

City of Maple Ridge  
**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee, held in the Blaney Room at Maple Ridge City Hall, 11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, British Columbia, on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 7:00 pm

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

**VOTING MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES**

Betty von Hardenberg	TAPS Rep
Councillor Masse	Council Liaison
Gerry Pinel	CEED Centre Rep
Ken Stewart	ARMS Rep
Kim Day	Ridge Meadows Recycling Society - Alternate
Klaus von Hardenberg	TAPS Rep – Alternate
Leanne Koehn, Chair	Ridge Meadows Recycling Society
Ross Davies	KEEPS Rep
Terryl Plotnikoff	Member at Large

**GUESTS**

Laurie Stott, Jace Standish	BCIT Forestry and Fish, Wildlife and Recreation Programs
Julia Alards-Tomalin	

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Rodney Stott	Staff Liaison / Environmental Planner
Sunny Schiller	Committee Clerk

**REGRETS/ABSENTS**

**VOTING MEMBERS**

David Neufeld	Environmental Professional
Dennis Kinsey, Vice-Chair	Member at Large
Janice Jarvis	Environmental Professional

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS**

Ashley Doyle	Kwantlen First Nation
	BC Conservation Officer Service
Bob D'Eith	MLA – Maple Ridge-Mission
Dan Ruimy	Member of Parliament
Lisa Beare	MLA – Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows
	Metro Vancouver
Pam McCotter	Katzie First Nation

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**1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm and introductions were made.

## 2. AGENDA ADOPTION

R17-010

It was moved and seconded

That the agenda dated July 12, 2017 be adopted.

CARRIED

## 3. MINUTE APPROVAL

R17-011

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes dated June 14, 2017 be approved.

CARRIED

## 4. DELEGATIONS

### 4.1 Overview of BCIT & Maple Ridge Natural Asset Inventory Grant

The Staff Liaison gave an overview of natural asset inventory and evaluation initiatives. The Staff Liaison shared information on work done by the City in partnership with BCIT and thanked BCIT for their work.

The BCIT delegation made a presentation and explained the joint projects between the Forestry and Fish, Wildlife and Recreation programs and the City have provided students with important field experience and have provided the City with useful data. Data collection methods and data collected from Maple Ridge were shared. Potential uses for the data were discussed.

## 5. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 5.1 Update on EMS Recommendations Report to Council

The Staff Liaison provided an update on the report scheduled to go before Council in the fall.

### 5.2 Communications and Outreach Opportunities for EAC members

The Chair led a discussion on communication and outreach opportunities for the Committee. The current EAC webpage was reviewed and discussed. The idea of an EAC events display was raised.

R17-012

It was moved and seconded

That a Communications and Outreach Subcommittee be created.

CARRIED

Individuals interested in participating on the Communications and Outreach subcommittee should contact the Chair via email ([leanne@rmrecycling.org](mailto:leanne@rmrecycling.org)).

### 5.3 Multi-Cultural/Environmental Task Group – Heritage, Arts, and Environment

The Chair and Committee Clerk shared details of Intersections 2.0 coming up in the fall. The Staff Liaison shared information on a potential project around water courses that could involve a number of stakeholders.

### 5.4 Discussion of Opportunities to work with SD 42

The Committee held a follow up discussion on the SD 42 presentation at the June meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE - Nil

7. ROUNDTABLE

Councillor Masse provided information on a proposed Solar Garden project in New Westminster and shared his thoughts on how a similar project might work for Maple Ridge.

Ken Stewart provided an update on ARMS activities. The hatchery is doing well. Rivers Day is coming up on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Klaus von Hardenberg discussed well monitoring in the Thornhill area. The topic of shared wells was raised. Mr. von Hardenberg shared information on new developments in gold mining techniques.

Betty von Hardenberg shared the experience of TAPS in gathering aquifer data and working with the provincial authorities. Ms. von Hardenberg voiced her concerns about the municipal use of pesticides.

Note: Terryl Plotnikoff left at 8:32 pm.

Ross Davies reported the Kanaka Creek Watershed Stewardship Centre is open. Mr. Davies shared that KEEPS has engaged over 3,400 participants in their programs so far in 2017. Coming up is an educational series starting in September that will include a bear awareness session.

The positive impact of Bear Awareness programs was discussed. Only one bear has been killed in 2017.

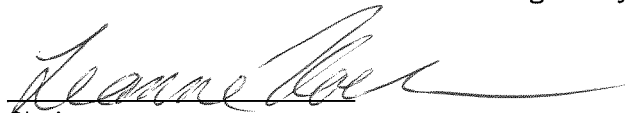
Gerry Pinel shared details on the Tiny Home Community initiative being developed by GETI and the CEED Centre. Plans to reduce the environmental footprint of the community were shared. A presentation on the topic was recently made to Council and the groups are working with the City to move the project forward.

The Chair reported Ridge Meadows Recycling Depot Tours are coming up on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and are very popular with the public. Ms. Koehn reminded the group of the opportunity to suggest delegations as well as to make presentations about the organizations they represent at EAC meetings.

8. QUESTION PERIOD - Nil

9. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:58 pm.

  
Chair

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