



## **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES**

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 September 13** at 6:00 p.m.

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

- PRESENT: Councillor Anne Kang, Chair  
Mr. Bill Brassington Jr., Citizen Representative  
Mr. Peter Cech, Citizen Representative  
Ms. Peggy Hua, Citizen Representative (*arrived at 6:07 p.m.*)  
Mr. Frank Zhao, Citizen Representative
- ABSENT: Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Vice Chair  
Councillor Pietro Calendino, Member
- 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  
Ms. Melinda Yong, Environmental Technician, Parks Design  
Ms. Blanka Zeinabova, Administrative Officer  
Ms. Nikolina Vracar, Administrative Officer

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

#### **2. MINUTES**

*\*Ms. Hua arrived at the meeting at 6:07 p.m. and took her place at the Committee table.*

- a) **[Open meeting of the Environment Committee  
held on 2016 April 12](#)**

**MOVED BY MR. CECH**  
**SECONDED BY MR. BRASSINGTON JR.**

THAT the minutes of the Open meeting of the Environment Committee held on 2016 April 12 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED BY MR. ZHAO  
SECONDED BY MS. HUA

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) **[Correspondence from Kierra Enns](#)**  
**Re: Concerns Regarding Merit Insecticide**

Correspondence was received from Ms. Kierra Enns expressing concerns regarding use of Merit insecticide, its harmful effects to bees and various other insects, and the need to reduce the use of insecticides.

Staff responded to Ms. Enns noting that the City introduced the Pesticide Use Control Bylaw in 2009 which restricts the use of cosmetic pesticides on residential and public lands. Under this Bylaw, the use of Merit for managing European Chafer would not be permitted in the City.

b) **[Correspondence from Rupert and Franny Yakelashek](#)**  
**Re: Federal Bill of Environmental Rights**

Correspondence was received from Rupert (12 years old) and Franny (9 years old) Yakelashek requesting the City consider writing a letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change Catherine McKenna and other federal leaders, including local MPs, asking them to champion the Federal Bill of Environmental Rights.

Staff noted that Council supports the Federal Bill of Environmental Rights.

c) **[Correspondence from Andrew Weaver, MLA](#)**  
**Re: Introducing an Environmental Bill of Rights**

Correspondence was received from Mr. Andrew Weaver, MLA, Oak Bay-Gordon Head, regarding the introduction of Bill M236 – Environmental Bill of Rights Act, 2016. This Bill states that British Columbians' have a right to a healthy environment and that it is the government's responsibility to protect it for this generation as well as those to come.

There are five key components to this Bill:

1. outlines the Rights and Responsibilities of the BC Government and its residents when it comes to environmental decision making;
2. creates a publicly accessible one-stop-shop for environmental information;

3. ensures that all Ministries consider the environmental impacts their operations may be responsible for;
4. creates an Environmental Commissioner responsible for investigating violations, providing the public an opportunity to participate in and access the decision making process, and providing regular reports about the state of the BC environment;
5. Protects whistle blowers who act to prevent or mitigate environmental damage.

d) **Correspondence from the City of North Vancouver**  
**Re: Cigarette Butt Deposit Return Program Resolution**

Correspondence was received from Ms. Karla Graham, City Clerk, the City of North Vancouver, regarding Cigarette Butt Deposit Return Program, and advising that Council, at its Regular meeting on 2016 May 30, unanimously endorsed the following resolution:

THAT Council submit the following resolution to the Union of BC Municipalities:

WHEREAS cigarette butts are a significant source of litter in many local communities:

WHEREAS cigarette butts are non-biodegradable and leach toxic organic chemicals and heavy metals into the environment impacting soil, fresh and saltwater, and have a significant negative impact on the aquatic and land-based organisms that ingest them;

WHEREAS a Cigarette Butt Deposit – Return Program offers a promising solution to significantly reduce cigarette butt litter and improve environmental health;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the BC Ministry of Environment implement a province-wide Cigarette Butt Deposit – Return Program for the elimination of cigarette litter.

THAT the resolution be circulated to UBCM member municipalities in advance of the 2016 convention;

AND THAT the City implement an outreach program aimed at reducing cigarette butt litter.

Arising from discussion, the following motion was introduced:

MOVED BY MR. BRASSINGTON JR.  
SECONDED BY MR. CECH

THAT Council send a letter to UBCM in support of the City of North Vancouver's resolution regarding Cigarette Butt Deposit Return Program, and the City of North Vancouver be so advised.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

e) [Correspondence from Environment Canada](#)  
Re: Amendment to Schedule 1 of the Species at Risk Act

Correspondence was received from Environment Canada regarding a proposed Order to amend Schedule 1 of the Species at Risk Act (SARA). The proposed Order applies to nine additions to SARA Schedule 1 and four reclassifications for species in British Columbia.

f) [Correspondence from Metro Vancouver](#)  
Re: Mattress and Bulky Furniture Extended Producer Responsibility

A copy of correspondence from Mr. Greg Moore, Chair, Metro Vancouver Board, addressed to the Minister of Environment Mary Polak, was received regarding mattress and bulky furniture extended producer responsibility. It was noted that establishing an EPR program for mattresses and bulky furniture would result in a number of benefits.

g) [Correspondence from Weiping Huang](#)  
Re: Save the Trees and Plants on Private Properties

Correspondence was received from Ms. Weiping Huang expressing concerns with cutting and removing trees and plants from private properties around the City.

