



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, 2016 February 09

An Open meeting of the Environment Committee was held in the Council Committee Room, Main Floor, City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on Tuesday, 2016 February 09 at 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Councillor Anne Kang, Chair
Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Vice Chair
Councillor Pietro Calendino, Member
Ms. Peggy Hua, Citizen Representative

ABSENT: Mr. Bill Brassington Jr., Citizen Representative
Mr. Peter Cech, Citizen Representative
Mr. Frank Zhao, Citizen Representative

STAFF: Mr. Dipak Dattani, Deputy Director Engineering
Ms. Lee-Ann Garnett, Assistant Director Long Range Planning
Ms. Gisele Caron, Purchasing Manager
Ms. Lise Townsend, Ecosystem Planner
Mr. Mark Sloat, Planner 1
Ms. Melinda Yong, Environmental Technician, Parks Design
Ms. Blanka Zeinabova, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

2. MINUTES

a) [Open meeting of the Environment Committee held on 2015 November 10](#)

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL

THAT the minutes of the Open meeting of the Environment Committee held on 2015 November 10 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **DELEGATIONS**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO

THAT the delegations be heard.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- a) **Janice Cole**
Re: Miscellaneous Household Hazardous Waste
Speaker: Janice Cole

Ms. Janice Cole appeared before the Committee expressing concern with Burnaby's practice for disposal of household hazardous waste.

The speaker noted that miscellaneous hazardous household waste is not accepted curb site and at Still Creek Recycling Depot, unless it is in the original container. Products not in the original container can be poured onto kitty litter or rags and put in household garbage for pick up, or taken to Terra Pure (formerly New Alta).

Ms. Cole noted that Township of Langley offers a once a year pick up of such waste, working with Terra Pure, which then streams to Alberta where it is incinerated.

The speaker further noted that the City's website (City Services - Garbage & Recycling) should be translated to many languages to inform all Burnaby residents. The City could be working with the School District and university students to translate these messages for free.

In conclusion, Ms. Cole expressed concerns with certain plastics (i.e. cereals, chips, zip log bags, etc.) that are non-recyclable, and inquired if the City could incorporate these into the recycling stream.

Staff provided an overview of the recycling program, and noted the Province is ultimately responsible for the regulations. As for translation, the City's website is translated to five languages, based on statistics, which represents approximately 60% of the City's population. The City also uses same colour coded scheme for single family and multi-family waste and recycling to bring uniformity.

Arising from discussion, the following motion was introduced:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL

THAT this matter be **REFERRED** to staff for review.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

- b) [Katie van der Slood](#)
Re: Risk Management of Triclosan
Speaker: Katie van der Slood

Ms. Katie van der Slood was absent due to illness.

- c) [Burnaby Food First](#)
Re: Food Security
Speakers: Leona Skovgaard, Chair
Grant Rice & Joyce Cameron

Ms. Leona Skovgaard, Chair and Mr. Grant Rice appeared before the Committee on behalf of Burnaby Food First providing information regarding food security.

Ms. Skovgaard noted that Burnaby Food First, a group of community members and local agencies working together in Burnaby since 1997, to bring awareness to food security. Their projects include promoting food gardening in the city and offering free community workshops on preserving food.

Mr. Rice noted that Burnaby Food First incorporated the City's Social Sustainability Strategy and the Environmental Sustainability Strategy into their platform.

The speaker had three recommendations to the City:

1. provide staff resources to identify city-owned properties & parkland for potential urban food growing opportunities (i.e. Richmond Foodland Asset Report – 2013);
2. dedicate portions of parkland & municipally owned land for urban agriculture and provide space to establish community gardens on public lands (i.e. Loutet Farm on North Shore & Terra Nova Farm in Richmond);
3. provide municipal staff resources, infrastructure, and operating guidelines to support community gardens (i.e. Surrey's Community Garden Expansion Project, Vancouver's 2020 Greenest City Initiatives).

In conclusion, Mr. Rice noted the following key elements of success:

- collaboration among grassroots organizations;
- municipal resources and staff time;
- political champions.

