



## **Environmental Advisory Committee**

### **Minutes**

September 22, 2022, 4:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

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

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

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

**ABSENT:** Ivan Lessner, Community Member

**STAFF:** Jim Gordon, Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations  
Anne Berry, Director of Planning and Development Services  
Corrine Haer, Manager of Engineering  
Janessa Auer, Committee Clerk

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

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

## 2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion Number 2022- EAC-026:** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee amends the September 22, 2022 meeting agenda as follows:

- Re-order agenda items so that Item 7: *Water Treatment Update* is discussed prior to Item 5: *Business Arising from Action and Motion Tracking Document*;
- Include On-Table revised draft motion provided by member, P. Byer, to be discussed under Item 4: *Vegetation Control on The Hump Discussion*;

AND that the agenda be adopted as amended.

**Motion CARRIED**

## 3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Motion Number 2022-EAC-027:** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee adopts the minutes of the August 18, 2022 meeting as circulated.

**Motion CARRIED**

## 4. **VEGETATION CONTROL ON THE HUMP DISCUSSION**

The Committee further discussed this topic, after it was previously discussed at the August 18, 2022 meeting, along with a new, on-table draft motion provided by member, P. Byer. Through discussion, the on-table draft motion was voted on as follows:

**Motion Number 2022-EAC-028:** It was MOVED and SECONDED

**Recognizing that White Rock's waterfront and views constitute a defining feature of our city and that the City has committed (in OCP policies, goals and objectives) to preserving and enhancing the beauty of this asset, including the sidewalks and landscape along Marine Drive, the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that Council:**

1. **Proceed with the cutting of shrubs and bushes on the relatively level (non-sloped) land along Marine Drive, between the sidewalk and sloped area, to a height and at a frequency that improves views of the water and pier.**

2. Establish, as part of the City's Operational Plan for Parks, a long-term plan and ongoing program for the management of vegetation on BNSF lands. This plan will provide for the stratification of the area to allow for a variety of strategies and planned outcomes to accommodate factors such as invasive species control, natural tree growth and height, erosion control, and views consistent with:
  - a. Maintaining the area in a relatively natural state consistent with Canadian Landscape Standard Level of Care Levels 4 to 5 and City Policy 611 concerning the cutting of trees.
  - b. Implementing sustainable design principles and guidelines, using vegetation that is resilient to climate change, encouraging native plants and removing or decreasing invasive species. {This site could be used as a demonstration project for removal of invasive species in other City parks.}
  - c. Allowing for the cutting of tree shoots that does not endanger the health of the root system or stability of the slope, and allowing for the removal of tree stumps only if other trees provide sufficient slope stability.
  - d. Maintaining the area to provide for views of the water and pier from the level of a pedestrian on the sidewalk along substantial areas of the Hump on Marine Drive.
  - e. Considering also the views of the vegetation from below along the promenade.
3. Ensure that all foregoing activities are funded on an ongoing basis as part of the Parks Management operating budget, without decreasing or detracting from resources currently committed to existing Parks Management operations.

**Motion CARRIED**

**Note:** In accordance with motion 2022-EAC-026, Item 7: *Water Treatment Update* was discussed at this time.

## **7. WATER TREATMENT UPDATE**

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

success of the plant has been the elimination of manganese. A roundtable discussion followed.

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

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

**6. 2021-2022 WORK PLAN UPDATE**

The Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations noted that a corporate report regarding a long-term plan for non fossil fuel vehicles is expected to be presented to Council at the October 3, 2022 Regular Council meeting. There were no further Work Plan updates at this time.

**7. WATER TREATMENT UPDATE**

**Note:** This item was discussed prior to Item 5: *Business Arising from Action and Motion Tracking Document*.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**9. INFORMATION**

**9.1 COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

The Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations provided a brief overview of the Environmental Advisory Committee 2022 Annual Report, which was provided to the Committee for their information. This report will be presented to Council at the October 3, 2022 Regular Council meeting.

**10. 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE**

No further meetings scheduled.

11. **CONCLUSION OF THE SEPTEMBER 22, 2022 ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Chairperson declared the meeting concluded at 5:20 p.m.



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Councillor Kristjanson, Chairperson

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Janessa Auer, Committee Clerk

Unapproved