Staff advised that Burnaby Tree Bylaw was established in 1996 to protect the City's trees and neighbourhood character. The Bylaw is based on the following principles: a balanced approach, reasonable cost, simplicity and effectiveness, and the urban forest, and aims to protect 'significant' trees within the City and ensure an adequate amount of replacement trees to enhance the urban forest.

h) [Correspondence from Climate Action Secretariat,](#)  
[Ministry of Environment](#)  
Re: BC Climate Leadership Plan

Correspondence was received from Ms. Susanna Laaksonen-Craig, Head, Climate Action Secretariat, Ministry of Environment, advising that the BC

Provincial Government unveiled the first suite of new actions in its Climate Leadership Plan. With 21 new actions, the Plan is moving closer to the 2050 carbon reduction goal while growing a clean economy. The Plan will be updated over the course of the following year as work on the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change progresses.

i) [Correspondence from Trevor Mack](#)  
**Re: Creating Hydro Power from City Pipes**

Correspondence was received from Mr. Trevor Mack seeking the City consider creating hydro power from the City pipes. Mr. Mack provided the example of Portland and several other West Coast cities that are already generating power through a series of water pipes fitted with turbines.

Staff advised that the possibility to harness energy from municipal water pipelines has been investigated; however, the City does not have a business case, due to smaller pipes and low flow rates in the Metro Vancouver area.

j) [Memorandum from the Director Engineering](#)  
**Re: 2016 Water Conservation Poster Contest Winners**

A memorandum was received from the Director Engineering providing an overview of the winners of the water conservation poster contest. The winning artworks was displayed in June on bus shelters and eco-media bins at various locations in Burnaby.

k) [Memorandum from the Director Planning and Building](#)  
**Re: Burnaby Big Bend Tour**

A memorandum was received from the Director Planning and Building advising that at its meeting of 2009 February 2, Council endorsed the conclusions and actions arising from the Willard Street and Meadow Avenue public 'neighbourhood development' process. One of the actions referenced in the noted report was to "initiate a walking/driving tour of market gardens in the Big Bend area". Staff have worked with Burnaby Food First, Burnaby's community food security coalition, and Tourism Burnaby to develop the Tour.

The first edition of the Tour includes nine market gardens, nursery or farm locations in the Big Bend area including several in the Willard Street/Meadow Avenue area. The self-guided Tour was launched via media release issued by Burnaby Food First prior to 2016 May 23, and it's now available on-line.

l) [Memorandum from the Administrative Officer](#)  
**Re: Waterways of Burnaby: Discovering the Heritage &  
Nature of Burnaby's Still Creek Conservation Area**

A memorandum was received from the Administrative Officer advising that Council, at its meeting held on 2016 June 13, received and adopted the above noted report seeking funding to design and print a walking tour brochure for the Still Creek Conservation Area for the City's World Rivers Day on 2016 September 25.

m) [Memorandum from the City Clerk](#)  
**Re: Annual Drinking Water Quality Monitoring Report (2015)**

A memorandum was received from the City Clerk advising that Council, at its meeting held on 2016 June 20, received and adopted the above noted report. The report provides an overview of the regulatory context, outlines the drinking water quality program undertaken by staff, and includes associated sample results to provide evidence of potability and compliance with the BC Drinking Water Protection Regulation.

n) [Memorandum from the City Clerk](#)  
**Re: Regional Food System Strategy Action Plan**

A memorandum was received from the City Clerk advising that Council, at its meeting held on 2016 June 27, received and adopted the above noted report seeking endorsement of the Metro Vancouver Regional Food System Strategy (RFSS) Action Plan.

o) [Memorandum from the City Clerk](#)  
**Re: Spill Preparedness and Response in BC: Proposed  
Amendments to the Environmental Management Act and  
Proposed Regulations (IP3)**

A memorandum was received from the City Clerk advising that Council, at its meeting held on 2016 June 27, received and adopted the above noted report providing comments on the BC Spill Preparedness and Response Third Intention Paper.

p) [Memorandum from the Deputy City Clerk](#)  
**Re: Federation of Canadian Municipalities National Municipal  
Energy Infrastructure Task Force**

A memorandum was received from the Deputy City Clerk advising that Council, at its meeting held on 2016 July 25, received and adopted the above noted report providing the Federation of Canadian Municipalities National Municipal

Energy Infrastructure Task Force with comments on areas where improvements should be considered to the environmental assessment and National Energy Board processes that forms part of the Federal review and approval of major pipeline projects.

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business brought before the Committee.

**5. INQUIRIES**

**Peter Cech – the Environmental Sustainability Strategy**

Mr. Cech inquired regarding the Environmental Sustainability Strategy update.

Staff advised that a report will be submitted to Council for approval in the near future.

**6. CLOSED**

[Public excluded according to Sections 90 and 92 of the Community Charter.](#)

MOVED BY MR. CECH

SECONDED BY MR. BRASSINGTON JR.

THAT this Open Committee meeting do now recess.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open meeting recessed at 7:29 p.m.

MOVED BY MR. CECH

SECONDED BY MS. HUA

THAT the Open Committee meeting do now reconvene.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open Committee meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

Councillor Kang reminded the Committee members that World Rivers Day will be held on Sunday, 2016 September 26 at the Burnaby Village Museum, and invited everyone to attend.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY MR. CECHE

SECONDED BY MR. BRASSINGTON JR.

THAT this Open Committee meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open Committee meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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Blanka Zeinabova  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Councillor Anne Kang  
CHAIR