



## **Environmental Advisory Committee**

### **Minutes**

February 18, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

Via Electronic Means

PRESENT:	R. Hynes, Chairperson S. Crozier, Vice-Chairperson W. Boyd P. Byer J. Lawrence I. Lessner D. Riley
COUNCIL:	Councillor E. Johanson, Council Representative (Non-voting) Councillor S. Kristjanson, Council Alternate (Non-voting) (entered the meeting at 4:22 p.m.)
STAFF:	J. Gordon, Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations G. Newman, Manager of Planning D. Johnstone, Deputy Corporate Officer C. Richards, Committee Clerk

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

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

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

**2021-EAC-020:** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee amends the agenda for the February 18, 2021 meeting as follows:

- Add *Electrical Vehicle Parking Spaces* as item 5.1 under Other Business;
- Add *Update on the Draft Resolution Recommendation to Council* as item 5.2 under Other Business;

AND THAT adopt the agenda as amended.

**Motion CARRIED**

3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**2021-EAC-021:** It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee amends the minutes of the February 4, 2021 as noted:

- Under Item 3, add "Committee members commented that the Environmental Advisory Committee recommendation also applies to existing parks."
- Under Item 6, amend the first bullet to read "Staff have **not** done further research on rodenticides."
- Under Item 7, amend the first bullet to read "The Committee discussed the ideas of banning single-use plastic in White Rock, **but decided to not pursue this issue within the remainder of their term.**"
- Under Item 8, amend the first bullet to read "The 2008 Environmental Strategic Plan (ESP) is to be discussed **in the next term.**"
- Under Item 8, amend the last bullet to read "It was suggested that the relevant elements of the current Official Community Plan be reviewed first";

AND THAT the minutes be adopted as amended.

**Motion CARRIED**

4. **DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROVISIONS OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN**

- Committee members P. Byer and J. Lawrence led a discussion of relevant elements of the 2017 Official Community Plan. The Committee discussed strategies and policies from the 2017 Official Community Plan relating to:

- Climate
- Greenhouse gas
- Energy
- Trees
- Canopies
- A member inquired how the discussed policies will fit within the Official Community Plan that is currently being reviewed.
  - Staff noted that time management is essential for the Official Community Plan review to ensure progress is being made on the conversation of building heights. Staff could consider recommendations, but not within the context of the current Official Community Plan review.

Councillor Kristjanson entered the meeting at 4:22 p.m.

- It was noted by staff tree retention is in the scope of the Official Community Plan review.
- It was noted that under Policy 9.5.1, the 2017 Official Community Plan states a commitment to update the green house gas emissions target for White Rock within the first two years of the release of the 2017 Official Community Plan. The targets were never met and are currently out of date. This matter was previously flagged as a strategic priority for Council.

**ACTION ITEM:** Chairperson Hynes to present at the next meeting a draft report regarding an amendment to Policy 12.5.1 of the 2017 Official Community Plan's Green House Gas targets.

**ACTION ITEM:** Committee members P. Byer and J. Lawrence to further review Policy 12.5.4, Energy Step Code, and Policy 12.5.7, Electric Vehicles, and provide proposals regarding these policies for the following meeting.

## 5. **OTHER BUSINESS**

### 5.1 **Electric Vehicle Parking Spaces**

The Committee discussed the allocation of one (1) electric vehicle parking space / charging station per every ten (10) regular parking spaces. The following was noted:

- A member expressed concerns that allocating ten (10) percent of parking spaces for electric vehicle charging stations is inadequate.

**ACTION ITEM:** Committee member P. Byer to research other municipalities' plans regarding electric vehicles.

- Members noted that there may be other vehicle alternatives in the future that may be more energy efficient in the long run, which may not require an electric charging station.
- In response to a question from the Committee staff noted that the City currently has four (4) electric vehicles.

## **5.2 Update on the Draft Resolution Recommendation to Council**

The Committee discussed the draft resolution recommendation that is being presented to Council at the February 22, 2021 Regular Council meeting.

- Councillor Johanson intends on introducing the topic.
- Chairperson Hynes and Vice-Chairperson S. Crozier plan to attend the meeting.
- It was noted that Council may refer staff to review the draft resolution report.

## **6. INFORMATION**

### **6.1 COMMITTEE ACTION TRACKING**

The Committee discussed outstanding and accomplished items on the Committee Action Tracking document.

## **7. 2021 MEETING SCHEDULE**

The following meeting schedule was approved by the Committee at the November 19, 2020 meeting and was provided below for information:

- March 4; and
- March 18.

8. **CONCLUSION OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2021 ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The meeting concluded at 6:08 p.m.

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R. Hynes, Chairperson



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Chloe Richards, Committee Clerk

UNAPPROVED