

Minutes of the regular meeting of the meeting of the ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION, held in the CVRD Boardroom, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, on June 21, 2012 at 6:00 pm.

**PRESENT:** Director Lefebure, Chair                      Director Kent  
Director Giles    Roger Hart  
Dave Polster    Janna Jorgensen  
Roger Wiles    Sophy Roberge  
Judy Stafford     Pete Keber

**ALSO**

**PRESENT:** Kate Miller, Manager, Regional Environmental Policy  
Dyan Freer, Recording Secretary  
Directors Duncan and Morrison

**REGRETS:** Justin Straker, Tyler Innes, Larry George, Rodger Hunter

**6:00 pm**

**SPECIAL GUEST:** Mark Lakeman

A presentation was given by Mark Lakeman, founder of the City Repair project in Portland, Oregon. He spoke on the incredible changes that can be made in sustainability with community and neighbourhood communication and engagement. Portland has become the leader of sustainable cities in the US, with the most bicycles and bicycle paths per capita, greatest decrease in car usage, and engagement of people in neighbourhoods.

**APPROVAL  
OF AGENDA**

**It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with the title of the report R7 corrected to Regional Environmental Strategic Plan Sub-Committee Terms of Reference.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ADOPTION  
OF MINUTES**

**It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the May 17, 2012, Environment Commission meeting be adopted as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING  
OUT OF MINUTES  
B1**

**CVRD Integrated Sustainability Plan planning update – Recommendations need to be in to Tom Anderson, General Manager, Planning and Development, by June 21, 2012.**

**It was moved and seconded to approve the five recommendations of the CVRD Integrated Sustainability Plan sub-committee:**

- i. That the process for proceeding with the two plans as outlined verbally to the two Commissions by Tom Anderson be followed and the draft documents be referred to as “Calls for Expression of Interest”, with the actual “Terms of Reference” developed as part of the formal contractual arrangements with the successful**

**proponents.**

- ii. **That the points raised at the informal meeting of the two Commissions on April 30, 2012, and discussed in Appendix A be incorporated in the revised “Calls for Expression of Interest”.**
- iii. **That a facilitated workshop to discuss the questions listed in Appendix B be incorporated as part of the planning process.**
- iv. **That maximum synergies be enjoined between the Regional Environmental Strategic Plan, the Integrated Regional Sustainability Plan, and the Climate Action Plan.**
- v. **That one or more members of both the Economic Development and Environment Commissions be appointed to serve on the Steering Committee(s) of the Integrated Regional Sustainability Plan and the Climate Action Plan.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**REPORTS**

**R1**

**Proposed Bylaw Changes for Electoral Area E** – Allison Garnett, Planner I, reviewed the proposed zoning bylaw changes for Electoral Area E and invited feedback from the Environment Commission. Discussion ensued. Comments to be received within one month.

**R2**

**Communications Committee** – Janna Jorgensen. Requested \$5350 to expand and produce the 2012 Video contest as well as to increase the visibility of the Environment Commission. Discussion ensued. Possibility perhaps to engage partnerships and to ask for support from businesses that might sponsor this contest, i.e. Coast Capital Savings support youth initiatives and involvement. Suggestion to add agriculture to the theme.

**It was moved and seconded that a budget in the amount of \$5350 be approved to fund the 2012 State of the Environment Video Contest.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

On June 28 there will be a ½ day workshop at 9 am at Taiji’s Studio re branding for the communications sub-committee and others. The environment commission is invited to attend for the first hour. Please send ideas to Janna if you can’t attend.

**R3**

**Solid Waste Committee** – Roger Wiles. Manager will meet with staff in July and committee will then receive the necessary information to write Terms of Reference on the Solid Waste Management Plan.

**R4**

**Agricultural Advisory Committee** – Judy Stafford. The last meeting had a request from a land owner re ALR exemptions. The role of the commission was raised and is not yet fully understood. Sub-committees have been

formed. One sub-committee was to find out more about a program for farm mentorship in Abbotsford to support new farmers on a land-share business. Another was on communications between the agriculture community and general community. There was also a discussion on putting agriculture in the class room and branding for the Cowichan Valley.

**R5 Economic Development Commission Update** – Roger Hart announced that new members have been chosen and names will go to the next Board meeting for approval. They plan to meet as a whole every other month, and have working committees meet in the months between.

**R6 EDC Economic Indicator Report** – The report was received. It includes a state of the economy report, site selector report, EDC performance measures, and the Economic Development Commission's workplan.

**R7 Regional Environmental Strategic Plan (RESP) Sub-Committee Terms of Reference (ToR).**

The ToR has been circulated throughout the sub-committee, edited and now approved.

**It was moved and seconded to adopt the Regional Environmental Strategic Plan Sub-Committee Terms of Reference as amended.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Amendment: Remove the Terms of Reference heading from the top of first page – and change heading 'Purpose' to 'Sub Committee's Terms of Reference'.

Plans to release a Request for Proposal to develop a RESP in the next month or so.

**R8 Budget of Environment Commission – Discussion**

Table shows expenses of the Environment Commission from 2009 to 2012 budgets and expenses. With the addition of \$5350 expenses for the 2012 video contest the remaining budget will be approximately \$10,000.

**It was moved and seconded to receive the budget report of the Environment Commission from June 21, 2012.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**It was moved and seconded that the Environment Commission allocate \$25,000 for the Regional Environmental Strategic Plan**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R9 Recycling Update** – Bob McDonald, Manager, Recycling and Waste Management Division, distributed a staff report giving an update of the

division’s work in 2012. It was received and discussed briefly.

**CORRESPONDENCE** none

**INFORMATION**  
**IN1**

**Central Sector Liquid Waste Management Plan** – Roger Hart –tabled till a later meeting.

**IN2**

**Partnership for agricultural purposes.** Kate Miller gave an overview of this partnership with the Ministry of ?????. It is proceeding with land capability and suitability mapping as per budget motion in 2011. Will use LiDar data to photo interpret the agricultural land to see how much is in production and/or used for agricultural purposes. Also gaining understanding on water availability and land usage capability.

Personal visits to farmland to see what is being produced and how water is used are taking place. Plans for more strategic uses of water – i.e. how much water is needed daily or weekly for crops and how the aquifer recharges will become more understood.

**IN3**

Bottle Depot on July 1 will greatly expand electronics collections.

**IN4**

Acknowledgement of North Cowichan’s organic curbside pick-up – a great reduction in garbage pick-up has taken place.

**NEW BUSINESS** none

**ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING** July 19, 2012

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Chair

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Recording Secretary

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_