



## **Environmental Advisory Committee**

### **Minutes**

September 23, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

Via Microsoft Teams

**PRESENT:** Wilma Boyd, Community Member  
Phil Byer, Community Member  
Jeff Holm, Community Member  
Ross Hynes, Community Member  
John Lawrence, Community Member  
Ivan Lessner, Community Member  
David Riley, Community Member

**COUNCIL:** Councillor Erika Johanson, Chairperson (non-voting)  
Councillor Scott Kristjanson, Vice-Chairperson (non-voting)

**STAFF:** Jim Gordon, Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations  
Greg Newman, Manager of Planning  
Janessa Auer, Committee Clerk

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#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

#### **2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion Number 2021-EAC-004:** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee adopt the agenda for the September 23, 2021 meeting as circulated, with the inclusion of the On-Table

document provided by R. Hynes to be discussed under Item 5: 2021-2022 Work Plan.

**Motion CARRIED**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Motion Number 2021-EAC-005:** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee amends the minutes of the July 22, 2021 meeting as noted:

- Under Item 6, amend the first bullet to read “Climate Change: what can the City do with respect to **reducing green house gas emissions and improving adaptations to climate change?**”

AND THAT the minutes be adopted as amended.

**Motion CARRIED**

**4. UPDATE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING & MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS REGARDING OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND PREVIOUS BUDGET SUBMISSION ITEMS**

The Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations provided an update regarding the status of previous and outstanding Committee recommendations that were sent to Council, as well as outstanding items from the previous term’s action tracking document.

The Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations noted the following outstanding “to-do” items:

- Invite a provincial representative to a future meeting to speak to the Committee about the foreshore/Semiahmoo Bay;
- Collaborate with the Parks Manager in completing the Urban Forest Management Plan, Tree Canopy Plan, and looking at the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway lands with regard to trees; and,
- Tree Management on City Lands Policy 611 (in progress): four (4) items submitted by P. Byer and R. Hynes to be added for next presentation to Council.

The Manager of Planning also gave a brief update regarding Tree Management on City Lands Policy 611 and Tree Management Bylaw 1831 and acknowledged

the work of Committee over the past year. He noted that he is aiming to have a draft of the bylaw presented to Council in late October or early November 2021.

**5. 2021-2022 WORK PLAN**

The Committee further discussed and finalized their 2021-2022 Work Plan priorities, to be forwarded to Council for approval.

**Motion Number 2021-EAC-006:** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that a priority of the Committee's 2021-2022 Work Plan be to follow up on implementation of Council Resolution 2020-20 of January 13, 2020, recognizing the ongoing and increasingly pronounced "climate emergency." The objective would be for the Committee, working with Staff, to develop recommendations on practical measures for the City to help mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change on its citizens and contribute to broader regional, provincial and national efforts to address the critical challenges posed by global warming. This work would proceed on the basis of an update of the framework tabled at the Committee's February 20, 2020 meeting, based on the framework for the province's Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP).**

**Motion CARRIED**

**Motion Number 2021-EAC-007:** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that a priority of the Committee's 2021-2022 Work Plan be that the Committee collaborate with staff to understand where the City stands in terms of Metro Vancouver requirements for the Integrated Stormwater Management Plan (ISMP), how we can meet these requirements, and how we might move further than these requirements in terms of considering an update for the City's current ISMP.**

**Motion CARRIED**

**Motion Number 2021-EAC-008:** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that a priority of the Committee's 2021-2022 Work Plan be the ongoing monitoring of water quality and the investigation of these treatment processes.**

**Motion CARRIED**

**Motion Number 2021-EAC-009:** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that Climate Change be their top priority Work Plan item.**

**Motion CARRIED**

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

The Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations provided a brief overview of past and current metal levels found through testing at the City's Water Treatment Plant. It was noted that test results can be viewed on the City website.

**7. INFORMATION**

The Committee received web addresses, as requested during the July 22, 2021 EAC meeting, for information purposes (also distributed via email on July 28, 2021).

**7.1 COMMITTEE ACTION TRACKING**

The Committee Action Tracking document was provided for information purposes.

**8. 2021 MEETING SCHEDULE**

The following meeting schedule was previously approved by the Committee and provided for information purposes:

- October 28, 2021; and,
- November 25, 2021.

**ACTION ITEM:** Chairperson to populate a Work Plan template document with information discussed by the Committee under Item 5, which she will forward to staff to distribute to Committee members for their review.

9. **CONCLUSION OF THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2021 ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Chairperson declared the meeting concluded at 5:59 p.m.

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Councillor Johanson, Chairperson

  
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Janessa Auer, Committee Clerk