

**MINUTES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT  
MEETING HELD TUESDAY, 2006-OCT-03  
IN THE TRAINING ROOM, CITY HALL ANNEX, 238 FRANKLYN STREET**

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**Present:** Ron Brown  
Councillor Bill Holdom  
Pete Law  
Charles Thirkill

Staff  
Rob Lawrance  
Fran Grant (Recording Secretary)  
Kevin Brydges

**Regrets:** Steve Earle  
Scott Northrup  
Chris Zamora

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair B. Holdom at 4:25 p.m.

**2. Adoption of Minutes from 2006-Sept-05:**

MOVED by P. Law, SECONDED by R. Brown, that the minutes of 2006-Sept-05 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**3. Agenda and Late Items:**

a) ACE representative for Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee (PNAC) (R. Lawrance)

MOVED by C. Thirkill, SECONDED by P. Law, that the Agenda be adopted with the addition of one late item.

CARRIED

**4. Budget:**

R. Lawrance advised that there is \$3300 remaining in the 2006 budget with approximately \$2300 needed for the ACE awards, reception and the Environment Forum.

**5. Delegations:**

No delegations.

**6. Correspondence, Handouts, Notices:**

R. Lawrance circulated a brochure on the Buttertubs Marsh Committee fundraising for 1960 Jingle Pot Road and noted that:

- Met with B. Merillees who is leading the fundraising effort.
- The group is hoping to purchase this piece of property as an addition to Valley Oak park.
- The asking price is \$45,000 for part of the property as outlined in the brochure.
- No request for funds has been made to ACE and don't believe a request has been made to the City at this time.

Comments from the Committee:

- This site has a high environmental value.
- If the property has no development value, perhaps it doesn't need to be purchased.

K. Brydges added that:

- A fill permit application has been received from the property owner to place fill on the part of the property that is not in the wetland.
- Property can be filled to within 30m of the wetland buffer and must also comply with erosion and sediment control guidelines.
- Will inform B. Merilees of the fill application.

## **7. Ongoing Business**

### **a) ACE Environment Awards**

R. Lawrance noted that:

- Council approved the combined awards luncheon which will be held on Nov. 09 at Beban Park Social Centre.
- The awards have been promoted in the City Page, news paper articles and advertisements.
- Will be doing a segment on Shaw Cable, Thursday, Oct. 05.
- The etched glass award by G. Wilkinson would cost approximately \$140 each.

An example of G. Wilkinson's etched glass award was circulated. The Committee agreed to have G. Wilkinson do a design for the Green Nanaimo Award.

### **b) Airplay Website - Air Quality Health Index – Follow-up on adding it to City website**

R. Lawrance advised that at this time it is not possible to add the Airplay Website to the City's website.

The Committee asked that a link to the Airplay Website be added to the City's website. R. Lawrance will arranged to have this done.

## **8. Late Item:**

### **a) ACE Representative on PNAC:**

R. Lawrance advised that G. Adrienne, who currently represents ACE on PNAC, has sent a note saying she is not able to attend some of the PNAC meetings and would someone else be interested in taking her place or acting as an alternate.

B. Holdom, as Chair of PNAC noted that:

- The City is currently working on the OCP 10 year review and PNAC is the committee that will oversee the process.
- Very important that ACE have a representative to give ACE's comments and feedback on the review to PNAC.

MOVED by C. Thirkill, SECONDED by R. Brown, that P. Law be appointed as ACE's alternate representative on PNAC.

CARRIED

## **9. New Business:**

### **a) OCP 10 year review update / Review of Backgrounder**

R. Lawrance noted that:

- There is still some work to be done to make it look more interesting with less text and some new graphics.
- Asked the Committee for any suggestions on what they would like to see in the backgrounder or topics for the review.

Suggestions from the Committee:

- Seems to be a lot of emphasis on parks as being the environment but it is much more than that.
- We should be protecting some areas for conservation reasons other than park use.
- Could the City bring in park zoning to distinguish between different types of parks i.e. sports, developed and natural.
- Should there be a different definition for park land that is in an ESA?
- Perhaps ACE should work with Parks and Recreation to set some common goals for the OCP review.
- Monitoring air, land and water quality in the City.
- Compliance and enforcement of bylaws affecting the environment?
- Should the City be leading more by example?
- Health and monitoring of aquatic environment – are we doing all we can?
- How can people in the community take more responsibility for the environment?
- Encourage more stewardship.

b) ACE Environmental Forum Visioning Session - November 15th

R. Lawrance put forward the following ideas for the Forum:

- Invite members of the environment community to produce a mini “state of the environment”.
- Invite speakers:
  - Dr. R. Hebda from Victoria on how to deal with climate change at a municipal level.
  - Will March on ‘site adaptive planning’.
- Have a questions and answer period after the presentations.

Comments from the Committee:

- Could use the visioning exercise to come up with recommendations for the OCP review.
- Have some City staff present to comment on the feasibility of suggested recommendations.

**10. Next Committee Meeting:**

- Extra meeting to review ACE Environment Awards was set for Oct 17, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall Board Room.
- The next regular meeting is scheduled for 2006-Nov-07

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.