



## **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 **Thursday, 2019 October 10** at 6:00 p.m.

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

PRESENT: Councillor Colleen Jordan, Chair  
Councillor Joe Keithley, Vice Chair  
Councillor James Wang, Member  
Trustee Peter Cech, Burnaby School Board  
Mr. Joel Gibbs, Citizen Representative  
Mr. Elie Lubendo, Citizen Representative  
Ms. Mary Lumby, Citizen Representative  
Mr. Andrei Zawadzki, Citizen Representative

ADVISORY ORGANIZATIONS: Mr. Jerry Muir, BC Hydro  
Mr. Darin Wong, FortisBC

ABSENT: Ms. Deborah Harford, Simon Fraser University  
Mr. Frank Huang, Citizen Representative  
Ms. Doris Mah, Citizen Representative  
Ms. Tessa Vanderkop, Burnaby Board of Trade

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 6:07 p.m.

The Chair, Councillor Colleen Jordan, recognized the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hə́nqəmiñəm and Skwxwú7mesh speaking peoples, and extended appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this shared territory.

## 2. MINUTES

### a) **Minutes of the Environment and Social Planning Committee Open meeting held on 2019 September 03**

MOVED BY MR. GIBBS  
SECONDED BY TRUSTEE CECH

THAT the minutes of the Environment and Social Planning Committee Open meeting held on 2019 September 03 be adopted.

- amended

MOVED BY MR. LUBENDO  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT the main motion under item 4A) of the minutes of the Environment and Social Planning Committee Open meeting held on 2019 September 03 be **AMENDED** to read as follows:

“THAT the recommendation of the Director Corporate Services and the Director Planning and Building be adopted. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY”.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED BY MR. LUBENDO  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KEITHLEY

THAT the minutes of the Environment and Social Planning Committee Open meeting held on 2019 September 03 be adopted, **AS AMENDED**.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 3. DELEGATION

### a) **MetroVan Repair Cafés** **Re: Proposal for a Repair Café Program in Burnaby** **Speakers: Dan Withers, Co-Founder and** **Yining Sun (Sunny), Co-Founder**

**Mr. Dan Withers** and **Ms. Yining Sun (Sunny)**, Co-Founders, MetroVan Repair Cafés, appeared before the Committee seeking support to start a “Repair Café” program in the Burnaby.

Mr. Withers advised that a Repair Café is a gathering for people to learn how to fix their broken items with the help of experienced volunteers. Repair Cafés began

in the Netherlands and are now established around the world, including in the following Metro Vancouver cities: Surrey, Vancouver, Maple Ridge, and Port Coquitlam.

Ms. Sun explained that a Repair Café takes place in a public space, consists of different repair stations manned by volunteers, and is typically a monthly pop-up event. The following items can be repaired: electronics, small appliances, clothing and textiles, jewelry, bicycles, toys, small pieces of furniture, and musical instruments.

Mr. Withers described the two major benefits of a Repair Café:

1. Waste reduction - repair of visitors' items to be reused, passing on of repair knowledge, influencing (sustainable) purchasing habits, connecting visitors to local repair businesses; and,
2. Community building - inclusion - different generations and cultures participating.

In conclusion, the delegation stated that they are looking for a partnership with and funding from the City to start a Repair Café program in Burnaby.

The Committee inquired regarding the delegation's office support, as well as Repair Cafés in the region, including the type community support they receive.

The delegation advised that MetroVan Repair Cafés did not have an office, Ms. Sun and he were the only staff, and summarized community support, as follows:

- City of Vancouver - provides some venues (other venues donated by Neighbourhood Houses) but no funding;
- Maple Ridge – owned and operated by the Ridge Meadows Recycling Society (RMRS), received a start-up grant from the Federal Government and has received grants from VanCity and the RMRS; and,
- Port Coquitlam – city-owned and operated program.

The Committee inquired regarding the funding required for a Burnaby program.

Mr. Withers advised that the delegation needs \$10,000 for the first event and \$5,000 for subsequent events; however, he noted that in-kind donations for printing and promotions can significantly reduce these amounts.

