

**MINUTES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT  
MEETING HELD TUESDAY, 2005-NOV-01  
IN THE TRAINING ROOM, CITY HALL ANNEX, 238 FRANKLYN STREET**

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**Present:** Gail Adrienne  
Ron Bolin  
Ron Brown

Allan Hawryzki  
Christina Thomas  
Dawn Tyndall

Staff  
Rob Lawrance  
Fran Grant (Recording Secretary)

**Regrets:** Councillor Bill Holdom  
Mike Geselbracht

Geraldine Manson  
Pete Law

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair D. Tyndall at 4:20 p.m.

**2. Adoption of Minutes 2005-Oct-04:**

MOVED by R. Brown, SECONDED by R. Bolin, that the minutes of 2005-Oct-04 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**3. Approval of Agenda and Introduction of Late Items:**

Late Items:

- Bio-diesel (R. Lawrance)
- Norm Abbey correspondence (D. Tyndall)
- Habitat Atlas update (R. Lawrance)
- Pesticides (D. Tyndall)
- Comments from Chair (D. Tyndall)

MOVED by A. Hawryzki, SECONDED by R. Brown, that the Agenda be approved with the addition of the above noted late items.

CARRIED

**4. Budget:**

Current Budget remaining:	\$3,813.77
Committed:	Up to \$1,000 for forum presenters
	Up to \$1,000 for forum advertising

**5. Delegations:**

No delegations.

**6. Correspondence/Handouts/Notices of Upcoming Events:**

- a) Federation of Canadian Municipalities – 2006 Sustainable Communities Conference and Trade Show – Feb 2-4, 2006, Ottawa

R. Lawrance circulated information.

- b) Foundry Building Public Consultation

R. Lawrance noted that the next meeting on the Foundry re-use project is being held on Nov. 09 at St. Paul's Church.

Comment from the Committee:

- Would like to be able to tour the building before the Nov. 09 meeting.

R. Lawrance will pass this request to C. Sholberg, Heritage Planner in charge of the Foundry project.

- c) Burn It Smart Nanaimo – Workshop beginning at 6:30 pm, November 10, at Beban Park Lounge

R. Lawrance noted that representatives of the Fire Dept. and the Lung Association will be at this event.

- d) Bio-Diesel Work Shop - Malaspina University-College

R. Lawrance circulated information.

- e) Norm Abbey Correspondence:

D. Tyndall advised that Mr. Norm Abbey had sent an e-mail asking for an update on the green building initiative.

R. Lawrance circulated a memo to the Committee giving an update on this program. He will forward this information in a letter to N. Abbey.

## **7. Unfinished/Ongoing Business:**

- a) Environmental Awards Program Review – Draft Criteria

G. Adrienne distributed copies of the revised draft Environmental Awards Program Review. G. Adrienne and R. Lawrance noted that:

- Will be putting feelers out to see if there is interest in the business community to sponsor this type of award.
- Sponsorship amount was changed to \$1000 from the \$2000 in the previous draft.
- These awards would be 'awards of excellence' to set them apart from the 'encouragement' awards as they are now.
- Move awards in 2006 to the fall to give new Committee time to implement the new program.
- Could hire a consultant to draft the initial process which could then be used every year.

Suggestions and comments from the Committee:

- Need to outline what benefit there is for the sponsors.
- How is the program going to be publicized? (R. Lawrance circulated a document from the Toronto program showing their promotion process.)

- Awards should not go to provincially funded businesses (e.g. B.C. Hydro) or staff from any level of government.
- Should not be restricted to 'residents of Nanaimo' as long as what they have done benefits the City.
- Perhaps businesses should be able to nominate themselves as they know their product/service and how it benefits the environment.
- Businesses could solicit others to nominate them.
- Need to be more professional in marketing the program.
- Concerned that we may not be able to get enough nominees each year for the new program.
- May take a few years to get the new program going before it really takes off.
- This award may act as a carrot to businesses to think more about the environment when they do business.
- RDN is doing a sustainability event in the fall. Perhaps the award could be given out the night before as a lead in to this event.
- Could stretch the criteria and have the benefit not just to the City of Nanaimo but also to the surrounding area. Have it sponsored by the RDN as well.
- Sponsors could be encouraged to look for nominees.
- Marketing is the key.
- Have Committee members give presentations to different businesses or groups as part of the marketing.

b) ACE Annual Fall Forum – Green Buildings

- Feedback on Home Show presentations

R. Bolin noted that:

- Had four hours of presentation time with four different speakers and topics (bio-diesel, hot water heating, home energy guide and eco-cottage).
- Good attendance at all sessions except one.
- Gave out information on the Green Building Forum.

- Update on Forum speakers and schedule

R. Lawrance circulated the agenda for this event and noted that:

- Have added 'incentive program' to the list of topics.
- Still looking for groups that would like to set up displays. Hydro will participate. Any other suggestions would be welcome.
- Will be advertising in the paper as well as City Page.

Suggestions and comments from the Committee:

- C. Thomas offered to give a talk on what local government is doing and how they can help the public. Could team up with the City's P. Thorkelsson.
- Publish ads on 19<sup>th</sup> as there won't be any political advertising on that date.
- Send out press release to Shaw Cable, Wave Radio and newspapers. R. Brown will take the press release to the papers.

MOVED by R. Brown, SECONDED by R. Bolin, that up to \$300 be spent on refreshments for the Fall Forum.

CARRIED

## 8. New Business:

- a) Provincial Best Management Practices Training Seminar
  - ACE endorsement to meet with City Design Panel

R. Lawrance circulated information from P. Law and noted that:

- Province is asking the City (through ACE and the Design Advisory Panel) to partner with them on a series of workshops.
- Province would set up the workshops which would be aimed towards the development and construction industry.
- Will send web site address to Committee members to they can review all the information.

#### **9. Late Items:**

##### **a) Habitat Update:**

R. Lawrance noted that:

- Shelley Serebrin has asked if ACE would be interested in working with School District 68 in updating the Habitat Atlas and making it available as a teaching tool.

Comment from the Committee:

- Suggest that S. Serebrin be asked to work with the School District first and then come to ACE with more information and a detailed proposal.

##### **b) Message from Chair:**

As this is D. Tyndall's last official meeting with ACE before the election, she wanted to thank Committee members for all the hard work and service they have provided to the City.

#### **10. Next Meeting:**

The next ACE meeting is scheduled for 2005-Dec.-06.

#### **11. Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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