

**MINUTES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT
MEETING HELD TUESDAY, 2005-JUN-07
IN THE TRAINING ROOM, CITY HALL ANNEX, 238 FRANKLYN STREET**

Present:	Ron Bolin Ron Brown <u>Staff</u> Rob Lawrance	Pete Law Gail Adrienne Cindy Hall (Recording Secretary)
Regrets:	Councillor Dawn Tyndall Allan Hawryzki Geraldine Manson	Councillor Bill Holdom Brigid Reynolds Mike Geselbracht

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair P. Law at 4:17 p.m.

2. Adoption of Minutes 2005-Apr-05 and 2005-May-03:

Adoption of the Minutes was deferred to the next meeting due to the lack of a quorum.

3. Approval of Agenda and Introduction of Late Items:

The agenda was approved as presented.

4. Budget:

R. Lawrance noted that there is \$4,114.74 remaining in the budget for 2005.

5. Delegations:

No delegations.

6. Correspondence/Handouts/Notices of Upcoming Events:

- a) Letter dated 2005-Apr-30 from AA Industrial Ltd. encouraging the City to review their regulations pertaining to underground oil tanks.

R. Lawrance advised that the letter went to Council and an issue was raised that the Fire Dept. only deals with commercial tanks. He suggested that a Fire Dept. rep. be invited to the next ACE meeting to give a presentation on how they deal with commercial tanks and to discuss the issue of how to regulate in-ground non-commercial tanks.

Discussion followed:

- Fire Dept. advises that non-commercial sites are exempt from the Provincial *Waste Management Act* Contaminated Sites regulations.
- Do insurance agencies require disclosure of tank locations? [R. Lawrance will report back on this at the next meeting.]
- Not aware of any oil contamination issues associated with discharges from tanks here in Nanaimo. Saanich though has had problems with in-ground furnace oil tanks leaking their contaminants into their storm sewer system.
- WLAP has a HAZMAT crew that is the first response to such calls.
- Primary issue is if leaks reach the marine foreshore or local creeks.

- Northfield Creek was tracked, but it was not possible to go far enough into the system to determine if there was any underground seepage from tanks.

7. Unfinished/Ongoing Business:

- a) Environmental Awards Program – R. Lawrance advised that 5 nominations were received this year; 2 were disqualified and 3 are proceeding for awards. The awards presentation will be held at the Council meeting on 2005-Jun-27. G. Adrienne advised that in light of the low number of nomination papers received, that perhaps it is time to carefully review the program. As the 'key players' have already been given awards, it may be necessary to broaden the program's terms of reference. This will be discussed at a future meeting.
- b) Green Building Policy – Terms of Reference for the RDN's Green Buildings Project were distributed. R. Lawrance advised that the RDN have arranged an educational tour to view examples of green buildings in other municipalities, in order to determine what role the City should take in policy development. Councillors Krall and Holdom have advised that they will attend as well as Rob and Gary Noble. Rob will report back to the Committee.

Christina Thomas of the RDN has been invited to give a presentation at the next ACE meeting on the RDN's Project and to discuss the City's role in a partnership. The Committee may want to form a sub-committee on this issue and consider putting on a community forum in the Fall in partnership with the RDN.

- c) Nanaimo Estuary – R. Lawrance advised that at their May 30th meeting, Council considered ACE's report recommending that Council support City participation in the Nanaimo Estuary Management Plan Committee, and fund a coordinator position to facilitate Estuary Management activities. Council subsequently endorsed the report, so the Estuary Committee can now be contacted to determine next steps.
- d) Malaspina-University-College Imperial Palm Fossil – R. Lawrance advised that there is interest in acquiring the Palm Fossil from Mal-U, and that he will meet with Parks & Recreation to discuss this matter further. Rob concurred with R. Brown in that timing is good right now because the current Downtown Revitalization initiative contains an art component.

8. Next Meeting:

The next ACE meeting is scheduled for 2005-Jul-05.

9. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.