



Environmental Advisory Committee

Minutes

April 21, 2022, 4:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

15322 Buena Vista Avenue, White Rock, BC, V4B 1Y6

PRESENT: David Riley, Community Member
Jeff Holm, Community Member
John Lawrence, Community Member (entered at 4:04 p.m.)
Ivan Lessner, Community Member
Phil Byer, Community Member

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

ABSENT: Ross Hynes, Community Member
Wilma Boyd, Community Member

STAFF: Jim Gordon, Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations
Anne Berry, Director of Planning and Development Services
(departed at 5:13 p.m.)
Chloe Richards, Committee Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion Number 2022-EAC-008: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee adopts the agenda for the April 21, 2022 meeting as circulated.

Motion CARRIED

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Motion Number 2022-EAC-009: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee adopts the minutes of the March 24, 2022 meeting as circulated, with a clarification that the motion made under Item 7 (Motion Number 2022-EAC-004) should read as follows:

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

Motion CARRIED

J. Lawrence entered the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

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

Staff provided updates regarding the status of action items and recommendations from previous minutes.

5. **UPDATE REGARDING ENERGY STEP CODE RECOMMENDATION CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL**

Council and staff provided a brief update on Council's consideration of the Committee's Energy Step Code recommendation at the April 11, 2022 Regular Council meeting, which was amended and endorsed as follows:

2022-143:

THAT further to previous Environmental Advisory Committee recommendations that Council directs the City to move expeditiously to adopt the energy Step Code in the zoning or building bylaw to align with the City of Surrey (align to step 3 level in the next year).

It was noted that to date, the City has not incorporated any levels of the Energy Step Code. Council has provided direction to look into achieving the same Energy Step Code step as City of Surrey (Energy Step Code Step 3).

6. DISCUSSION REGARDING COUNCIL-APPROVED MOTION ON ELIMINATING GAS-POWERED LEAF BLOWERS

The Committee discussed and provided feedback regarding the following motion, provided by Councillor Johanson and passed by Council during the February 7, 2022 Regular Council meeting:

Motion Number 2022-047:

That Council directs staff to bring forward a corporate report on how the City can phase out and transition personal and commercial use of gasoline-powered landscaping equipment by 2024. The basis of the report will be the City of Vancouver's Member Motion B.4 and include the negative effect these tools on health.

Motion Number 2022-EAC-010: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that Council implement policies and practices that will phase out the City's use of equipment that use fossil fuels where there are effective non-fossil fueled alternatives.

Motion CARRIED

7. 2021-2022 WORK PLAN UPDATE

The Committee discussed achievable "low-hanging fruit" action items pertaining to their Work Plan, after members were tasked with submitting a few suggestions each prior to this meeting, for consideration.

Motion Number 2022-EAC-011: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that Council pass by-laws to phase out single-use plastic items in the same, or a similar, way as is being done in other surrounding municipalities (such as the City of Surrey).

Motion CARRIED

Motion Number 2022-EAC-012: It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that Council direct staff to review the number, placement and design of recycling bins in public places in White Rock, with the intent of implementing changes to increase recycling in the City.

Motion CARRIED

The Committee discussed Annex B, *Organizing for Effective Action on Climate Change*, provided by Committee member R. Hynes, including the three (3) draft recommendations noted for consideration, which will be voted on at the following Environmental Advisory Committee:

1. *THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that priority be given to reviewing and taking maximum advantage of available provincial, national and extra-governmental resources to inform and support the City's climate change efforts.*
2. *THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that Council and Management take additional measures to promote systematic and sustained focus on the climate change priority in ongoing policy and operational processes. Such measures might include designating a staff climate change policy coordinator and establishing an inter-departmental climate change policy committee. Such steps need not entail additional costs, but considering the importance of this priority, the Committee urges that modest incremental resources be allocated to it.*
3. *THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that Council be kept regularly apprised of developments regarding the City's climate change challenges and responses and that Council conduct, on an annual basis, a public discussion of a staff report on the City's climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts.*

8. WATER TREATMENT UPDATE

Staff provided an update on the current water treatment status.

A. Berry departed the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee discussed the Columbia Avenue Storm Diversion Project.

ACTION ITEM: The Columbia Avenue Storm Diversion Project to be added as a discussion item on the next meeting agenda.

10. **INFORMATION**

None.

11. **2022 MEETING SCHEDULE**

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

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

All meetings are scheduled to take place from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

12. **CONCLUSION OF THE APRIL 21, 2022 ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Chairperson declared the meeting concluded at 5:44 p.m.

Councillor Kristjanson, Chairperson



Chloe Richards, Committee Clerk