The Committee further inquired regarding the group's volunteer database and whether the same volunteers help in other community events; as well as, asked how the 1600 Repair Cafés in Europe are supported.

The delegation advised that volunteer databases are unique to each community and are made up of volunteers that live and serve in that community. With respect

to the European Cafés, he advised that most of these are supported by a foundation or are in partnership with their respective cities.

Arising from discussion, the Committee thanked the delegation and advised that, as this proposal involves multiple Committees and departments, members and staff would need to discuss this proposal further prior to any decision being made.

#### **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

**a) Correspondence from the Minister of Environment and Climate Change  
Re: Proposed South Okanagan-Similkameen National Park Reserve – Update**

Correspondence was received from the Honourable Catherine McKenna, M.P., Minister of Environment and Climate Change, advising that the governments of Canada and British Columbia and the syilx/Okanagan Nation have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to formally work toward establishing a national park reserve in the South Okanagan-Similkameen. Further, the Minister advised that the next step will be to negotiate a formal national park reserve agreement which will define the terms and conditions for the establishment, development, management and operation of the reserve.

**b) Correspondence from Angelika Hackett  
Re: Support for Ambitious Climate Targets in Burnaby**

Correspondence was received from Ms. Angelika Hackett, Burnaby resident, expressing concern for climate change and requesting that the City adopt, as a minimum, the latest International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) recommended Green House Gas (GHG) reduction targets for community-wide emissions. Further, Ms. Hackett asked that the City include these targets in its Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP) and Official Community Plan (OCP), and establish a plan for measuring and reporting which would also include a proposal for funding these initiatives. Identical letters were also received from 31 other Burnaby residents (available in the Clerk's Office).

**c) Correspondence from the Stoney Creek Environment Committee  
Re: Proposed Gondola for Simon Fraser University**

A copy of correspondence sent from Mr. Alan James, Member at Large – Education, Stoney Creek Environment Committee, to the TransLink Board of Directors was received opposing a gondola to Simon Fraser University (SFU).

In his letter, Mr. James advised that, regardless of the route chosen, a gondola to SFU presents a threat to the Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area (BMCA) and to Stoney Creek, a salmon-bearing stream. Mr. James is requesting that the

project be designated as 'reviewable' under the *BC Environmental Assessment Act Reviewable Projects Regulation* to conduct a Provincial Environmental Assessment of the south part of the BMCA and of the cumulative effects of all stressors on Stoney Creek.

Staff advised that TransLink will be conducting public consultations on route options in 2020.

**d) Correspondence from the Force of Nature Alliance  
Re: Support for IPCC Targets and Green House Gas  
Reduction - Petition Letter**

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Correspondence was received from the Force of Nature Alliance (which included a petition of 1100 Burnaby residents and a letter from Burnaby Residents Opposing Kinder-Morgan Expansion (BROKE), SFU 350, Embark Sustainability Organization, Burnaby Climate Hub, Force of Nature, Acorn Canada and BC/Burnaby Acorn) expressing concern for climate change and requesting Council:

- adopt the latest IPCC recommended GHG reduction targets for community-wide emissions;
- establish meaningful interim targets which would be included in the CEEP and the OCP;
- draft a plan for measuring and reporting; and,
- prioritize high-impact climate solutions.

**e) Correspondence from Iain Macanulty and Vibeke Rasmussen  
Re: More EV Charging Stations in Burnaby**

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Correspondence was received from Iain Macanulty and Vibeke Rasmussen, Burnaby residents, expressing appreciation to Council for declaring Climate Emergency and supporting plans to reduce Burnaby's carbon usage. The writers requested consideration of more EV charging stations around the City, particularly at civic facilities.

The Committee inquired regarding the inclusion of EV charging stations in the *Climate Action Framework* report that staff are currently developing.

Staff confirmed that the *Climate Action Framework* report (a follow-up report to the 2019 September 09 Council *Climate Change* report) would include the matter of EV charging stations, as well as advised that seven stations will be installed throughout the City by the end of 2019. Installation of an additional 20 stations are planned, subject to funding from BC Hydro and Council approval.

