



ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

An Open meeting of the Environment and Social Planning Committee was held in the Clerk's Committee Room, City Hall, 4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, B.C. on **Monday, 2019 May 06 at 6:00 p.m.** followed by a Closed meeting from which the public was excluded.

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT:

Councillor Colleen Jordan, Chair
Councillor Joe Keithley, Vice Chair
Councillor James Wang, Member
Mr. Joel Gibbs, Citizen Representative
Mr. Elie Lubendo, Citizen Representative
Ms. Mary Lumby, Citizen Representative
Ms. Doris Mah, Citizen Representative
Mr. Andrei Zawadzki, Citizen Representative
Mr. Elie Lubendo, Citizen Representative
Ms. Tessa Vanderkop, Burnaby Board of Trade
Trustee Peter Cech, Burnaby School Board

ADVISORY

ORGANIZATIONS:

Ms. Dana Wong, FortisBC
Ms. Deborah Harford, Simon Fraser University

ABSENT:

Mr. Frank Huang, Citizen Representative
Mr. Jerry Muir, BC Hydro

STAFF:

Mr. Dipak Dattani, Director Corporate Services
Ms. Lee-Ann Garnett, Assistant Director Long Range Planning
Ms. Simone Rousseau, Manager Environmental Services
Ms. Lise Townsend, Ecosystem Planner
Ms. Monica Macdonald, Administrative Officer

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

The Chair acknowledged the unceded, traditional, and ancestral lands of the hən̓q̓əmi̓n̓əm and skwxwú7mesh speaking people, and extended appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this shared Coast Salish territory.

The Chair welcomed members and facilitated a round of introductions.

2. **MINUTES**

a) **Minutes of the Environment and Social Planning Committee Open meeting held on 2019 March 28**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the minutes of the Environment and Social Planning Committee Open meeting held on 2019 March 28 be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **DELEGATIONS**

MOVED BY TRUSTEE CECH
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the delegations be heard.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) **Henri Lemb** **Re: Alternative Housing Project and Poverty Reduction in BC** **Speaker: Henri Lemb**

Mr. Henri Lemb appeared before the Committee expressing concerns regarding affordable housing and people living in poverty.

The delegation noted that, despite government assistance, the situation of homelessness appears to be growing.

Mr. Lemb presented a series of slides showing his ideas for an alternative housing project which would include the use of multiple, licenced trucks or trailers stationed on one site, each with its own separate power and water supply. The “homes” would feature low energy use architecture.

The speaker concluded by stating the project would have a positive impact on economy and environment, be easy to set up and low budget, provide affordable housing relatively quickly, and in the long term reduce poverty in BC.

b) Burnaby Food First
Re: Food Security Strategy for the City of Burnaby
Speakers: Chau Chin Yo, Intern
Kimberly Barwich, Director

Ms. Chau Chin Yo, Intern, Burnaby Food First (BFF) and **Ms. Kimberly Barwich**, Director, BFF, appeared before the Committee seeking support for a food security strategy for the City.

Ms. Barwich advised that Burnaby Food First is a group of community members and local agencies working together to bring food security to Burnaby. The organization, established for almost 20 years, provides educational workshops and advocacy services, and hosts fundraising events to raise awareness.

Ms. Yo explained the meaning of food security, and presented a diagram describing the three stages within a food security continuum which ranges from supporting individual and household insecurity (most common) to taking action on a community wide scale. The three stages include:

- Stage 1 (individual) - short term relief: food banks and soup kitchens;
- Stage 2 (community) - capacity building: community kitchens, gardens, & food skills workshops; and,
- Stage 3 (community) - system redesign: changes in policy, infrastructure & food systems.

Ms. Yo advised that a Food Security Strategy is an official plan which brings together actions from all three stages of the continuum into one cohesive vision.

The delegation commended the City on its social equity actions, such as:

- Food actions (fish habitat and sustainable seafood, local food production - farms, community gardens, and beekeeping);
- Strategic direction (Environmental and Social Sustainability Strategies), Mayor's Task Force on Community Housing, and Transportation Plan Update; and,
- Regional Food Strategy (Metro Vancouver Regional Food System Strategy).

Notwithstanding the City's social action, Ms. Yo noted the following challenges remain:

- Lack of formal services;
- Lack of coordinated effort to address food insecurity amongst local agencies; and,
- Majority of work being done is in Stage 1 & 2 of the continuum.

In conclusion, the delegation advocated for and requested assistance from the City to:

- Create a Food Security Council comprised of staff, Fraser Health, the School District, local agencies, private sector, and community members;
- Lead the Food Security Council; and,
- Lead the creation of a food security strategy in the City.

Arising from discussion, the following motion was introduced:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY

SECONDED BY MR. LUBENDO

THAT the delegation's presentation be **REFERRED** to staff for a report on the advisability and feasibility of facilitating the development of a Food Security Council which would create a food security strategy, engage with the community, and make connections to existing frameworks and policies in the City and region.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c) **Claire Preston**
Re: Tobacco Products and the Environment
Speaker: Claire Preston

Ms. Claire Preston appeared before the Committee regarding the impact of tobacco products on the environment. Ms. Preston provided background information and requested that Council support biodegradable options i.e. paper filters, 100% organic products; e-cigarettes and vaping; and ban sale of regular commercial grade cigarettes that are not compostable.

