



## **Environmental Advisory Committee**

### **Minutes**

May 26, 2022, 4:00 p.m.

Via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT:	Jeff Holm, Community Member Phil Byer, Community Member Ross Hynes, Community Member Ivan Lessner, Community Member
NON-VOTING MEMBERS:	Sara Petkova, Grassroots Environmental Club Alexander Caza, Grassroots Environmental Club
COUNCIL:	Mayor Walker (non-voting) Councillor Kristjanson, Chairperson (non-voting) Councillor Johanson, Vice-Chairperson (non-voting) (joined at 4:12 p.m.)
ABSENT:	John Lawrence, Community Member David Riley, Community Member
STAFF:	Jim Gordon, Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations Anne Berry, Director of Planning and Development Services Janessa Auer, Committee Clerk

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

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

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion Number 2022-EAC-013:** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee adopts the agenda for the May 26, 2022 meeting as circulated, with the inclusion of the On-Table document provided by R. Hynes, to be discussed under Item 6: Organizing for Effective Action on Climate Change.

**Motion CARRIED**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Motion Number 2022-EAC-014:** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee adopts the minutes of the April 21, 2022 meeting as circulated.

**Motion CARRIED**

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

The Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations and Chairperson provided an update regarding the status of action items and recommendations from previous minutes.

**5. UPDATE REGARDING BC'S NEWLY LAUNCHED LOCAL GOVERNMENT CLIMATE ACTION PROGRAM**

The Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations provided a brief overview of the province's newly launched Local Government Climate Action Program. A roundtable discussion followed.

**6. ORGANIZING FOR EFFECTIVE ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

The Committee discussed the on-table document submitted by member, R. Hynes, titled "Setting Short-Term Priorities and Organizing for Effective Action on Climate Change." It was noted that this document updates and abridges the previous document, "White Rock Climate Change Strategy: A Possible Near-Term Approach," and draft motions, provided by R. Hynes and discussed by the Committee at their April 21, 2022 meeting.

It was also noted that the draft motions presented by Committee member, P. Byer, included in this meeting's agenda for consideration under Item 8: *2021-2022 Work Plan Update* are incorporated within the draft motions and topics discussed in this on-table document.

Through discussion, the draft motions presented in the on-table document were voted on as follows:

**Motion Number 2022-EAC-015:** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that Council direct staff to complete, during Council's current term, implementation of its directives on Bylaw and Policy amendments concerning Landscape Open Space and Electric Vehicle Parking (*Council Motion 2022-142*), the Energy Step Code (*Motion 2022-143*), Fossil Fuel Based Equipment and Single-Use Plastics (*May 9 Council minutes yet to be released*).**

**Motion CARRIED**

**Motion Number 2022-EAC-016:** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that Council direct staff to:**

- 1. Prepare, as a matter of priority, a Climate Vulnerabilities Report identifying current and prospective vulnerabilities, risks and potential costs of climate change to public health and safety, private and public property and infrastructure in White Rock; and**
- 2. Initiate work on a Climate Change Adaptation Strategy Report suggesting short- and medium-term priorities for action to address or adapt to the challenges identified in the Climate Vulnerabilities Report, including appropriate operational, infrastructural, policy or bylaw measures.**

**Motion CARRIED**

**Motion Number 2022-EAC-017:** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that Council direct staff to give priority to identifying any governmental or extra-governmental programs or funds that might be accessed to help inform or support the pursuit of the above priorities as well as any other climate change-related measures.**

**Motion CARRIED**

**Motion Number 2022-EAC-018:** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that Council direct the CAO to establish appropriate organizational measures to facilitate completion of the above priorities and promote more systematic and sustained focus on the climate change priority in ongoing policy and operational processes.**

**Motion CARRIED**

**Motion Number 2022-EAC-019:** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that Council direct staff to keep Council regularly apprised of developments regarding the City's climate change challenges and responses and that a staff report on the City's climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts be presented at least annually to a regular meeting of Council.**

**Motion CARRIED**

**Motion Number 2022-EAC-020:** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that Council receive for information the Committee's report, titled "Setting Short-Term Priorities and Organizing for Effective Action on Climate Change," including the above recommendations (as amended).**

**Motion CARRIED**

**7. COLUMBIA AVENUE STORM DIVERSION PROJECT DISCUSSION**

Committee member, J. Holm, provided an overview of his paper, titled "Storm Water Management - Columbia Avenue Storm Diversion Project," which was briefly introduced during the Committee's April 21, 2022 meeting.

The Committee provided feedback during a roundtable discussion.

**ACTION ITEM:** Committee Clerk to include this topic as an item on the next meeting agenda.

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

The Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations noted that there are no further Work Plan updates at this time.

**Note:** Draft motions presented by Committee member, P. Byer, which were included under this item in the agenda, were discussed and considered during Item 6: *Organizing for Effective Action on Climate Change*.

**9. WATER TREATMENT UPDATE**

The Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations provided an update regarding metal levels at the City's water treatment plant.

**10. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**11. INFORMATION**

None

**12. 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE**

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

- 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.

**Motion Number 2022-EAC-021:** It was MOVED and SECONDED

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


**Motion CARRIED**

13. **CONCLUSION OF THE MAY 26, 2022 ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Chairperson concluded the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

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Councillor Kristjanson, Chairperson

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Janessa Auer, Committee Clerk

Unapproved