



Environmental Advisory Committee

Minutes

March 24, 2022, 4:00 p.m.

Via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT: 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: Mayor Walker (non-voting)
Councillor Kristjanson, Chairperson (non-voting)
Councillor Johanson, Vice-Chairperson (non-voting)

GUESTS: Ashton Kerr, Green Teams Canada (left meeting at 4:34 p.m.)

ABSENT: Wilma Boyd, Community Member

STAFF: Jim Gordon, Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations
(left meeting at 5:00 p.m., re-entered at 5:17 p.m.; left meeting again at 6:02 p.m., re-entered at 6:06 p.m.)
Joseph Calenda, Acting Director of Planning and Development Services (left meeting at 4:43 p.m.)
Janessa Auer, Committee Clerk

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Motion Number 2022-EAC-001: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee amends the March 24, 2022 meeting agenda as follows:

- Re-order agenda items so that Item 8: *2021-2022 Work Plan Update* is discussed before Item 7: *Metro Vancouver's "Clean Air Plan"*;

AND THAT the agenda be adopted as amended.

Motion CARRIED

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Motion Number 2022-EAC-002: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee adopts the minutes of the October 28, 2021 meeting as circulated.

Motion CARRIED

4. **GREEN TEAMS OF CANADA LOWER MAINLAND GREEN TEAM PRESENTATION**

Ashton Kerr, Lower Mainland Green Team (LMGT) from Green Teams of Canada, provided a presentation regarding the work that the LMGT and the City of White Rock have accomplished together and their plans moving forward.

Following this presentation, the Committee engaged in a roundtable discussion, during which time members posed questions and provided feedback to Ashton.

Action Item: Committee Clerk to send the Lower Mainland Green Team website link to Committee members.

Note: Due to a loss of video capability for the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson assumed the role of Chairperson at 4:32 p.m. At 4:34 p.m. the Chairperson regained video capability and therefore resumed his role as Chairperson.

A. Kerr, Lower Mainland Green Team representative, left the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

5. **COMMITTEE FEEDBACK REGARDING FUTURE MEETING METHODS**

The Chairperson asked each Committee member to share their preferences regarding virtual versus in-person meetings.

It was determined unanimously that the Committee would prefer to hold their meetings virtually, via Microsoft Teams.

The Acting Director of Planning and Development Services left the meeting at 4:43 p.m.

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM ACTION AND MOTION TRACKING DOCUMENT**

The Chairperson introduced this item and invited Committee members to share their input regarding past Committee action items and recommendations.

Committee member, P. Byer, brought up two (2) recommendations made by the Committee during their previous term, which were approved by Council but are still partially outstanding.

The Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations left the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Motion Number 2022-EAC-003: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT further to previous Environmental Advisory Committee recommendations and Council-approved motions 2021-091 and 2021-169 ([February 22, 2021](#) and [March 29, 2021](#)), the Committee recommends that Council proceed expeditiously to approve changes to the Zoning Bylaw concerning landscape open space and electric vehicle parking that were presented at a public open house on October 27, 2021. Information about these changes can be found at <https://www.talkwhiterock.ca/zoning>.

Motion CARRIED

Committee member, J. Holm, raised the topic of stormwater management, resulting in a roundtable discussion amongst the Committee.

Action Item: Committee member, J. Holm, to prepare a short report outlining stormwater management challenges and suggestions, to share with the Committee prior to next meeting.

The Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations re-entered the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

Note: In accordance with motion 2022-EAC-001, Item 8, *2021-2022 Work Plan Update*, was discussed at this time.

8. **2021-2022 WORK PLAN UPDATE**

The Committee engaged in a roundtable discussion pertaining to their Work Plan priority items and which of these would be realistic to focus on, given the time constraints they are working within.

Action Item: Committee members to each suggest two (2) or three (3) achievable action items pertaining to the Work Plan, to be shared with the rest of the Committee prior to the next meeting.

7. **METRO VANCOUVER'S "CLEAN AIR PLAN"**

The Chairperson facilitated a roundtable discussion, during which Committee members shared their feedback regarding the Metro Vancouver *Clean Air Plan* letter, referred by Council to staff for review during the January 10, 2022 Regular Council meeting.

Motion Number 2022-EAC-004: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT further to previous Environmental Advisory Committee recommendations and Council-approved motions, the Committee recommends that Council moves expeditiously to adopt the Energy Step Code in the Zoning Bylaw.

Motion CARRIED

9. **WATER TREATMENT UPDATE**

The Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations provided an update regarding readings at the water treatment facility, noting that arsenic levels are good at this time, and manganese levels are excellent.

10. **OTHER BUSINESS**

The Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations left the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Motion Number 2022-EAC-005: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee extend the meeting time by ten (10) minutes.

Motion CARRIED

11. INFORMATION

None

12. 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE

The Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations re-entered the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

The Committee discussed the idea of planning more frequent meetings, when necessary, on the condition that staff schedules can accommodate them.

Motion Number 2022-EAC-006: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that Council approve that the Committee schedule meetings more often than once a month, when staff are available to do so.

Motion CARRIED

Motion Number 2022-EAC-007: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee approves the 2022 schedule of meetings (taking place from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.) as follows:

- April 21, 2022;
- May 26, 2022;
- June 23, 2022;
- July 21, 2022; and,
- September 22, 2022.

Motion CARRIED

13. **CONCLUSION OF THE MARCH 24, 2022 ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Chairperson concluded the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

Councillor Kristjanson, Chairperson



Janessa Auer, Committee Clerk

Unapproved