability guidelines.
- The Committee expressed concerns of adding concrete paved courts on the green surfaces of Maccaud park.

2021-EAC-028: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee recommend Council to direct staff to review and revise, if necessary, the Centre Street Walkway project to be consistent with sustainable design principles, as adopted by Council on December 2, 2019.

Motion CARRIED

2021-EAC-029: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee recommend, that in considering future plans for Maccaud Park, Council give priority to the importance of preserving and enhancing greenspace and tree canopy, and limiting the expansion of impermeable surfaces.

Motion CARRIED

6.2 2021 CITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE STRUCTURE REVIEW REPORT

Councillor Kristjanson provided an overview of the 2021 City Advisory Body Committee Structure Review report.

6.3 2021 COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Councillor Kristjanson provided an overview of the 2021 Council Strategic Priorities, including:

- Official Community Plan review
- Solid waste pick-up for multi-family dwellings
- Community Amenity Contributions (CACs) projects:
 - Centre Street Walkway
 - Sidewalks and road ends
 - Bay Street
 - Beach access
- Housing needs / affordable housing
- Working closely with Semiahmoo First Nation on improvements

7. INFORMATION

7.1 COMMITTEE ACTION TRACKING

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

8. 2021 MEETING SCHEDULE

No scheduled meetings at this time.

9. CONCLUSION OF THE MARCH 18, 2021 ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting concluded at 6:03 p.m.

R. Hynes, Chairperson



Chloe Richards, Committee Clerk