

CITY OF BURNABY

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**MINUTES**

An Open meeting of the Environment Committee was held in the Council Committee Room, Burnaby City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC on Wednesday, **2014 December 03** at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Anne Kang, In the Chair
Dr. Stanley Jung, Citizens' Representative
Ms. Mary Lumby, Citizens' Representative
Mr. Glen Porter, Citizens' Representative

ABSENT: Councillor Dan Johnston, Chair
Councillor Nick Volkow, Member
Mr. Paul Cipywnyk, Citizens' Representative

STAFF: Ms. Lee-Ann Garnett, Assistant Director - Long Range Planning
Mr. Dipak Dattani, Deputy Director - Engineering
Ms. Gisele Caron, Purchasing Manager
Ms. Heather Edwards, Manager – Parks Planning, Design & Development
Ms. Lise Townsend, Eco System Planner
Ms. Blanka Zeinabova, Administrative Officer

The Vice Chair called the Open meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

1. MINUTES**(a) Minutes of the Open meeting of the Environment Committee held on 2014 September 09**

MOVED BY STANLEY JUNG:
SECONDED BY GLEN PORTER:

“THAT the minutes of the Environment Committee Open meeting held on 2014 September 09 be adopted.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED BY MARY LUMBY:
SECONDED BY GLEN PORTER:

“THAT the correspondence be received.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(a) Correspondence from Metro Vancouver
Re: Air Quality Monitoring Reports for 2012 and 2013

Correspondence was received from Metro Vancouver, together with the 2012 and 2013 Air Quality Monitoring Reports, summarizing data collected from all air quality monitoring stations; comparing measurements to federal, provincial and Metro Vancouver air quality objectives and standards; describing special monitoring activities undertaken during the year; and providing long-term trends.

Staff advised that a memorandum was submitted to the Committee responding to correspondence received from Metro Vancouver in September advising the City on the publication of its 2014 edition of *Caring for the Air* report, on matters relating to the AirCare Program, fuel vapour recovery at gas stations and seasonal variation of sulphur dioxide levels (marine vessels vs. cruise ships) in Burrard Inlet.

(b) Memorandum from the Deputy City Clerk
Re: Outdoor Heat Pump Fan/Coil Unit
at 4257 Rumble Street

A memorandum was received from the Deputy City Clerk advising that under the New Business portion of the Open Council meeting held on 2014 September 29, Council made reference to correspondence from Dennis and Eva Gerlitz expressing concern regarding the noise emanating from a recently installed heat pump adjacent to their property. Council referred this item of correspondence to the Environment Committee for its review and consideration of practices in other municipalities.

Staff noted that the noise complaint was investigated, and the correspondents were advised of the outcome of the investigation. Staff is currently focusing on residents' education, and investigating other municipalities' bylaws.

(c) Memorandum from the City Clerk
Re: Residential Glass Collection

A memorandum was received from the City Clerk advising that Council, at the Open Council meeting held on 2014 November 24, received and adopted the above noted report regarding the delivery of grey boxes to residential curbside properties for the collection of glass. The report was forwarded to the Environment Committee for information.

In the report, staff advised that 13,400 boxes were received last week by the City, and delivery of these boxes to residents should be completed by 2014 December 19. Together with the grey box, residents will receive a calendar with recycling information as part of the educational process. To date, the City had received many positive comments from the public on the calendar.

3. **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Mary Lumby

Ms. Lumby inquired into the process of Committee appointments.

Staff advised that Committee appointments should be completed in 2015 January.

Lee-Ann Garnett

Ms. Garnett submitted a memorandum with background information on the Byrne Creek Mapping Project - “Mapping Where We Live” (Art and Ecology Project), as requested by the Committee in June.

Staff advised that they will continue to highlight the project as opportunities rise, will investigate the feasibility of using some of the art pieces in the promotional materials, and will investigate the feasibility of displaying the art pieces at other city-owned bus shelters in Burnaby. Furthermore, staff advised that they have had discussions with representatives from Stream of Dreams Murals Society and, if funding becomes available, the group may be able to pursue the project in the future, with City’s assistance.

Councillor Kang

Councillor Kang expressed concern regarding recycling items that are collected only by a Depot (i.e. plastic and Styrofoam), and inquired about the feasibility of making recycling more accessible to everyone.

Staff advised that there are a number of challenges due to MMBC requirements, City audit requirements, package and design options, etc. It was noted that some of the concerns could be advocated to the Province. Also staff advised that some European cities have drop off areas and some of these models are being discussed at the regional level.

Mr. Porter noted that recycling can be confusing, and suggested that all recyclables could be deposited at one location.

Staff noted that the City provides outreach and education (thru calendars with pictures and colour schemes); however, a mixed approach is not desirable for the City.

Councillor Kang noted that Marco Market (4909 Rumble Street) encourages customers to bring their recyclables.

Staff advised that a similar approach is part of the Environmental Sustainability Strategy and the City continues to focus on this.

Councillor Kang further inquired regarding solid waste pick up, and if it would be feasible to pick up bi-weekly.

Staff advised that due to heavy lifting and possible injury to workers, bi-weekly pick up is not encouraged.

4. INQUIRIES

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

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Vice Chair conveyed thanks to all citizen representatives for serving on the Committee for past 6 years, for their contribution, expertise and involvement, and on behalf of Council extended best wishes on their future endeavours.

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY STANLEY JUNG:
SECONDED BY MARY LUMBY:

“THAT the Open meeting do now adjourn.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Ms. Blanka Zeinabova
Administrative Officer

Councillor Dan Johnston
Chair