

**MINUTES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT  
MEETING HELD TUESDAY, 2005-JANUARY-11  
IN THE TRAINING ROOM, CITY HALL ANNEX, 238 FRANKLYN STREET.**

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<b>Present:</b>	Gail Adrienne Jackie Churchill <u>Staff</u> Rob Lawrance Fran Grant (Recording Secretary)	Allan Hawryzki Brigid Reynolds  Kevin Brydges Graham Savage
<b>Guest:</b>	Mike Geselbracht	
<b>Regrets:</b>	Ron Bolin Ron Brown	Councillor Bill Holdom Pete Law Councillor Dawn Tyndall

**1. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair G. Adrienne at 4:08.

**2. Approval of Minutes 2004-Dec-07:**

R. Lawrance noted that the motion to add a First Nations Representative on ACE was removed at is was put forward by an unofficial member of the Committee.

The adoption of the Minutes of 2004-Dec-07 was put over until the next meeting as a quorum was not present.

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

The Committee approved the Agenda with the addition of the following late items:

- Clarification on staff Information Report (R. Lawrance)
- Correspondence form Land & Water B.C. (R. Lawrance)

**4. Budget:**

R. Lawrance advised that information on the budget for 2005 was not yet available.

**5. Delegations:**

No delegations.

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

- a) Interpretation Canada Training Module – February 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> in Nanaimo  
R. Lawrance presented for information only.
- b) Fostering Sustainable Behavior Workshop – March 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> in Seattle  
R. Lawrance presented for information only.
- c) Letter from Land & Water B.C.

R. Lawrance circulated the letter and advised that in their letter, LWBC had formally withdrawn there OCP amendment application to have DL56 (in the Linley Valley) moved inside the Urban Containment Boundary.

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

### **a) First Nations Representation on ACE**

R. Lawrance noted that:

- The motion to include a First Nations representative was initially presented by a guest of the Committee and therefore, needs to be endorsed by the Committee if they wish to proceed.
- Distributed copies of a draft Report to Council on this issue.
- Has contacted the Snuneymuxw who have expressed an interest in participating on ACE if the report is endorsed. A copy of ACE's Terms of Reference was sent.

R. Lawrance will make the suggested changes to the Report once the motion is formally adopted and bring to the February meeting.

## **8. New Business:**

### **a) 2005 Annual Workplan**

- Review 2004 Workplan

R. Lawrance distributed the 2004 Work Plan and gave a brief overview of what was accomplished. He also noted that:

- Nanaimo Estuary Plan – S. Northrup gave a presentation to PEDSC. PEDSC asked that staff meet with S. Northrup to review the plan and discuss what will be required from the City to participate in future.
- The pesticide issue will be kept in the work plan for 2005.
- The Habitat Atlas is currently having some enhancements added.
- The program will need some adjustments in how it is managed if it is to remain a sustainable program.
- Nature of Nanaimo:
  - Will ask Parks, Recreation and Culture Department to fund an honourarium for presenters and also to put funds towards more advertising.
  - Work more with the School District.
  - Partner with Economic Development and Tourism Nanaimo in the future.
- Ideas and comments for Forums:
  - Show the DVD called "End of Suburbia"
    - ❑ Committee would like to view the DVD themselves before deciding on holding a public viewing.
  - Wood burning appliance – pro-active education.
    - ❑ Need to reach the people who are creating most of the noxious fumes by burning inappropriately.
    - ❑ Buy back program for older appliances.
    - ❑ Sponsor an insurance industry representative to give a talk to the public.
    - ❑ List of places for people who use a wood burning appliance as their main source of heat to purchase properly dried fire wood.
    - ❑ How do we reach the hard to reach users?
  - Ride share program similar to the one in Nelson, B.C.

- R. Lawrance will look into this.
- Food security in Nanaimo and the RDN.
- Special meeting to finalize Workplan?

The Committee agreed that another meeting is needed to finalize the 2005 work plan. R. Lawrance will organize.

b) ACE Environmental Awards Program

- Award recipient appreciation event

R. Lawrance advised that:

- A. Millward, Social Planner, has sent a report to Council on a new awards program for social issues.
- The report recommended that environment, social and heritage awards all be given out at Council and then a separate event held as a thank you to award recipients.
- This idea has been approved by Council and staff will be asked to prepare an outline.

Committee comments:

- Feel it would be better to have the awards given out at the special event as some recipients may not want to attend two separate functions.
- CRD "Ecostar" Awards Program

R. Lawrance circulated copies of the CRD Awards Program and asked Committee members to review it to see if ACE would like to incorporate any of it into their Environmental Awards program. Will discuss at the next regular meeting.

**9. Late Items:**

Allan Hawryzki advised that:

- Malaspina University-College is sponsoring a Spring Science and Technology event.
- Starts on January 5 and runs until mid-April and covers many different topics.
- All the details and dates of the events are on the Malaspina University-College web site.

**10. Next Meeting:**

- A special meeting to complete the Work Plan for 2005 will be arranged by R. Lawrance.
- Next ACE regularly schedule meeting is on 2005-Feb-01.

**11. Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.