The Committee advised that, at its Open meeting held on 2019 March 28, a motion was adopted directing staff to prepare a memorandum to the Committee on the advisability and feasibility of banning the sale of tobacco products in the City.

Further, the Committee noted a concern around encouraging e-cigarettes and vaping (especially vis-à-vis the impact of this message on youth), and preference for an educational approach to the issues brought forward by the delegation.

4. **CORRESPONDENCE**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) Correspondence from the Wilderness Committee
Re: South Okanagan-Similkameen National Park Reserve

Correspondence was received from the Wilderness Committee expressing concern for the decline of wildlife populations in Canada and the growing number of species at risk, and advocating action to protect the species that are not yet at risk and to recover species already at risk.

The Wilderness Committee, noting that the South Okanagan-Similkameen region is home to over 65 federally listed species at risk, is seeking support for the creation of the South Okanagan-Similkameen National Park Reserve.

Arising from discussion, the following motion was introduced:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT this item of correspondence be now **TABLED**.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The correspondence was **TABLED** to the 2019 June 4 Committee meeting to allow staff time to research information regarding any support from other BC local governments or the Union of BC Municipalities for the creation of the South Okanagan-Similkameen National Park Reserve.

b) Correspondence from Narayan Gopinathan
Re: Call to Burnaby to Declare Climate Emergency

Correspondence was received from Mr. Narayan Gopinathan advocating for the City to join the City of Vancouver in declaring a state of emergency over climate change, and to renew its opposition to expansion of the Trans-Mountain Pipeline.

c) Correspondence Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC
Re: Municipal Child Care Planning Grant

Correspondence was received from Ms. Sharon Gregson, Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC, congratulating the City on receiving a municipal child care planning grant and providing a number of suggestions on implementing the \$10aDay Child Care Plan.

5. **REPORTS**

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the reports be received.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

a) **Report from the Director Corporate Services**
Re: 2018 Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program Report

The Director Corporate Services submitted a report providing information on the climate actions and corporate emissions reported in the 2018 Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program (CARIP) Report, and fulfilling the annual CARIP grant requirement to report publicly.

The Director Corporate Services recommended:

1. THAT the Committee forward this report to Council for information.

MOVED BY TRUSTEE CECH
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the recommendation of the Director Corporate Services be adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee noted that the CARIP Report will be updated with final data from Metro Vancouver expected to be received next week for the 2019 May 27 report to Council.

b) **Report from the Director Planning and Building**
Re: Age-Friendly Grant 2019 - Proposed Process

The Director Planning and Building submitted a report presenting a process to develop a seniors' services planning table and strategic plan for community-based seniors' services in Burnaby.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT Council approve the process to develop a seniors' services planning table and strategic plan for community-based seniors' services in Burnaby, as described in Section 4.0 of this report.

MOVED BY MR. LUBENDO
SECONDED BY MR. GIBBS

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Arising from discussion, the Committee inquired regarding the applicability of a grant for Burnaby Food First under this program.

Staff undertook to follow-up.

c) Report from the Director Planning and Building
Re: Local Government Awareness Week 2019

The Director Planning and Building submitted a report proposing activities for Burnaby's participation in Local Government Awareness Week 2019.

The Director Planning and Building recommended:

1. THAT Council approve the City's involvement in Local Government Awareness Week 2019, as outlined in Section 3.2 of this report.
2. THAT Council approve an expenditure of \$750 from the 2019 Boards, Commissions and Committees budget for promotional materials.

MOVED BY MS. LUMBY
SECONDED BY MS. MAH

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

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY MR. ZAWADZKI
SECONDED BY MS. VANDERKOP

THAT "New Business" be added to the agenda at this time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Cech – Update on School District's Sustainability Initiatives

Trustee Cech advised that the Burnaby School District passed its budget last month which provided for the creation of a new "energy foreman" position to oversee the energy use of heat and lighting in schools and District's facilities.

Further, the money that the District will save in reducing energy use will off-set the cost of the position, as well as reduce carbon footprint.

Councillor Jordan – Committee Meeting Schedule to Year End

Councillor Jordan advised the following Committee meeting dates to the end of the year: 2019 June 04, 2019 September 03, and 2019 November 05.

Mr. Gibbs – Climate Change Action

Mr. Gibbs provided a resolution regarding taking action on climate change.