Arising from discussion, the following motion was introduced:

MOVED BY MR. LUBENDO  
SECONDED BY MR. GIBBS

THAT staff send a letter to Iain Macanulty and Vibeke Rasmussen providing information on the City's EV charging stations program, and advising that this matter will be included in the *Climate Action Framework* report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**f) Correspondence from Terry Callender**  
**Re: Appreciation for Climate Action and Suggestions for Action**

Correspondence was received from Terry Callender, Burnaby teacher, expressing gratitude to Council for declaring Climate Emergency, adopting community-wide emission targets, and installing charging stations at schools. The writer suggested the City takes additional actions, such as installing signage thanking people for taking public transit, and water bottle refill stations in public buildings (not just in the schools).

Arising from discussion, the following motion was introduced:

MOVED BY MS. LUMBY  
SECONDED BY MR. ZAWADZKI

THAT staff send a letter in response to the writer of item f), and items g) and h) advising that their comments, suggestions, and questions will be considered in the *Climate Action Framework* report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**g) Correspondence from Chris Baudat**  
**Re: Appreciation for Climate Action and Questions for Council**

Correspondence was received from Chris Baudat, Member, Director's Guild of Canada expressing appreciation for Council's climate action; as well as inquiring regarding next steps and receiving cooperation from the Provincial and Federal Governments.

**h) Correspondence from Yilin Dong**  
**Re: Support for Climate Emergency Declaration and**  
**Comments for Further Action**

Correspondence was received from Yilin Dong, Burnaby/Vancouver High School student, expressing support for the Climate Emergency Declaration and hopes for future climate action.

i) **Correspondence from the Wilderness Committee**  
**Re: Protection of Old-Growth Forests**

Correspondence was received from Mr. Torrance Coste, National Campaign Director, Wilderness Committee B.C., expressing concern for the protection of old-growth forests. Mr. Coste referred to the latest paper by the Wilderness Committee, *Old-Growth Crisis*, which highlights the issue, and called on Municipal Governments to raise this issue with local MLAs.

j) **Correspondence from Metro Vancouver Home Trap Coalition**  
**Re: Request for City Representation on Metro Vancouver Home Trap Coalition**

Correspondence was received from Mr. Mark Stockbrocks, Home Trap Coalition member, expressing concern for people with disabilities or mobility challenges who live in buildings that have only one elevator; and advising that he and others have experienced weeks or months trapped in their homes when the one elevator has broken down. Mr. Stockbrocks called for City support to address this issue and advocate to end “home traps” in Burnaby.

Staff advised that the BC Building Code does not require an elevator for low-rise buildings (four storeys or less), however, does require at least one elevator for hi-rises.

The Committee noted that, unless residents report being trapped in their homes due to elevator failure, the City would not know the frequency of these incidents and how many individuals are being affected.

The Committee inquired regarding a requirement for residents to report “home trap” incidents.

Arising from discussion, the following motion was introduced:

**MOVED BY TRUSTEE CECH**  
**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR KETIHLEY**

THAT the writer's concerns be **REFERRED** to staff for consideration in the development a Standards of Maintenance Bylaw; and,

THAT a letter be sent to Mr. Stockbrocks with this information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**Councillor Jordan – Lise Townsend is Leaving the City**

Councillor Jordan announced that Ms. Lise Townsend, Ecosystem Planner, is leaving the City. On behalf of the Committee, Councillor Jordan expressed appreciation for Ms. Townsend's work and wished her well in her future endeavors.

**6. INQUIRIES**

**Councillor Jordan – Waterways of Burnaby Map**

Councillor Jordan inquired regarding the revised Waterways of Burnaby Map.

Staff advised that the updated map was shown at the 2019 World Rivers Day event and noted a few of the changes, such as, the naming of all waterways.

The Committee inquired whether the new map would be distributed to all Burnaby schools.

Staff undertook to investigate.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED BY MR. LUBENDO  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR WANG

THAT this Open Committee meeting do now adjourn.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Open meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

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Monica Macdonald  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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Councillor Colleen Jordan  
CHAIR