

**MINUTES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT
MEETING HELD TUESDAY, 2003-APRIL-01
IN THE TRAINING ROOM, CITY HALL ANNEX, 238 FRANKLYN STREET.**

Present:	Gail Adrienne	Councillor Bill Holdom
	Ron Bolin	Susana Michaelis
	Ron Brown	Brigid Reynolds
	Allan Hawryzki	Councillor Dawn Tyndall
	<u>Staff</u>	
	Rob Lawrance	Graham Savage
	Sharon Fletcher	Kevin Brydges
	Fran Grant (Recording Secretary)	Kirsty MacDonald

Regrets:	Bruce Adkins	Sharon Erickson
Guest:	Mike Geselbracht	

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair B. Holdom at 4:07 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes 2003-Mar.-11:

MOVED by G. Adrienne, SECONDED by S. Michaelis, that the minutes of 2003-Mar.-11 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Agenda and Introduction of Late Items:

Late Items:

- State of Sustainability Citizen Committee (RDN) – B. Reynolds
- Nature of Nanaimo Support – remove from agenda

MOVED by R. Brown, SECONDED by B Reynolds, that the agenda be adopted with addition of the late items.

CARRIED

4. Delegations:

Kirsty MacDonald, Planning Technician, Community Planning Division distributed copies of Progress Nanaimo 1998 and the Environment section of the Progress Nanaimo Technical Report. She then gave a presentation on the Official Community Plan Environmental indicators progress report. Additional comments were:

- This is the first chance to evaluate how well Plan Nanaimo is achieving environmental and growth management goals.
- Would like feed back from ACE on ideas for indicators that the Committee would like to see used.
- The first draft of the report will be brought back to ACE in the early summer.
- Hope to have the final document ready in late fall.
- Technical document tracks all indicators and is used internally
- Progress report summarizes topic areas and is distributed to the community via newspaper, web page and booklet format.
- Two new indicators added this round (pervious surfaces and climate change)

- Timeline since 1996 OCP was adopted:
 - ❖ 1998 – baseline data collected from first Progress Nanaimo
 - ❖ 2001 – census year and start of current Progress Nanaimo
 - ❖ 2006 – tentative date for next Progress Nanaimo

Sharon Fletcher, Manager of Community Planning noted that:

- ACE members can pass along to R. Lawrance their ideas on indicators or where data can be obtained.
- Biggest obstacle to the report is gathering data.

K. MacDonald and S. Fletcher answered questions from Committee members:

- Might be possible to track the use of toxic products in the watercourse section.
- Fish presence may also be an indicator of toxicity.
- There is no budget for equipment to monitor the environment except for rainfall and water quality.
- Pervious surface data could be obtained from the amount of run-off from paved parking areas and roads.
- The City asks that oil/water separators be installed in multi-family, commercial and industrial development but there are no regulations requiring maintenance or cleaning.
- The data from the gas plant study could be used only if it is done on a on-going basis and not just a one time effort.
- Information gathered during the SHIM mapping project may be of value.
- Data may be available from WLAP's monitoring program of air particulate.
- The initial mandate of Progress Nanaimo is to tie it to Plan Nanaimo. We cannot look at all indicators as it becomes too cumbersome.
- First progress report took twice as long as expected and cost twice as much.
- Ground water is one area where Plan Nanaimo policies can have an impact.
- The only cost-effective areas we looked at the first time were around healthy community policies and nodal development. We could not find data to make the link between nodal development versus sprawl. We are now looking at the cost of services versus benefits.
- We are not doing any advertising to find the data needed. We would like the members of ACE who represent different stakeholders to be our link to different sources.
- Need to be sure that the data source is reliable.
- There is a real need for a central library for data so that all the work we and other municipalities do can be shared.
- Need to focus our efforts on areas over which we have some control to make changes via policies, programs etc.

The Chair thanked S. Fletcher and K. MacDonald for their informative presentation.

5. Correspondence/Handouts/Notices of Upcoming Events:

a) Nature of Nanaimo Spring Events Calendar

R. Lawrance distributed copies of the display that appeared in the City's Leisure Guide and the registration brochure. He noted that:

- This program is to be used as an education component of the ESA project.
- Also going to advertise the program through the VI Morning News show and the City Page.
- All the programs are free of charge.
- We will be contacting the host organizations with final numbers of people registered.

ACE comments:

- Put in the Leisure Guide copy that registration is needed so people don't just show up which could result in too many people attending where there is limited space.
- Have name of host group on each event.
- Would like to see logos of groups in partnership. [R. Lawrance indicated that will be added to the brochure.]

6. Unfinished/ongoing Business:

a) Earth Day Event Support

G. Adrienne advised the Committee that:

- There are no City venues available that are big enough to host the Earth Day event.
- The Cavallotti Hall has been booked at a reduced cost of \$150.
- Asked that ACE might wish to support this event by putting \$75 towards the rental fee which equivalent to the amount ACE had agreed to pay towards the rental of a city owned venue.

MOVED by R. Brown, SECONDED by A. Hawryzki, that ACE support Earth Day by donating \$75 towards the rental of Caveletti Hall.

CARRIED

7. New Business:

a) Youth representative on ACE

The Committee decided that since there was no age limit set out in the Terms of Reference for the Youth Representative they would leave it as is.

Guest, Mike Geselbracht, indicated that he may be interested becoming a member of ACE. He will submit his application to the Corporate Administration office when he decides.

b) Establish ACE Sub-committees

The Committee set up the following sub-committees:

Issue	Members
Partners for Climate Protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gail Adrienne • Allan Hawryzki • Susana Michaelis • Bill Holdom
Pesticide Reduction education / awareness program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dawn Tyndall • Ron Brown • Brigid Reynolds • S. Michaelis • Gail Adrienne
State of the Environment Report – Environmental Inventory / Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ron Bolin • Allan Hawryzki <p>(Will work with S. Fletcher and K. MacDonald)</p>
Earth Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dawn Tyndall <p>(Will work with R. Lawrance)</p>

- It was suggested that the Climate Protection be renamed Atmosphere Protection.

c) ACE Environmental Awards: Review: application and timeline:

R. Lawrance distributed copies of the application and timeline and gave a brief outline of the awards process.

Committee comments:

- Would be helpful to have an opportunity to visit sites of award nominees' projects.
- Need more back-up for some of the self-nominee claims; perhaps a couple of independent references.

8. Late Item:

B. Reynolds gave a brief outline of the RDN's proposed State of Sustainability Citizen Committee and distributed copies of their Terms of Reference and project description. She also added that:

- There is some cross-connection with the City.
- Advertising for the Committee will be happening in May.
- More information is available from Christine Thomas and also on the RDN web page
- The Committee will play an advisory role.
- The Committee appointments will be for a 3 year term and approved by the RDN Board.

9. Next Meeting:

2003-May-06, Training Room, **4:30 P.M.**

10. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.