



City of Maple Ridge
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AGENDA – REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at 7:00 pm

Meeting Access Information

Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) meetings are held in a hybrid format. Members of the EAC and the public are asked to join the meeting in-person in the Blaney Room at Maple Ridge City Hall or remotely using the following access information:

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Dial: 1-778-907-2071 Meeting ID: **859 8031 4168** Passcode: **740956**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**
3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – January 24, 2024
4. **DELEGATIONS** – NIL
5. **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - 5.1 DRAFT Framework for an Ecological Health, Biodiversity & Connectivity Study
6. **LIAISON UPDATES**
 - 6.1 Staff Liaison
 - 6.2 Council Liaison
7. **TASK FORCE UPDATES**
8. **QUESTION PERIOD FOR THE PUBLIC**
9. **ROUNDTABLE**
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Next Regular Meeting: June 12, 2024, at 7:00 pm

Agenda Items Submission Deadline: June 3, 2024

QUESTION PERIOD

Question Period provides the public with the opportunity to ask questions or make comments on subjects that are of concern to them. Each person will be given 2 minutes to speak.

Up to ten minutes in total is allotted for Question Period.

Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2024

The Minutes of the Regular Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting held virtually and hosted in the Blaney Room at Maple Ridge City Hall on January 24, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Sunny Schiller

Mark Adams

Brian Clark

Bill Hardy

Marian Schwaiger

Katina Tan (Virtual)

Council Liaison

Member at Large

Environmental Professional

Member at Large

Member at Large

Member at Large

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Emily Davies

Brian Montgomery

Rodney Stott

Committee Clerk

Climate Action and Resiliency Advisor

Staff Liaison and Environmental Planner

ABSENT

Janice Jarvis

Environmental Professional

1. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 pm**1.1. Land Acknowledgement**

E. Davies called the meeting to order and provided the land acknowledgment.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

To amend and then approve the agenda by adding B. Montgomery, as delegation item 4.1.

R/2024-EAC-001

It was moved and seconded

That the agenda for the January 24, 2024 Environmental Advisory Committee Regular meeting be approved as amended by adding B. Montgomery as delegation item 4.1.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

R/2024-EAC-002

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the November 8, 2023 Environmental Advisory Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1. Climate Action Summary – B. Montgomery

B. Montgomery, Climate Action and Resiliency Advisor, gave a presentation on the City's climate actions, which included the formation of the Mayors Climate Action Taskforce. The update also provided an overview of the Taskforce discussions, which included: energy step code, net zero carbon code, retrofits, and the future agenda items on green infrastructure and transportation. Environmental Advisor Committee members discussed the Climate Action Plan, the key deliverables derived from the plan, and the projected 17-month timeline of data collection and deliverables, which included a green house gas inventory, land use forecast, multi-hazard map, extreme temperature risk map, climate risk map, and low carbon resilience climate action plan.

5. NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1. Welcome/Member Introductions

The Environmental Advisory Committee members engage in a roundtable of introductions.

5.2. Advisory Committee Overview

E. Davies, Committee Clerk, provided a general overview of Committee proceedings and functions.

5.3. Chair and Vice Chair Selection

To appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair to the Environmental Advisory Committee for 2024.

R/2024-EAC-003

It was moved and seconded

That B. Clark be appointed as Chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee for 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R/2024-EAC-004

It was moved and seconded

That M. Adams be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee for 2024.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.4. 2024 Meeting Schedule

To adopt the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting schedule for 2024 as circulated.

R/2024-EAC-005

It was moved and seconded

That the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting schedule be adopted as follows:

- i. **Wednesday January 24, 2024 at 7:00 pm;**
- ii. **Wednesday March 6, 2024 at 7:00 pm;**
- iii. **Wednesday June 12, 2024 at 7:00 pm;**
- iv. **Wednesday September 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm; and**
- v. **Wednesday November 13, 2024 at 7:00 pm.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.5. 2024 Environmental Advisory Committee Work Plan

R. Stott, Staff Liaison and Environmental Planner, provided an overview of the 2023 Environmental Advisory Committee work plan, and outlined the Committee's major accomplishments, which included the ecological network and biodiversity plan, guest speaker series, and forest inventory mapping update. R. Stott also discussed the tasks that may be carried into 2024 pending direction from Council and the Committee's intended contributions to the Maple Ridge 150 years event. Committee members provided recommendations and feedback.

6. LIAISON UPDATES

6.1. Staff Liaison

R. Stott, Staff Liaison and Environmental Planner, provided an update on the Environmental Advisory Committees projects, which included discussions on the 2024 work plan, re-evaluation of urban planning processes, bioregional conservation, and resiliency. Committee members asked questions and engaged in discussion.

6.2. Council Liaison

Councillor S. Schiller provided an update on Council activities, which included business planning. Committee members asked questions and engaged in discussion.

7. TASK FORCE UPDATE

R. Stott, Staff Liaison and Environmental Planner, discussed the formation of a biodiversity taskforce, to meet once a month and scope a report around biodiversity strategy. Staff planned to contact members regarding interest in participation at a later meeting.

8. QUESTION PERIOD - NIL

9. ROUNDTABLE

Committee members further introduced themselves and discussed environmental activities in the community.

10. ADJOURNMENT – 9:05 pm

Brian Clark, Chair

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