

MINUTES

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

PRESENT: Councillor D. Brennan, Chair

Members: S. Andre (arrived 4:58 pm)
G. Hunter
A. Kerr
T. Perry
C. Tant
W. Wells
S. Serebin (arrived 4:43 pm)

Regrets: C. Dalrymple
S. DeBoer
J. Hastings

Staff: R. Harding, Director, Parks, Recreation and Environment
(arrived 5:12 pm, departed 6:58 pm)
R. Lawrance, Environmental Planner
K. Brydges, Environmental Bylaw Enforcement Officer
C. Bready, Recording Secretary

1. CALL THE OPEN MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- (a) Add Correspondence Item 7(c) Coastal Invasive Species Committee Spring Forum, Field Tour and AGM.

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-APR-09 at 4:41 p.m. in the Service and Resource Centre Board Room be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

- (a) Bruce Joiner, Infrastructure Planning and Energy Manager, gave a presentation on the steps the City of Nanaimo is taking to corporately improve energy efficiency and lower GHG emissions.

It was moved and seconded to direct staff to return with a report on the City of Nanaimo's Sustainability Reserve Fund and the Regional Emission Reduction Reserve Fund and to report on how they are being utilized. The motion carried unanimously.

- (b) Eric Demers, Biology Department, Vancouver Island University, gave a presentation on the VIU Bird Banding and Monitoring Project at Buttertubs West Marsh.

It was moved and seconded to direct staff to return with a report on the topic of cat bylaws used in other cities and methods to protect wild bird populations as part of an information report to Council. The motion carried unanimously.

6. CHAIR'S REPORT:

- (a) Environmental Forum Planning

Planning for the Environmental Forum is proceeding. It was proposed that the forum replace the July meeting of ACES and take place outdoors in Bowen Park.

It was moved and seconded that planning for the Environmental Forum proceed for a fall event and that staff return with a report outlining the details of the event at the June meeting of ACES. The motion carried unanimously.

7. STAFF REPORTS:

- (a) Environment Services Monthly Report

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

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) Bike to Work Week is taking place on 2014-MAY-26 to JUN-01.
- (b) May is Invasive Plant Species Month
- (c) Coastal Invasive Species Committee Spring Forum, Field Tour and AGM, being held Thursday, 2014-JUN-12, from 10am to 4:00pm at the Quw'utsun Cultural and Conference Centre in Duncan, B.C.

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

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

- (a) R. Harding gave a verbal update on the progress of the acquisition of additional land in the Linley Valley.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 7:10 p.m. that the meeting adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.



D. Brennan, Chair
Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability

CERTIFIED CORRECT:



R. Harding, Director
Parks, Recreation and Environment