



## **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Tuesday, 2015 February 10**

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, **2015 February 10** at 6:00 PM.

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

PRESENT: Councillor A. Kang, Chair  
Councillor S. Dhaliwal, Vice Chair  
Councillor P. Calendino, Member  
Mr. B. Brassington Jr., Citizen Representative  
Mr. P. Cech, Citizen Representative  
Ms. P. Hua, Citizen Representative  
Mr. F. Zhao, Citizen Representative

GUEST: Ms. M. Lumby, Former Citizen Representative

STAFF: Ms. L. Garnett, Assistant Director Long Range Planning  
Mr. D. Dattani, Deputy Director Engineering  
Ms. G. Caron, Purchasing Manager  
Ms. H. Edwards, Manager, Parks Planning, Design & Development  
Ms. L. Townsend, Eco System Planner  
Mr. M. Sloat, Planner 1  
Mr. S. Ramsey, Manager, Transportation Planning  
Ms. B. Zeinabova, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the Open meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Chair welcomed new members to the Committee.

### **2. MINUTES**

#### **A) Open meeting of the Environment Committee held on 2014 December 03**

The Committee approved the minutes of the Environment Committee Open meeting held on 2014 December 03 by UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

### 3. **PRESENTATION**

**A) Stu Ramsey, Manager, Transportation Planning**  
**Re: Public Realm Design Standards for Town Centre Streets**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR P. CALENDINO  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR S. DHALIWAL

THAT the presentation be heard.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Mr. S. Ramsey**, Manager, Transportation Planning appeared before the Committee providing an overview of the public realm design standards for streets in Burnaby's four Town Centres. It was noted that development of the design standards was guided by Council policy and the role of the public realm is to foster a sense of pride in the community and strengthen sense of place.

The streetscape designs have been developed on principles of re-creating the "living room", being attractive, building "complete streets", emphasizing local community, enhancing the environment and efficient use of space.

The details and dimensions of the designs vary based on street classification, while each incorporates similar elements located in six "zones". The elements of the typical sections are building setback zone, walking zone, centre boulevard, cycling zone, front boulevard, and vehicular zone.

The speaker noted that the public realm designs are being implemented primarily through the rezoning process and the standards apply at the four Town Centres; however, over time other suitable locations may be identified through the rezoning or other processes.

Councillor Dhaliwal suggested going beyond Town Centres and extending the design to the residential areas.

Councillor Calendino suggested considering major commercial streets in the City, i.e. Kingsway, Hastings, Boundary, etc. and including creative public art.

Councillor Kang inquired regarding uniqueness of each Town Centre, and further if furniture, light fixtures, bike racks, etc. could be customized, with emphasis on safe furniture for all ages. The speaker also inquired regarding palm trees and edible gardens.

Mr. Brassington Jr. expressed concern regarding a number of streets in North Burnaby without sidewalks and encouraged staff to investigate already established neighbourhoods for the similar design.

The Chair conveyed thanks to Mr. Ramsey for very informative presentation.

#### **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR P. CALENDINO

SECONDED BY MR. P. CECH

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**A) Memorandum from the Deputy City Clerk**  
**Re: Public Realm Design Standards for Town Centre Streets**

A memorandum was received from the Deputy City Clerk advising that Council, at the Open Council meeting held on 2015 January 19, received and adopted the above noted report advising of the progress made on public realm design standards for streets in Burnaby's four Town Centres. Council requested staff prepare a presentation to the Transportation, Traffic Safety and Environment Committees to share the creative development of Town Centres, highlighting community arts, sidewalk improvements, bike lanes and environmental enhancements.

**B) Memorandum from the Director Planning and Building**  
**Re: 2015 Environment Committee Workplan**

A memorandum was received from the Director Planning and Building outlining anticipated key environmental reports and presentations for the upcoming year. The workplan incorporates the City's environmental goals and objectives, is dynamic and based on emerging priorities. Staff provided a summary of the key workplan items for 2015.

**C) Correspondence from Metro Vancouver**  
**Re: Progress Report on the 2011 Integrated Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan**

Correspondence was received from Metro Vancouver with a copy of the report titled "Progress Report on the 2011 Integrated Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Management Plan", which was adopted at the Greater Vancouver Regional District Board of Directors regular meeting held on 2014 November 28. The Board adopted a resolution to forward the report to agency partners and key stakeholders for information, and indicated its continued interest in working with them to improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the region.

