

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
BOWEN COMPLEX CONFERENCE ROOM
500 BOWEN ROAD
WEDNESDAY, 2015-MAY-13, AT 4:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Gail Adrienne, Chair

Members: Daniel Appell
Diane Brennan
Blair McFarlane (*representing Emil Bock*)
Colin Brown
Richard Finnegan

Staff: Richard Harding, Director, Parks, Recreation and Environment
Rob Lawrance, Environmental Planner
Kevin Brydges, Environmental Bylaw Enforcement Officer
Robin Tweed, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Emil Bock
Glenda Hunter
Calvin Tant
Wally Wells

1. **CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:**

Staff called the regular meeting to order at 4:39 p.m.

2. **SELECTION OF CHAIR BY COMMITTEE MOTION:**

Nominations were put forward of Gail Adrienne and Diane Brennan to serve as Chair. Diane Brennan withdrew her name, and, Gail Adrienne was declared as Chair to serve for a one-year term.

3. **INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:** (Remove heading if no items).

- Add Item 6.(a) Handout – Our Horizon Presentation
- Add Item 8.(b) Restoration Plan for Vancouver Island Beggarticks - Correspondence
- Add Item 12.(a) Delegation – Paul Manly and Trevor Greene – Resolution on Environmental Protection and Sustainability (referred by Council on 2015-MAY-11 to ACES as well as to Staff for comment and report back within two months)

4. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

It was moved and seconded that the Agenda, as amended, be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that Item 12.(a), the delegation of Paul Manly and Trevor Greene, be moved forward on the agenda to present prior to Item 6.(a), ACER presentation. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the regular Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability meeting held Wednesday, 2015-MAR-11 at 4:35 p.m. in the Bowen Complex Conference Room be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

6. **DELEGATIONS:**

- (a) Paul Manly and Trevor Greene – regarding a resolution on environmental protection and sustainability (referred by Council on 2015-MAY-11 to ACES as well as to Staff for comment and report back within two months).

It was moved and seconded that the delegation be received. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **PRESENTATIONS:**

- (a) Melissa Tomlison and Jeff Lewis of ACER (Awareness of Climate Change through Education and Research), Vancouver Island University – “Our Horizon”.
<https://web.viu.ca/acer/>

It was moved and seconded that the presentation be received. The motion carried unanimously.

8. **CHAIR’S REPORT: (None.)**

9. **STAFF REPORTS:**

- (a) **ACES 2015 Work Plan**
R. Lawrance, Environmental Planner
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It was moved and seconded that the Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability approve and recommend that Council approve the Committee’s 2015 Work Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

- (b) **Restoration Plan for Vancouver Island Beggarticks (*Bidens amplissima*)**
R. Lawrance, Environmental Planner
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The Committee requested that the references wording be changed to reflect “Beggartick Plants” rather than “Beggarticks”.

It was moved and seconded that the Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability receive this report for information. The motion carried unanimously.

- (c) **Environmental Services Report** – December 2014 – April 2015.

2589 Kenworth was a development site that was cleared without permits in place. The developer was fined and charged with 19 different counts of tree removal. He subsequently contested this and a Court date was set; however, 3 days before Court the developer plead guilty to 10 counts of tree removal and 1 count of entering a setback area and paid the fines associated to these charges.

Green Lake water sampling for E-coli was undertaken. Residents were on septic systems two years ago and then City put in a pump station for connection to sanitary

sewer system. 77 out of a possible 99 properties have connected into the new sewer system in the Green Lake area. There is only 1 residence on the lake that has not applied for a permit to connect.

Beaver Dam management – Richard's Marsh. In November the dam shifted and plugged the culvert – with appropriate regulatory approvals the dam was moved to allow for flow through the culvert while maintaining water levels in the Marsh. The dam was not removed. Recently water levels have dropped again and that is being investigated. There is regular maintenance in Divers Brook as there are 3 dams there. All work is done with Provincial approval. Council passed a “no trapping” bylaw for City properties. The habitat is being managed without removal of the beavers or the dams.

Brechin Boat Ramp – enforcement was looking at user conflicts at the ramps. A user group Committee has been formed by the Parks, Recreation and Environment Department.

(d) **Invasive Plant Month – May.**

(e) **Bike to Work Week – May 25-31, 2015.**

It was moved and seconded that the Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability receive the information only items 9.(c),(d),(e). The motion carried unanimously.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:** (None.)

11. **NOTICE OF MOTION:** (None.)

12. **OTHER BUSINESS:** (None.)

13. **DELEGATIONS NOT RELATED TO A REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE:**

(a) Paul Manly and Trevor Greene – Moved to Item 6.(a).

14. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PRESENTATIONS AND DELEGATIONS:**

(a) Paul Manly and Trevor Greene – regarding a resolution on environmental protection and sustainability (referred by Council on 2015-MAY-11 to ACES as well as to Staff for comment and report back within two months).

It was moved and seconded that the Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability request that Staff prepare a committee report to do the following:

1. assess the process of pertinent communities who have adopted the Blue Dot initiatives;
2. review existing city and community policies and initiatives and how they relate to the Blue Dot initiatives; and,
3. identify a process to meet the Blue Dot initiative in the City of Nanaimo.

The motion carried unanimously.

(b) Melissa Tomlison of ACER (Awareness of Climate Change through Education and Research), Vancouver Island University – Our “Horizon”. <https://web.viu.ca/acer/>

It was moved and seconded that the Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability defer discussion of the “Our Horizon” presentation to the next Committee meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

15. **QUESTION PERIOD:** *(No questions.)*

16. **ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved and seconded at 6:42 p.m. that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVED AS READ:



Gail Adrienne, Chair
Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability

APPROVED FOR DISTRIBUTION:



Richard Harding, Director
Parks, Recreation and Environment

CERTIFIED BY:

Corporate Officer
City of Nanaimo