



## **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES**

**Tuesday, October 6, 2020, 5:00 p.m.**  
**Council Chamber, City Hall**  
**4949 Canada Way, Burnaby, BC**

**PRESENT:**

- Councillor Joe Keithley, Chair
- Councillor Colleen Jordan, Vice Chair
- Councillor James Wang, Member
- Trustee Peter Cech, Burnaby School Board (*participated electronically*)
- Ms. Mary Lumby, Resident Representative
- Ms. Tara van Shushtarian, Resident Representative (*participated electronically*)
- Ms. Cynthia van Ginkel, Resident Representative (*participated electronically*)
- Mr. Andrei Zawadzki, Resident Representative (*participated electronically*)

**ADVISORY ORGANIZATIONS:**

- Mr. Darin Wong, Fortis BC (*participated electronically*)

**ABSENT:**

- Ms. Tessa Vanderkop, Burnaby Board of Trade
- Mr. Jerry Muir, BC Hydro
- Ms. Deborah Harford, Simon Fraser University

**STAFF:**

- Mr. Dipak Dattani, Director Corporate Services
- Ms. Simone Rousseau, Manager Environmental Services
- Ms. Heather Edwards, Manager Parks Planning, Design & Development
- Mr. Erik Schmidt, Manager, Solid Waste & Recycling
- Mr. Mark Sloat, Environmental Planner
- Ms. Melinda Yong, Environmental
- Ms. Kathryn Matts, Administrative Officer
- Ms. Ginger Arriola, Council Support Assistant
- Ms. Samantha Thompson, Council Support Assistant

## 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the Open Committee meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and conducted the roll call. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the following members participated electronically:

Trustee Peter Cech, Burnaby School Board  
Ms. Tara van Shushtarian, Resident Representative  
Ms. Cynthia van Ginkel, Resident Representative  
Mr. Andrei Zawadzki, Resident Representative

For the benefit of those participating electronically, the Chair read out the names of members and staff present at the meeting.

The Chair, Councillor Joe Keithley, recognized the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hə́ŋqəmiŋə́m and Skwxwú7mesh speaking peoples, and extended appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this territory.

## 2. **MINUTES**

### 2.1 **Minutes of the Environment Committee Open meeting held on 2020 June 24**

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER JORDAN  
SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WANG

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THAT the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 2020 June 24 be now adopted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 3. **CORRESPONDENCE**

### 3.1 **Clean Energy BC - Re: Bill 17 Proposed Amendments to Clean Energy Act**

Correspondence was received from Ms. Anitra Paris, Operations & Policy Manager, Clean Energy BC regarding the introduction of the amendments to the BC Legislature Bill 17.

### 3.2 **Metro Vancouver - Re: Best Management Practices for Invasive Species**

Correspondence was received from Mr. Chris Plagnol, Corporate Officer, Metro Vancouver, regarding the best management practices for invasive species: Purple Loosestrife, Reed Canarygrass, Wild Chervil, and Yellow Flag Iris.

Staff advised that metroVancouver has been putting together best management practices for a number of species. The Environment Officer, Parks Melinda Yong advised that she sits on the Invasive Species Council. Ms. Yong advised that there is also an online component for field staff, and regional brochures which provide a step by step for municipalities.

Staff encouraged Committee members and the public to visit [www.metrovancouver.org](http://www.metrovancouver.org) and search for Invasive Species. Information is provided on locally-tested best practices to manage a growing list of invasive species. In addition there is an online course for staff, contractors and volunteers intended to improve awareness of invasive species in our region as well as a section for residents which provides links to many municipalities brochures, including Burnaby's.

### **3.3 Metro Vancouver - Re: Low Carbon Economic Stimulus Funding in Response to COVID-19**

Correspondence was received from Sav Dhaliwal, Chair, Metro Vancouver Board, regarding the economic stimulus funding for low carbon initiatives.

### **3.4 Nancy Lim - Ban On Rodent Control Poisons**

Correspondence was received from Nancy Lim, regarding how the wide-spread use of poisons in rodent control is killing wildlife and harming greenspaces and waterways.

(86 emails about the same subject were received at Clerk's)

Staff advised that Council, at their meeting on 2020 August 24, requested that staff responded to all correspondents to advise that the City does not use rodenticide in its operations. Rodenticide use is permitted under the Integrated Pest Management Act and Regulation, administered by the BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy. The Ministry relies on the federal Pest Control Products Act and Health Canada, to evaluate and determine acceptable uses for pesticides registered for sale in BC

### **3.5 Memorandum from the Acting City Clerk - Re: 2020 Environmental Awards Program**

A memorandum was received from the Acting City Clerk, advising that at the Open Council meeting held on 2020 September 28, Council received a report on the above noted subject. Council approved the recommendation for recipients of the 2020 City of Burnaby Environmental Awards Program and they also approved the terms of reference, call for nominations and a \$2,500 expenditure for promoting and advertising the 2021 program.

Committee and Staff expressed their appreciation of the worthwhile program and the opportunity to acknowledge the deserving recipients.

4. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business brought before the Committee at this time.

5. **INQUIRIES**

**Chair Joe Keithley – Single Use Plastics Policy**

The Chair inquired if there was any further information regarding progress by Metro Vancouver on the single use plastics policy.

Staff advised that on 2020 Sept 12 the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy made an announcement on single use policy and released the [Recycling Regulation Policy Intentions Paper](#). Staff further advised that at the last zero waste metroVancouver meeting board members were unsure of whether it would be up to individual municipalities. Discussion at that meeting was for a joint approach. The Policy Intentions Paper is requesting feedback be submitted by November. Municipalities are wanting to take a regional approach.

**Chair Joe Keithley – Electrical Charging Stations**

The Chair inquired if there was any information regarding the addition and location of more electric charging stations.

Staff advised that since 2019 September, 11 locations have been added which service up to 30 stalls – this does not include the publicly owned stations. Staff provided an overview of the current locations and advised that significant progress has been made with public charging stations. The proposal moving forward to 2021 is to look at locations where we see opportunities to put more stations.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Without objection, the Environment Committee Open meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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CHAIR

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER