



Environmental Advisory Committee

Minutes

July 22, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

Via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT: J. Holm, Committee Member
P. Byer, Committee Member
I. Lessner, Committee Member
W. Boyd, Committee Member

COUNCIL: Councillor S. Kristjanson, Vice-Chairperson (non-voting)

ABSENT: R. Hynes, Committee Member
J. Lawrence, Committee Member
D. Riley, Committee Member

STAFF: Rosaline Choy, Manager, Engineering
Alanna Claffey, Arboricultural Technician
Debbie Johnstone, Deputy Corporate Officer
Janessa Auer, Committee Clerk

Councillor Kristjanson assumed the role of Chairperson.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

2021-EAC-001: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee adopt the agenda for July 22, 2021 as circulated.

Motion CARRIED

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

2021-EAC-002: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee adopts the minutes of the March 18, 2021 meeting as circulated.

Motion CARRIED

4. **INTRODUCTIONS**

Roundtable introductions took place.

5. **REVIEW OF COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND COMMITTEE MANDATE**

The Manager of Engineering provided an overview of the Committee Terms of Reference and Mandate.

6. **2021-2022 WORK PLAN**

Councillor Kristjanson presented a PowerPoint presentation discussing climate change updates and research as a motivational start to the Work Plan brainstorming discussion.

The Committee discussed potential items for the 2021-2022 Work Plan and determined the following seven (7) items as priorities:

- 1) **Climate Change:** what can the City do with respect to improving vehicle emissions/adaptations?
- 2) **Stormwater Quality:** how it affects Semiahmoo Bay, aquifer protection, Columbia Street diversion.
- 3) **Chloramine in Water:** runoff to Semiahmoo Bay and its effects on sea life, drinking water levels and impacts on residents' health.
- 4) **Review Sewage Rates:** rates should be based on water usage amounts.

- 5) **Encourage Reduced Water Usage**
- 6) **Solid Waste Management**
- 7) **Earthquake and Tsunami Preparedness**

After identifying the above priority items, the Committee determined their top three (3) priorities from that list:

- 1) **Climate Change**
- 2) **Chloramine in Water**
- 3) Tie between **Stormwater Quality** and **Solid Waste Management**

Note: these priority items were identified, but not finalized, with the understanding that absent Committee members will have an opportunity to share their input at the next meeting, before finalized Work Plan priorities are forwarded to Council.

ACTION ITEM: Email from R. Hynes, Committee member, providing Work Plan priority item input for discussion, to be added as an On-Table item.

ACTION ITEM: Staff to provide copies of

- a) Building Step Code (Energy Step Code) template, and
- b) Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) reporting template.

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

8. **INFORMATION**

8.1 **COMMITTEE ACTION TRACKING**

Corporate Administration provided the Committee's new action-tracking document for information.

ACTION ITEM: Next meeting agenda to include an update from the Director of Engineering & Municipal Operations on the status of previous and outstanding Committee recommendations that were sent to Council.

ACTION ITEM: Staff to provide copies of

- a) The Integrated Storm Water Management Plan and,
- b) City's Aquifer Protection Plan document.

ACTION ITEM: Director of Engineering & Municipal Operations to provide an overview of previous budget submission items regarding stormwater treatment and aquifer protection plans during the next meeting.

9. **2021 MEETING SCHEDULE**

2021-EAC-003: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee approves the following schedule of meetings (taking place from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.) as follows:

- July 22, 2021;
- September 23, 2021;
- October 28, 2021; and,
- November 25, 2021.

Motion CARRIED

10. **CONCLUSION OF THE JULY 22, 2021 ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Chairperson concluded the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

Councillor Kristjanson,
Vice-Chairperson



Janessa Auer, Committee Clerk