



MINUTES
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 2011-JUL-13 AT 4:30 PM
CITY HALL BOARD ROOM, 455 WALLACE STREET

Present:	Meg Savory, Chair Charles Thirkill Shelley Serebrin Susan Fisher (on behalf of Anne Kerr)	Wally Wells Joan Wagner Jim Kipp James Redford
Staff:	Rob Lawrance, Environmental Planner	Rebecca Tubbs (Recording Secretary)
Regrets	Michael Schellinck	

1. Call to Order

Chair M. Savory called the meeting to order at 4:29 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda & Late Items

The agenda was approved as presented with the addition of the following items:

a) Watershed Sentinel Publication (J. Kipp): For information.

b) CIPC Request for Funding (R. Lawrance):

Melissa Noel, CIPC Coordinator, attended an April Council meeting to provide an update on CIPC's activities. She identified some of the invasive plant species common to the Nanaimo region and discussed the various impacts of these species. At that time, it was requested that the City of Nanaimo consider partnering with CIPC on the delivery of a coordinated invasive plant management program.

ACES has received a letter from CIPC requesting that a \$2,000 contribution be made to CIPC toward the delivery of a coordinated invasive plant management program for 2011-2012.

MOVED by J. Wagner, SECONDED by C. Thirkill, that ACES recommends that Council grant CIPC's funding request of \$2,000 toward a coordinated invasive plant management program for Nanaimo in 2011-2012. CARRIED.

ACTION: R. Tubbs to forward CIPC's presentation to Council to ACES for information.
R. Lawrance to proceed with a report to Council regarding ACES' support for CIPC's funding request.

3. Adoption of Minutes (2011-JUN-08)

MOVED by C. Thirkill, SECONDED by W. Wells, that the 2011-JUN-08 Minutes be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

4. Items Arising from Minutes

a) Pesticide Bylaw Update:

To date, the Bylaw Department has received no formal complaints regarding the application of cosmetic pesticides on residential land. Questions received from the public have been forwarded to the Parks Department or local garden centres. R. Lawrance has been contacted by a few companies, requesting that the City add certain products (i.e. Fiesta) to the list of exemptions.

ACTION: R. Lawrance to invite Parks staff to the October ACES meeting to provide an update and summary of the pesticide bylaw to-date.

5. Budget (\$1,220.46)**6. Delegations****7. Correspondence, Handouts, Notices**

- a) Notice of Resignation by M. Patterson (attached)

S. Fisher arrived at 4:42 pm.

8. Ongoing Business

- a) Invasive Species Strategy:

The Committee is considering whether there is a need for a city-wide invasive species strategy. Currently, such a strategy is not part of ACES 2011 work plan. Before a strategy can be created, the issue needs to be explored further with input from Parks, Recreation and Culture. R. Lawrance suggested that the creation of an invasive species strategy be added to the 2012 work plan so that the committee can discuss it further.

ACTION: R. Lawrance to invite a CIPC representative to the October ACES meeting (along with Parks staff) to discuss the issue of invasive species in Nanaimo.

- b) Sustainability Action Plan "Check in" Meeting (2011-JUN-16) Debrief:

R. Lawrance distributed a copy of the Sustainability Action Plan Terms of Reference, which contains a timeline for the process:

1	Commencement Of Process	August – October 2010
2	Identify Issues And Opportunities Complete Community Energy And Emissions Study (CEES) Stakeholder Network Workshop / Check-In	October 2010 – July 2011
3	Complete Draft Plan	July – September 2011
4	Community Review and Comment On Draft Action Plan	September – November 2011
5	Prepare Final Plan	December 2011
6	Plan Adoption	January – February 2012

Suggestions for the community review session:

- Provide more opportunity for community stakeholder engagement and feedback
- May need to be longer (half day to full day)
- Consider arranging for a professional facilitator to be involved

S. Serebrin suggested that R. Lawrance provide the community stakeholders with a means to continue dialogue until the meeting in the fall (such as an email sharing system).

ACTION: R. Lawrance to forward the draft Sustainability Action Plan to ACES members in August to review for comment/input at the September ACES meeting. R. Lawrance to ask community stakeholders who attended first meetings if they wish to share their contact information with each other.

9. New Business

- a) In Memory of Jeff Thomas:

ACES requested that a donation be made for a memorial in memory of J. Thomas, and that a Green Nanaimo Award be created in his honor.

MOVED by W. Wells, SECONDED by J. Kipp, that a Green Nanaimo Award be created in honor of Jeff Thomas. CARRIED.

ACTION: J. Kipp to arrange with Mayor and Council a donation for a memorial in memory of J. Thomas.

10. Council / Committee Updatea) 2011-JUN-13 Council Meeting:

J. Kipp noted the issue of the water treatment plant upgrade and explained that there has been much debate around whether to bring this item to a referendum or go to an alternative approvals process. Changes made to the zoning bylaw included the size of urban food gardens (now a % of land instead of a number of m²) and restoration of the old fence height.

b) 2011-JUN-27 Council Meeting: No report.c) 2011-JUL-11 Council Meeting: No report.d) PNAC Meeting:

M. Savory reported the following:

- PNAC did not receive any applicants for their recent request for an environmental representative.
- In regards to the zoning bylaw, PNAC recommended that Council go with the smaller minimum lot size option of 450 m². Staff recommended the larger minimum lot size of 500 m². Council decided to approve staff's recommendation of the larger minimum lot size. J. Kipp will look into Council's reasoning for selecting the larger size.
- An extension of the Urban Containment Boundary for the Cable Bay development has been applied for.
- A mixed-use development has been proposed for the Third Street farm.

ACTION: J. Kipp to provide an update on Council's basis for selecting the minimum lot size of 500 m².

11. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **2011-SEP-14** in the City Hall Board Room at 4:30 pm. C. Thirkill will act as Chair.

No meeting will be held in August.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:06 pm.

APPROVED:

Chair

Date