

DATE OF MEETING January 27, 2021

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SUBJECT 2021 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

OVERVIEW

Purpose of Report

To provide the Environment Committee with a workplan for consideration and recommendation to Council.

Recommendation

That the Environment Committee recommend that Council endorse the 2021 Environment Committee Workplan.

BACKGROUND

The City of Nanaimo Environment Committee mandate includes such items as; offering innovative ideas, providing advice and information, options and recommendations to Council on climate change, green technology, energy efficiency, urban forestry, and other topics associated with environmental sustainability for the City of Nanaimo.

The 2021 Environment Committee Workplan intends to set a timeline for committee involvement in projects scheduled for 2021 that align with and further the committee's mandate.

DISCUSSION

The 2021 Environment Committee Workplan outlined below presents the committee's consideration and recommendations to Council for endorsement.

2021 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WORKPLAN			
Topic	Project Lead	Overview	Introduction And Review Time
REIMAGINE Nanaimo: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doughnut Economics Environmental Indicators Phase 2 Environmental Policy Options Climate Action Plan Review and Update 	Community Planning / Development Approvals	The Environment Committee will be providing Staff with input and comment on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying Environmental Indicators to be used for developing the 'City Portrait' that will be used as a framework for REIMAGINE Nanaimo; 	January - October

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and provide comment on environmental policy revisions that will be developed in Phase 2 of REIMAGINE Nanaimo; Staff to provide an update on the implementation of the 2012 Community Sustainability Action Plan; and Review and provide comment on the Climate Action Plan update. 	
Solid Waste Education	Engineering and Public Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide comment and input on the City's solid waste reduction and diversion education program. 	March
Step Code Acceleration Options Review	Development Approvals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with the local building community and local energy experts and report back with options to accelerate implementation of the Energy Step Code. 	May
Home Energy Retrofit Program	Development Approvals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate with the Regional District of Nanaimo to establish a regional Home Energy Building Retrofit Program. 	May - August
Comprehensive Soils Bylaw	Engineering and Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive updates and provide input as the City completes a review and update of its Erosion and Sediment Control Bylaws. 	May - December

The above workplan table provides a list of projects that fall within the mandate of the Environment Committee. City Staff seek Council approval for the committee to proceed to work on such projects and Council may add additional items to this workplan.

OPTIONS

1. That Council endorse the 2021 Environment Committee Workplan.
 - Advantages: The Environment Committee can proceed with implementation of the workplan.
 - Disadvantages: Some projects and programs may not be listed that are considered relevant to the committee mandate.
 - Financial Implications: There are items on the workplan, such as the Regional Home Retrofit Program that will have financial implications, if adopted. Other items are either ongoing projects that have already received council approval, Staff policy or regulatory updates that will be presented to Council for adoption at a future date.
2. That Council does not endorse the 2021 Environment Committee Workplan.
 - Advantages: None identified.
 - Disadvantages: Progress is on listed initiatives is delayed.
 - Financial Implications: None identified.

SUMMARY POINTS

- The Workplan intentions are to show Council how the Environment Committee will meet its mandate and offer input and advice on the environment.
- City Staff seek Council approval for the committee to proceed to work on such projects listed in the 2021 Environment Committee Workplan and over the course of the year, Council may add additional items to this workplan.

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