

Minutes of the regular meeting of the joint meeting of the ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, held in the CVRD Boardroom, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, on April 19, 2012 at 6:00 pm.

PRESENT: Justin Straker, Chair Director Lefebure
 Roger Wiles Director Giles
 Judy Stafford Director Kent
 Rodger Hunter Roger Hart
 Pete Keber
 Tyler Innes Dave Polster
 Janna Jorgensen Director Hutchins

ALSO PRESENT: FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Geoff Millar, Manager, Economic Development
Kathy Lachman, Business Development Coordinator
Judy Mills, Executive Assistant
Marsha Stanley, Co-Chair
Jane Worden, Mike Kelly

ALSO: Tom Anderson, General Manager, Planning and Development
Brian Dennison, General Manager, Eng and Env
Dyan Freer, Recording Secretary
Directors Morrison, Duncan, and Fraser
Emily Doyle-Yamaguchi – Environmental Analyst
Kelly Musselwaite, Alternate Director Area B

REGRETS: Kate Miller, Manager, Regional Environmental Policy, Sophy Roberge

CALL TO ORDER

6:00 pm Welcome to the members of the Economic Development Division Commission and staff. Introductions were made. Marsha Stanley, Chair of the EDC will co-chair the joint portion of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as amended, with the following changes in order of the reports:

- R1 - CVRD Sustainability Planning Perspectives, R. Hunter;
 - R2 - CVRD Integrated Sustainability Plan – T. Anderson;
 - R3 - CVRD Climate Action Plan – T. Anderson;
 - R4 - Economic Development Commission Update - Geoff and Jane
 - R5 - Regional Environmental Strategic Plan Update – J. Straker;
 - R6 - Shawnigan Watershed Roundtable update, Director Fraser;
 - R7- Update on the Cowichan Watershed Board R. Hunter;
 - R8 – Regional Environmental Policy Division Workplan;
- and further that reports by R. Hart, J. Jorgensen and R. Wiles be tabled until the May 17 meeting

MOTION CARRIED

**ADOPTION
OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the March 15, 2012, Environment Commission meeting be adopted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
OUT OF MINUTES**

Moved to R5

REPORTS

R1

CVRD Sustainability Planning Perspectives – Rodger Hunter gave a presentation on What is Sustainability and What can Local Governments do? Discussion ensued.

R2

CVRD Integrated Sustainability Plan – Tom Anderson, General Manager, Planning and Development presented the Draft Integrated Sustainability Plan to the Economic Development and Environment Commissions. He plans to ask the two commissions, First Nations, Recreation, Arts and Culture, and other staff members to review the Draft Terms of Reference and provide comments in writing in the next month, as well as support in future steering meetings. Discussion ensued. Expressions of interest will be sought.

R3

CVRD Climate Action Plan - Tom Anderson, General Manager, Planning and Development was presented the Draft Terms of Reference for the Climate Action Plan to both commissions with the request for comments in writing to be sent to him in the next few weeks. Discussion ensued.

R4

Economic Development Commission Update – Sustainable Economic Development Strategy and Implementation Details – Geoff Millar, Manager, Economic Development and Jane Worden, Economic Development Commission member, gave an overview of their Sustainability Plan.

R5

Regional Environmental Strategic Plan (RESP) Update – Justin Straker gave brief historical overview of the Environment Commission and what has been done to lead to the decision to prepare an RESP in the next two years. It is a plan for environmental sustainability for the CVRD.

Discussion on a collaborative relationship between the Economic Development Commission and the Environment Commission. What kind of working relationship can be developed? Need to prepare comments on the CVRD Integrated Sustainability and Climate Action Plans. A collaborative approach is desired within the next 30-60 days. Dyan to distribute 'Dialogue Streams' to all members. Having a tangible item for the public to look at might be very helpful. Janna proposed that the communication committee could put in some resources into this process. Discussions with Tom Anderson will be needed.

Action: Jane Worden, Tyler Innes, Phil Kent and Roger Hart will organize the initial meeting structure and/or discussions.

8:00 pm

The members of the Economic Commission and EDC staff were thanked for participating and left the meeting.

- 8:05** The Environment Commission meeting resumed.

- R6** **Shawnigan Watershed Roundtable Update** – Director Bruce Fraser explained the makeup of the newly formed Shawnigan Watershed Roundtable and their goals to understand, prioritize and deal with issues around this watershed and to seek funding to make changes. Discussion ensued. He will give updates periodically.

- R7** **Cowichan Watershed Board Update** – Rodger Hunter presented an overview of the work of the Cowichan Watershed Board and the Water Management Plan.

- R8** **Regional Environmental Policy Division Workplan** – Emily Doyle-Yamaguchi, Environmental Analyst, gave an overview of the Division – work completed and ongoing. Discussion ensued.

CORRESPONDENCE

C1 none

INFORMATION

IN1 Info article emailed “Limits to Growth: 1972 ‘Collapse Prediction Still on Track” was duly noted and discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING May 17, 2012

Chair

Recording Secretary

Dated: _____