

**MINUTES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT
MEETING HELD TUESDAY, 2005-MAY-03
IN THE TRAINING ROOM, CITY HALL ANNEX, 238 FRANKLYN STREET.**

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

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by acting Chair R. Bolin at 4:17 p.m.

2. Welcome and Introductions:

R. Lawrance welcomed Geraldine Manson, the new First Nations representative on ACE and introductions were made.

G. Manson noted that:

- She has been a member of the Band Council for 5 years.
- Also serves on the Nanaimo Community Heritage Commission.
- Very active in gathering First Nations archeological information.
- Will request at the next Band Council meeting that an alternate be named to attend ACE meetings if she is unable to attend.

3. Adoption of Minutes 2005-Apr-05:

Adoption of the minutes was put over to the next meeting due to the lack of a quorum.

4. Approval of Agenda and Introduction of Late Items:

Late items:

- a) City Participation in the Management of the Nanaimo River Estuary (R. Lawrance)
- b) Palm tree planting at Departure Bay beach (A. Hawryzki)

The agenda as approved with the addition of the above late items.

5. Budget:

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

6. Delegations:

No delegations.

7. Correspondence/Handouts/Notices of Upcoming Events:

- R. Lawrance will e-mail the Committee information on two up-coming events and asked that anyone who may wish to attend on behalf of ACE let him know.

8. Unfinished/Ongoing Business:

a) Environmental Awards Program – Review Applications

R. Lawrance noted that since there is not a quorum present, the final decision on each application will have to be deferred until a response has been received from ACE members not present at today's meeting.

The Committee discussed each of the Award nominations and made three recommendations for Council endorsement using the award criteria.

b) Nature of Nanaimo 2005 – Distribute brochures

R. Lawrance gave a brief update on the events that have been held and distributed copies of the brochure to the Committee. He also noted that:

- When the Nature of Nanaimo events are finished, the coordinator will report on the success of the program, what worked and what could be improved.

c) Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) – Update and Connection with Green Building Policy

R. Lawrance gave an overview of the program and distributed copies of the report to Council. He also noted that:

- Copies of the report will be sent to the rest of the Committee for their review and comment.
- Have held discussion with the RDN and the City and RDN have agreed to partner on this project.
- The City and the RDN have put up funding to complete the program's milestones.
- A greenhouse gas inventory will be done to produce a forecast.
- Next milestone will be to set a target for 2012.
- Hyla Environmental has been hired as the consultant. They will collect data for City and RDN, do the inventory, forecast and then the target.
- May hold a forum in the new year on green house gas to get the public's feedback on this issue.
- Hope to have the process completed by mid-2006.
- There may be an opportunity to have ACE's environmental forum to fit in with this program.
- Could also tie in with the new green building policies.
- Would like to set up a sub-committee of ACE to keep up on this project and to work with the consultant. R. Lawrance will send out an e-mail to ACE members asking for volunteers.

d) Nanaimo Estuary Management Plan Report

R. Lawrance distributed copies of the plan and asked that ACE members review it and send him their comments. He will also send the report to ACE member not in attendance today.

9. Late Items:

a) Palm trees at Departure Bay beach:

A. Hawryzki commented that:

- It has been reported in the newspaper that some people are working on having palm trees planted in the Departure Bay beach area.
- Since ACE has been promoting planting of native species, is the planting of palm trees a good idea?
- If this suggestion to plant the palm trees is okayed by the City, there is a palm fossil at Malaspina University-College and perhaps this fossil could be displayed at the beach.

Comment from the Committee:

- As there are already several sites in the City where palm trees have been planted, having them at Departure Bay beach seems like a good addition.
- Who would pay the cost of their upkeep?

10. Next Meeting:

- Next ACE meeting is scheduled for 2005-June-07

11. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.