Staff provided background information on the air quality monitoring noting that some pollutants are declining over the last few years due to emission standards; however, average levels of ground-level ozone are increasing slightly due to refinery and marine traffic in North Burnaby.

Councillor Dhaliwal expressed concerns regarding an increase in sulphur dioxide due to marine traffic.

Staff undertook to monitor this matter.

## 5. **REPORTS**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR S. DHALIWAL  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR P. CALENDINO

THAT the reports be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **A) Report from the Director Planning and Building** **Re: 2015 Environment Week and Environmental Awards Program**

The Director Planning and Building submitted a report seeking approval for the preliminary planning approach for Environment Week and the Environmental Awards Program call for nominations for 2015.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT Council approve the preliminary planning approach for Environmental Week, scheduled for 2015 May 30 to June 06.
2. THAT Council approve the call for nominations for the 2015 Environmental Awards Program.
3. THAT Council approve an expenditure of \$2,650 from the Boards, Committees and Commissions' operating budget for advertising the Environmental Awards Program call for nominations.
4. THAT Council approve an expenditure of \$5,925 from the Boards, Committees and Commissions' operating budget for advertising the Garage Sale Day Event.
5. THAT Council approve an expenditure of \$6,850 from the Boards, Committees and Commission's operating budget for advertising Environment Week.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR P. CALENDINO  
SECONDED BY MS. P. HUA

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Calendino suggested name change (i.e. Go Greek Week) and for the next year's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary plan a big 'green' concert.

Councillor Calendino expressed concern with food scrap recycling at multi-family developments.

Staff described the City's approach regarding food scrap and glass recycling, emphasizing multiple levels of education.

Councillor Kang suggested educational games during the Environment Week focusing on recycling and reuse.

Staff undertook to investigate.

*\*\*Mr. B. Brassington Jr. retired from the meeting at 8:02 p.m.\*\**

*\*\*Mr. B. Brassington Jr. returned to the meeting at 8:02 p.m. and took his place at the Committee table.\*\**

Councillor Calendino inquired regarding any issues related to advertising private addresses for garage sale.

Staff noted there were no issues for past three years, but undertook to monitor this matter.

Arising from discussion, Mr. Brassington Jr. was granted leave by the Committee to introduce the following motion:

MOVED BY MR. B. BRASSINGTON JR.  
SECONDED BY MS. P. HUA

THAT staff report on 'car free days' in other cities, including impacts, successes, and recommendations for the City of Burnaby.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

*\*\*Mr. F. Zhao retired from the meeting at 8:04 p.m.\*\**

*\*\*Mr. F. Zhao returned to the meeting at 8:06 p.m. and took his place at the Committee table.\*\**

**B) Report from the Director Finance**  
**Re: Sustainable Purchasing Initiatives - City Green Team**

The Director Finance submitted a report on 2014 City Green Team initiatives, and seeking Council's endorsement of the proposed 2015 Work Plan.

The Director Finance recommended:

1. THAT Council receive this report for information.
2. THAT Council authorize the City Green Team to proceed with the proposed 2015 Work Plan.

MOVED BY MR. F. ZHAO

SECONDED BY MR. B. BRASSINGTON JR.

THAT the recommendations of the Director Finance be adopted.

Staff provided a Power Point presentation summarizing the report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Calendino inquired regarding single sided documents from various departments.

Staff undertook to investigate and advise departments accordingly.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**Ms. Lise Townsend, Ecosystem Planner**

Ms. Townsend provided a brief overview of Burnaby's Environmental Sustainability Strategy (ESS), summarizing the three-phase process and noting some of the key activities. In addition, the speaker outlined the Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP), which is being developed concurrently with the ESS.

In conclusion, Ms. Townsend noted next steps for the ESS process, resulting with finalization of the Strategy and reporting to Council.

**Councillor Kang**

Councillor Kang inquired regarding models of satellite hubs for recycling (i.e. corner stores, restaurants, etc.) to collect non-recyclable material such as styrofoam and plastic.

Staff undertook to report back to the Committee.

**7. INQUIRIES**

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

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY MR. P. CECH

SECONDED BY MR. F. ZHAO

THAT the Open meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

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Blanka Zeinabova  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Councillor Anne Kang  
CHAIR