



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, 2015 April 14

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 April 14** at 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Councillor A. Kang, Chair
Councillor P. Calendino, Member
Mr. P. Cech, Citizen Representative
Ms. P. Hua, Citizen Representative

ABSENT: Councillor S. Dhaliwal, Vice Chair
Mr. B. Brassington Jr., Citizen Representative
Mr. F. Zhao, Citizen Representative

STAFF: Ms. L. Garnett, Assistant Director Long Range Planning
Mr. D. Dattani, Assistant Director Engineering – Environmental Protection
Mr. M. Sloat, Planner 1
Ms. B. Zeinabova, Administrative Officer

The Chair called the 'Open' meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. MINUTES

a) **Open meeting of the Environment Committee
held on 2015 February 10**

MOVED BY MR. P. CECH:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR P. CALENDINO:

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) **Correspondence from Wendy Hinestrosa**
Re: Sustainable Infrastructure

Correspondence was received from Ms. Wendy Hinestrosa expressing concerns regarding sustainability, specifically concerning storm water. Ms. Hinestrosa suggested the City investigate Seattle's green storm water and drainage project and other solutions.

Staff provided an overview of the initiatives the City is already involved with, i.e. the Draft Environment Sustainability Strategy, use of regulations and standards to address some of these issues, City or privately initiated projects, Integrated Storm Management Plan (ISMP), discussions with Metro Vancouver, etc.

Arising from discussion, Councillor Calendino was granted leave by the Committee to introduce the following motion:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR P. CALENDINO:
SECONDED BY MR. P. CECH:

THAT staff send a letter to the writer thanking her for her correspondence and addressing issues raised and the City's initiatives.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) **Correspondence from City of Port Moody**
Re: Declaration of the Right to a Healthy Environment

Correspondence was received from the City of Port Moody advising that Council, at the Regular Council meeting held on 2015 February 10, passed a resolution regarding the Right to a Healthy Environment and forwarded this declaration to the LMLGA, UBCM and FCM for discussion at their 2015 conference/convention. Further, the City of Port Moody requested support for their resolution from the City of Burnaby.

**c) Memorandum from the Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
Re: Burnaby Fraser Foreshore Park - Fraser River Dyke Rehabilitation Compensation Sites**

A memorandum was received from the Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services advising that the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission, at its meeting held on 2015 February 18, received a report regarding Burnaby Fraser Foreshore Park - Fraser River Dyke Rehabilitation Compensation Sites, and forwarded the same to the Environment Committee for information.

**d) Memorandum from the Deputy City Clerk
Re: Blue Dot Declaration**

A memorandum was received from the Deputy City Clerk advising that Council, at its meeting held on 2015 February 16, received a delegation providing an overview of the Blue Dot Campaign. The delegation requested that the City consider passing 'Burnaby Municipal Declaration to the Right to a Healthy Environment'. Arising from discussion, Council adopted the declaration and forwarded the same to the Environment Committee for information.

4. REPORTS

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR P. CALENDINO:
SECONDED BY MR. P. CECH:

THAT the reports be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**a) Report from the Director Planning and Building
Re: 2015 Environment Week Program**

The Director Planning and Building submitted a report seeking approval for the 2015 Environment Week Program.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT Council be requested to approve the 2015 Environment Week Program, as outlined in Appendix A.

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

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

Staff provided a Power Point presentation summarizing the report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee requested staff to rationalize cost for advertisement and try to find cost savings.

Staff undertook to investigate this matter.

b) Report from the Director Engineering
Re: 2014 Annual Solid Waste and Recycling Report
- A Year in Review

The Director Engineering submitted the 2014 annual report on the City's integrated solid waste and recycling program.

The Director Engineering recommended:

1. THAT the Committee receive the 2014 Annual Solid Waste and Recycling Report and forward it to Council for information.

MOVED BY MS. P. HUA:
SECONDED BY MR. P. CECH:

THAT the recommendation of the Director Engineering be adopted.

Staff provided a Power Point presentation summarizing the report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee requested staff undertake an educational program in libraries including posters with appropriate phrases, i.e. "We collect bulky items for free", etc.

The Committee further requested more education on 'reuse'.

Staff undertook to investigate these matters.

**c) Report from the Director Engineering and the Director Parks,
Recreation and Cultural Services
Re: Grand Opening of Still Creek Works Yard**

The Director Engineering and the Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services submitted a report seeking approval for the Engineering and Parks Departments to host a Grand Opening of the Still Creek Works Yard on 2015 May 23.

The Director Engineering and the Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services recommended:

1. THAT the Committee recommend Council to authorize staff to host the Grand Opening of the new Still Creek Works Yard for the general public on Saturday, May 23 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR P. CALENDINO:
SECONDED BY MR. P. CECH:

THAT the recommendation of the Director Engineering and the Director Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Calendino

Councillor Calendino noted an article in Vancouver Sun regarding the City of Surrey's plan to convert organic garbage and yard trimmings into biogas for its fleet of collection trucks, municipal vehicles and city operations.

Staff advised that in the past the City did an economic analysis of converting the City's vehicles to biogas; however, this plan was not viable at that time.

Staff undertook to further investigate the feasibility of converting green waste to gas.

Mr. Peter Cech

Mr. Cech inquired regarding the Environmental Sustainability Strategy report.

Staff noted that the second Draft of the ESS will be available in the Fall 2015, after which there will be another round of public consultation before it's finally adopted by Council.

Councillor Kang

Councillor Kang noted that the 'bee condos' are now in place across the City.

6. INQUIRIES

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

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY MR. P. CECH:

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR P. CALENDINO:

THAT this Open Committee meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Blanka Zeinabova
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Councillor Anne Kang
CHAIR