Staff advised that final consultation on *Draft* Environmental Sustainability Strategy will be in March/May, after which the Strategy will be forwarded to Council for approval. At that time, it will be clearer how and when to engage with organizations, i.e. Burnaby Food First.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL
SECONDED BY MS. HUA

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) **[Correspondence from the Ministry of Environment](#)**
Re: Land Based Spill Preparedness and Response
in British Columbia

Correspondence was received from Mr. Anthony Danks, Executive Director, Spills Response Regime Project, Environmental Protection Division advising that on 2015 June 15, the Honourable Mary Polak, Minister of Environment, announced that British Columbia will be creating a world class spill response regime to address a wide range of potential land and marine-based spills. The Ministry is seeking comments and inputs on this project.

b) **[Correspondence from Species at Risk Recovery Unit,](#)**
[Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment and Climate](#)
[Change Canada](#)
Re: Management Plan for the Northern Rubber Boa
in Canada

Correspondence was received from Species at Risk Recovery Unit, Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment and Climate Change Canada advising that the Management Plan for the Northern Rubber Boa (a snake found in B.C.) in Canada was posted for consultation.

c) **[Correspondence from Species at Risk Recovery Unit,](#)**
[Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment and Climate](#)
[Change Canada](#)
Re: Amending List of Species at Risk

Correspondence was received from Ms. Sue Milburn-Hopwood, Director General, Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment Canada advising that public consultations are being launched on amending Schedule 1 (the List of Wildlife Species at Risk) of the Species at Risk Act (SARA).

d) [Correspondence from Species at Risk Recovery, Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment and Climate Change Canada](#)
Re: Recovery Planning for Species at Risk

Correspondence was received from Mr. Randal Lake, Head, Species at Risk Recovery, Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment and Climate Change Canada seeking input on draft recovery documents for SARA listed species at risk in B.C.

e) [Correspondence from Don Bruchet](#)
Re: Eliminate Non-Recyclable Coffee Cups

Correspondence was received from Mr. Don Bruchet expressing concerns regarding the use of non-recyclable coffee cups.

Arising from discussion, the following motion was introduced:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO

THAT this matter be **REFERRED** to staff for report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

f) [Memorandum from the Director Planning and Building](#)
Re: 2016 Environment Committee Workplan

A memorandum was received from the Director Planning and Building outlining the Committee workplan for 2016.

5. **REPORTS**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL

THAT the reports be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) [Report from the Director Planning and Building](#)
Re: 2016 Environment Week Program

The Director Planning and Building submitted a report seeking approval for the 2016 Environment Week Program and the Environmental Awards and Stars Reception.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT Council approve the 2016 Environment Week Program.
2. THAT Council approve the presentation of the Environmental Awards and Stars at the Regular Council meeting on May 16, 2016.
3. THAT Council approve an expenditure of up to \$3,000 from the Boards, Committees and Commissions' operating budget for promoting and advertising the City sponsored Garage Sale Day Event.
4. THAT Council approve an expenditure of up to \$5,800 from the Boards, Committees and Commissions' operating budget for promoting and advertising Environment Week.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL
SECONDED BY MS. HUA

THAT the recommendations of the Director Planning and Building be adopted.

Staff provided a Power Point presentation summarizing the report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) [Report from the Director Finance](#)
Re: Sustainable Purchasing Initiatives - City Green Team

The Director Finance submitted a report providing a summary of initiatives undertaken by the City Green Team in 2015 and seeking Council's endorsement of the proposed 2016 Work Plan.

The Director Finance recommended:

1. THAT Council authorize the City Green Team to proceed with the proposed 2016 Work Plan Initiatives.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO
SECONDED BY MS. HUA

THAT the recommendation of the Director Finance be adopted.

Staff provided a Power Point presentation summarizing the report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business brought before the Committee at this time.

7. INQUIRIES

There were no inquiries brought before the Committee at this time.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DHALIWAL
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR CALENDINO

THAT this Open Committee meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open Committee meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Blanka Zeinabova
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Councillor Anne Kang
CHAIR