

Minutes of the regular meeting of the meeting of the ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION, held in the CVRD Boardroom, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, on July 19, 2012 at 6:03 pm.

PRESENT: Director Lefebure, Co-Chair Director Hutchins
 Justin Straker, Co-Chair Roger Hart
 Dave Polster Pete Keber
 Roger Wiles Sophy Roberge
 Judy Stafford Tyler Innes

ALSO

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

REGRETS: Janna Jorgensen, Larry George, Rodger Hunter,
 Director Giles, Director Kent

**APPROVAL
OF AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with the addition of IN1, a handout of the electronic program recycling brochure.

MOTION CARRIED

**ADOPTION
OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the June 21, 2012, Environment Commission meeting be adopted as presented with the amendment of the addition of Director Duncan and Morrison in attendance and the spelling of Lakeham corrected to Lakeman.

MOTION CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING
OUT OF MINUTES**

B1

Mark Lakeman presentation wrap-up discussion. Members would like to see a trial neighbourhood street intersection refurbished as in Portland.

Action: To be brought up at the next meeting.

An honorarium will be paid to Michelle Staples for her work to videotape and edit the Mark Lakeman presentation June 21, 2012. The video will soon be available to the public on CVRD and other web sites. We need a system where we gather the contact information of participants at events when they may have enthusiasm to work on further projects.

B2

Electoral Area E Bylaw Changes Feedback - Director Duncan explained what has been received at this time. They are proceeding to refine the bylaws and invite further comments from commission members.

It was moved and seconded that the Environment Commission strikes a small working group to discuss the proposed bylaw in Electoral Area E, with staff to provide recommendations.

MOTION CARRIED

Volunteers are Jon Lefebure, Roger Hart, Sophie Roberge, Justin Straker.

B3 That this Commission receive a presentation of the newly finished Energy Modelling Plan at a future date and that it also is presented at the Board level. Kate Miller will provide the six reports to the directors next week. There will be a presentation to the Regional Services Committee on the conclusions and recommendations of this project.

B4 **Regional Environmental Plan Request for Proposal (RFP)** Tyler Innes excused himself from this portion of the meeting.

Kate Miller distributed copies of her Staff Report and the Draft Regional Environmental Strategic Plan Request for Proposal ES-016-12 to the members.

It was moved and seconded that the Environment Commission authorize the Regional Strategic Environmental Plan (RFP) subcommittee to finalize and issue the RFP Request for Proposal in consultation with the CVRD.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS

R1 **Communications** – Committee partook in a consultation with Taiji Brand Group to discuss how the Environment Commission Communications Committee can be most effective. Report to come at the next meeting.

R2 **Update of 2012 Video contest** – some changes have been made – age categories will be child, youth and young adult and an additional group category, and will have a Grand Prize if we can procure a donation of a video camera. Suggest using an expert to get the message out and to pay him/her to help with technical needs of the submitters. Discussion ensued. Comments and thoughts will be taken back to the sub-committee for review. Advertising should become more creative – i.e. Facebook, digital ads, school newsletters. Donations may be solicited.

R3 **Solid Waste Committee** – Roger Wiles – met with CVRD staff this week, have the essential Terms of References drafted and they will be presented to the commission for approval at next meeting.

R4 **Agricultural Advisory Committee update** – There was not a meeting this month but the Regional Agricultural Advisory Committee met and endorses the recommendation to the CVRD Board from the Electoral Area Services Committee that consideration be given to participating in the BC Agricultural Council's Agricultural Adaptation strategies project. One of the main themes being worked on by the Climate Action Initiative is water.

R5 **Motions of the Environment Commission for review** – Sophie Roberge asked that this historical list of motions of the commission be received and discussed. Need to look at how many recommendations the Commission actually made to the Board. Helpful to add a Status column to keep updates current.

Action: Justin Straker will review from the year 2009 and bring back an account of what has happened with them and what has been the result.

CORRESPONDENCE

C1- July

Dated July 11, 2012 from Joanne De Vries. Fresh Outlook Conference catch up - Kate Miller briefly explained that the next conference will be November 25 – 28, 2013 – Dyan to email out the announcement to members.

INFORMATION

IN1

The Recycling Centre (Bottle Depot) now has an Electronics Program where they take, for free, all used TV's, video recorders, medical monitoring devices, and other electronics for recycling. It is paid for from the environmental fee charged for new goods.

IN2

Invitation from Pete Keber to participate in a bicycle wine tour of Cobble Hill on August 18th, 2012 and then a potluck dinner for all Commission members at his home, instead of having an August meeting.

IN3

The names of the newly appointed members of the Economic Committee were read out. Appointed for a Term to Expire December 31, 2014 were: Sandra Goth, Blair Herbert, Russ Jenkins, Robert Radford, and Darin George as the First Nations Representative.

A new representative from that committee may be appointed at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1

CRD Sustainability Website – Roger Hart, David Polster and Kate Miller plan to meet to discuss the CRD's approach.

It was moved and seconded to invite a representative of the Capital Regional District to a meeting of the Environment Commission to give a presentation on their very successful sustainability program.

MOTION CARRIED

Action: Kate Miller will extend an invitation.

NB2

Central Sector Liquid Waste Management Plan – Roger Hart/Roger Wiles spoke re the handout on a report on the Liquid Waste Management Plan responsibilities.

It was moved and seconded to strike a subcommittee immediately to understand the Central Sector Liquid Waste Management Plan ("Plan"); to clarify the Environment Commission's role with respect to the Plan and to report back to the Commission; and further, to invite CVRD staff to report to the Commission on the current state of the Plan and make recommendations as they see fit.

MOTION DENIED

It was decided to invite staff to give this Commission a fuller understanding of the whole Liquid Waste Management issue and what is now happening in the region. Ladysmith has just ratified a new Liquid Waste Management Plan for their area. Kate Miller offered to put together a presentation in collaboration with provincial and other high level assistance to get a complete regional picture. She recommends that the commission members read the Central Sector Liquid Waste Management Plan to more fully understand it before the next meeting. It is located in their binders and also on the CVRD website,

Action: Kate Miller will arrange for staff to be invited to a commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

September 20, 2012

Chair

Recording Secretary

Dated: _____