With unanimous consent, the following motion was brought before the Committee for consideration:

MOVED BY MR. GIBBS

SECONDED BY MS. VANDERKOP

WHEREAS the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has stated the necessity to limit global warming to under 1.5°C in order to avoid the worst impacts of climate breakdown; and,

WHEREAS Burnaby's existing greenhouse gas emissions targets do not meet the IPCC's recommendations to limit global warming to under 1.5°C; and,

WHEREAS Burnaby has significant resources, financial and otherwise, to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions; and,

WHEREAS there are major adverse impacts from further delaying action to reduce greenhouse gas emission, any delays would likely worsen existing inequities, due to the impacts of climate change, and limited resources of groups most affected to address those impacts; and,

WHEREAS we are already seeing some of the impacts of climate breakdown, to which we will need to adapt;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Staff report back to the Committee within 90 days on updating the Community Energy and Emissions Plan and Environmental Sustainability Strategy, and recommend first steps in order to:
 - a. Achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2030;
 - b. Meet intermediate targets in 30% reduction below 2010 emissions in 2023, and 70% below 2010 emissions in 2027; and,
 - c. Achieve significant negative emissions by 2040.

2. Staff report back on the necessity of having Council declare a climate emergency.
3. Staff work to develop adaptation strategies to help mitigate the effects of climate change, focused on actions strategies with the widest level of co-benefits for adaptation, emissions reduction, human health and equity, and biodiversity survival.
4. We need to take climate action, with a focus on equity and justice, through a lens of reconciliation and intersectionality, prioritizing those most vulnerable to effects of climate breakdown and lacking resources to adequately address its impacts.
5. Burnaby works with other governments in the region to learn from each other, and help build cohesive, region-wide climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies.

- amended

Staff advised that the motion entails a significant amount of work and would take much more than 90 days to provide a meaningful, professional comment. It was noted that the City of Vancouver took one year to complete a similar process.

Arising from discussion, the following motion was introduced:

MOVED BY MS. VANDERKOP
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY

THAT the recommendations contained in the resolution be **AMENDED** to read as follows: "THAT staff report back to the Committee within 90 days on the advisability and feasibility of implementing the actions outlined in the resolution and embarking on such a plan."

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY MS. VANDERKOP
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY

THAT the recommendations be adopted, as **AMENDED**.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Gibbs – Parking Space Requirements in Multi-Family Buildings

Mr. Gibbs provided a resolution regarding parking space requirements in multi-family buildings.

With unanimous consent, the following motion was brought before the Committee for consideration:

MOVED BY MR. GIBBS

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

WHEREAS Metro Vancouver parking studies have shown a significant excess of vehicle parking spaces in multi-family buildings; and,

WHEREAS vehicle parking spaces often cost \$30,000 to \$80,000 per stall, significantly increasing the cost of housing in the midst of an affordable housing crisis; and,

WHEREAS existing regulations force the creation of un-needed, under-utilized vehicle parking spaces in multi-family units, especially around transit, and does not allow for flexible use; and,

WHEREAS we are in a climate crisis with a need to reduce emissions and, according to Burnaby's Community Energy and Emissions Plan, "Passenger vehicles are the largest single source of the City's emissions, at 37%" and sustainable transportation choices are more likely when less parking is available; and,

WHEREAS allowing flexibility around vehicle parking allows for consumer options to reduce transportation costs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff report back with changes required to:

1. Eliminate minimum vehicle parking requirements for new buildings, to allow demand driven parking spaces within 800m of a rapid transit stop, or 500m of frequent transit stops, with the exception of car-share requirements; and,
2. Allow and encourage un-bundling of parking spaces from housing or retail units to allow for more flexible, efficient use of these spaces, and reducing the associated costs for housing units.

- amended

Arising from discussion, the following amendment was introduced:

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WANG
SECONDED BY MR. LUBENDO

THAT the motion be **AMENDED** to read as follows: “THAT staff report back to the Committee on the advisability and feasibility of implementing changes required to:

- a. Eliminate minimum vehicle parking requirements for new buildings, to allow demand driven parking spaces within 800m of a rapid transit stop, or 500m of frequent transit stops, with the exception of car-share requirements; and,
- b. Allow and encourage un-bundling of parking spaces from housing or retail units to allow for more flexible, efficient use of these spaces, and reducing the associated costs for housing units.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY WANG
SECONDED BY MR. LUBENDO

THAT the motion be adopted, as **AMENDED**.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY MS. LUMBY
SECONDED BY MS. MAH

THAT “Inquiries” be added to the agenda at this time.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

INQUIRIES

Mr. Gibbs inquired regarding public access to showers at City facilities for persons that are homeless.

Staff undertook to provide information to the Committee.

6. CLOSED

MOVED BY MR. ZAWADZKI
SECONDED BY MS. VANDERKOP

THAT the Committee, in accordance with Sections 90 and 92 of the Community Charter, do now resolve itself into a Closed meeting from which the public is excluded to consider matters concerning personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a municipal award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the municipality on condition of anonymity.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY MR. ZAWADZKI
SECONDED BY MS. VANDERKOP

THAT the Open Committee meeting do now recess.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open Committee meeting recessed at 8:11 p.m.

The Chair requested members of the public to leave the room, to allow the Committee to proceed with the Closed portion of the Committee Meeting.

MOVED BY MR. LUBENDO
SECONDED BY MR. GIBBS

THAT the Open Committee meeting do now reconvene.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open Committee meeting reconvened at 8:18 p.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY MR. LUBENDO
SECONDED BY MR. GIBBS

THAT this Open Committee meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Monica Macdonald
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Councillor Colleen Jordan
CHAIR