

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE BOARD ROOM, 411 DUNSMUIR STREET
WEDNESDAY, 2014-MAY-14, COMMENCING AT 4:30 P.M.

CHAIR: COUNCILLOR DIANE BRENNAN

1. **CALL THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY TO ORDER:**

2. **INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:**

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

(Motion required to adopt the agenda)

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the Regular Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability Meeting held Wednesday, 2014-APR-09, at 4:41 p.m., in the Service and Resource Centre Board Room.

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(Motion required to adopt minutes)

5. **PRESENTATIONS:**

- (a) Bruce Joiner, Infrastructure Planning and Energy Manager, presenting an overview of the Energy Manager position and what steps the City of Nanaimo is taking to improve energy efficiency and lower GHG emissions.
- (b) Eric Demers, Biology Department, Vancouver Island University, presenting on the VIU Bird Banding and Monitoring Project at Buttertubs West Marsh.

6. **CHAIR'S REPORT:**

- (a) Planning for the Environmental Forum, scheduled for the 2014-JUL-09 meeting of ACES.

7. **STAFF REPORTS:**

- (a) **Environment Services Monthly Report** – April 2014

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8. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- (a) Bike to Work Week, taking place from 2014-MAY-26 to JUN-01. *Pg. 8*
- (b) Invasive Plant Month, May 2014. *Pg. 9*

9. **NOTICE OF MOTION:**

10. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

(Motion required to review other business)

11. **DELEGATIONS (not related to a Report to Commission): (10 MINUTES)**

12. **QUESTION PERIOD:** *(Agenda Items Only)*

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

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MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE BOARD ROOM
WEDNESDAY, 2014-APR-09, AT 4:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor D. Brennan, Chair

Members: S. Andre
C. Dalrymple
S. DeBoer
A. Kerr
T. Perry
S. Serebin (arrived 5:01pm, departed 6:35pm)

Regrets: C. Tant
W. Wells
J. Hastings
G. Hunter

Staff: R. Harding, Director, Parks, Recreation & Environment (arrived 4:55pm)
R. Lawrance, Environmental Planner
J. Farrell, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 4:41 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

(a) Add Correspondence Item 8 (b) Wild Foods Festival and Earth Day Celebration.

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Regular Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability Meeting held Wednesday, 2014-MAR-13 at 4:39 p.m. in the Service and Resource Centre Board Room be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

(a) Dean Mousseau, Manager of Engineering and Subdivision, gave a presentation on the City of Nanaimo's Policy on Erosion and Sediment Control.

- (b) Ted Perry gave a presentation on Native Plant Salvage Programs with an overview of the existing program in Saanich.

It was moved and seconded to direct staff to return with a report on the feasibility, costs, benefits, and framework of a Native Plant Salvage Program. The motion carried unanimously.

6. STAFF REPORTS:

- (a) Realtor Energy Efficiency Project Update
R. Lawrance, Environmental Planner

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

- (b) Riparian Area Review – Verbal Update
R. Lawrance, Environmental Planner

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

- (c) Environment Services Monthly Report

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

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) Minutes of the Nanaimo River Watershed Roundtable meeting, held 2014-JAN-29.
- (b) Wild Foods Festival and Earth Day Celebration, Sunday, 2014-APR-27, 11am to 3:30pm at Bowen Park Complex.

8. QUESTION PERIOD:

- (a) City of Nanaimo's Erosion and Sediment Control policies

It was moved and seconded to direct Staff to report back on Erosion and Sediment Control policies within the City of Nanaimo. The motion carried unanimously.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 6:37 p.m. that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

D. Brennan, Chair
Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability

R. Harding, Director
Parks, Recreation and Environment

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**REPORT TO THE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

DATE OF MEETING: 2014-MAY-14

AUTHORED BY: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DIVISION

RE: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT – APRIL 2014

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

Riparian Setback Variance Review

- Attended Development Process Review Committee and answered questions from committee members on the staff report and recommended changes to the City Watercourse and Environmentally Sensitive Development Permit Areas. DPRC approved the report and recommended it proceed to Council.

Invasive Plant Management Strategy

The Invasive Plant Management Strategy will go to Council at their 2014-MAY-26 meeting. It was presented to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission at their meeting held 2014-MAY-01, where they made the recommendation that Council adopt the strategy.

Development Application Review

- Attended four development referral meetings

MEETINGS / TRAINING / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- Prepared a City of Nanaimo display and attended the Green Solutions Tradeshow along with the Manager for Water Services and the General Manager for Community Services.
- Attended a regional conference for the Association of Professional Biologists in Victoria.
- Took one ACES member and one City staff member to visit a known breeding site within the city for Western Toads. Met with researchers from Vancouver Island University and Ministry of Environment involved in tracking and monitoring toad populations.
- Currently collaborating with a student from the University of Victoria's School of Environmental Restoration and conducted two site visits with horticulture staff to map out and plan for the restoration of a site within Neck Point Park infested with Periwinkle (*Vinca spp.*).
- Met with Buttertubs Marsh Volunteers to discuss Knotweed management along the Millstone River.

COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PLAN:

- Real Estate Energy Efficiency Program – Prepared and co-presented to the Vancouver Island Real Estate Board on the REEP program and requested their support in developing the tools and realtor training course on home energy efficiency.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION:

Bike to Work Week Committee

- Attended three committee meetings and worked with committee on preparation and planning for the event.
- Worked with the Heritage Planner to prepare for a Heritage / Art Bike Tour, as a promotional event for Bike to Work Week. Tour to be held on 2014-MAY-04.

Special Tailgate Meeting for Parks Trails and Maintenance Crews

- Held an Environment training session with Parks Operations Staff to educate staff on Environmentally Sensitive Areas. Reviewed bylaws and environmental legislation, environmentally sensitive area types and high priority invasive plants to watch for. Specifically discussed mowing practices around Knotweeds.

Invasive Plant Management

- Arranged for Operations Supervisor for the Coastal Invasive Species Committee to hold two half day training sessions. Invited Parks Operations, Public Works and City Contractors to attend. Training set for 2014-MAY-13.

Beaver Management

- Continued planning for a beaver dam management course for City staff.

Alternative Stormwater Design

- Attended interdepartmental staff meeting on revising the City stormwater design standards for the City.

ENFORCEMENT:

- 12 Calls for Service were received in April, including two tree cutting, two erosion and sediment control, four invasive plants, two water quality and two aquatic development related.
- Reviewed several development proposals.
- Attended the ninth annual Association of Professional Biologists of BC Conference in Victoria and attended a course on Restoration of Disturbed Sites.

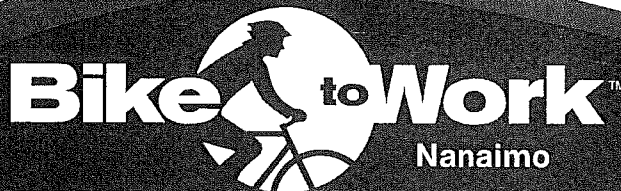
Bike to Work week

May 26 - June 1, 2014

Get on your bike!

Enter at any of the "Celebration Stations" to win some great daily prizes, as well as a grand prize of a Kona Dew Commuter Bike from Oak Bay Bikes that will be drawn at the "Wrap-Up BBQ".

BIKE TO WORK WEEK 2014



Register at www.biketowork.ca/nanaimo

Bike Week 2014 Schedule of Events

DATE	Monday, May 26	Tuesday, May 27	Wednesday, May 28	Thursday, May 29	Friday, May 30
EVENT	7-9 AM E&N Trail & Bowen Rd Hosted by Parks, Recreation & Environment & Cobs Bread	7:30-9:30 AM Woodgrove Centre (White Spot) Hosted by Woodgrove Centre	7:30-9:30 AM Fourth St & Wakesiah Ave Hosted by Vancouver Island University	7-9 AM NRGH Hosted by NRGH & Cobs Bread	7-9 AM E&N Trail & Departure Bay Rd Hosted by YPN & Rail Trail Group
	3:30-5:30 PM China Steps Hosted by DNBIA & Acme	3-5:30 PM Bowen Rd & Buttertubs Hosted by Nanaimo Athletic Club	3:30-5:30 PM E&N Trail & Departure Bay Rd Hosted by GNCC & Cobs Bread	4-6 PM E&N Trail & St. George St. Hosted by YPN & Rail Trail Group	4-6 PM Brooks Landing "Wrap Up BBQ" hosted by Save-On-Foods & Kinsmen

Daily celebration stations hosted at your local bike store.
Enter our daily & grand prize draws at each Celebration Station!

COMMUNITY RIDES

SUNDAY, MAY 4 - 3-5 PM - HERITAGE RIDE
Meet at Fibber McGees
(please register at Parks, Recreation & Environment in advance using barcode 132036)

FRIDAY, MAY 9 - 4:30-5:30 PM - COMMUTER CHALLENGE
Meet at Diana Krall Plaza

FRIDAY, MAY 9 - 5:30-6:30 PM - COMMUNITY RIDE
Meet at Diana Krall Plaza

THURSDAY, MAY 15 - 5:30-6:30 PM
Meet at North End Starbucks

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May is INVASIVE PLANT MONTH

Let's Pull Together!

**Our focus this year is on English Ivy (Hedera helix).
Attend our upcoming events to learn about this plant
and what you can do to fight back!**

EVENTS FOR INVASIVE PLANTS MONTH

- **April 26** Invasive plant work party at Colliery Dam Park
10 am-12 noon (barcode 131662)
- **April 27** Kick-off ivy pull & display at Bowen Park
1-3 pm
- **May 10** Broombusters work party at Nanaimo Ice Centre
10 am-12 noon (barcode 131668)
- **May 28** Invasive plant work party at Pioneer Waterfront Park
10 am-12 noon (barcode 131661)
- **May 31** English Ivy work party & DROP ZONE at Bowen Park
12-3:30 pm (Wall Street)

Got ivy, broom, blackberry or daphne?

BRING IT TO THE DROP ZONE ON MAY 31

Available for homeowners to drop off invasive plants for disposal. Bring your bagged or tarped invasives down to our drop zone between 12 noon and 3 pm on May 31 at Bowen Park (off Wall Street).

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