

City of Maple Ridge
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee, held in the Council Chambers, at Maple Ridge City Hall, 11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, British Columbia, on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 7:00 pm

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

VOTING MEMBERS

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| Betty von Hardenberg | TAPS Rep |
| Cheryl Ashlie | ARMS Rep - Alternate |
| Councillor Masse | Council Liaison |
| David Neufeld | Environmental Professional |
| Dennis Kinsey, Vice-Chair | Member at Large |
| Gerry Pinel | CEED Centre Rep |
| Jackie Campbell | KEEPS Rep - Alternate |
| Janice Jarvis | Environmental Professional |
| Ken Williams | KEEPS Rep – Alternate |
| Kim Day | Ridge Meadows Recycling Society - Alternate |
| Leanne Koehn, Chair | Ridge Meadows Recycling Society |
| Ross Davies | KEEPS Rep |
| Terryl Plotnikoff | Member at Large |

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

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| Pam McCotter | Katzie First Nation |
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STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

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| Rodney Stott | Staff Liaison / Environmental Planner |
| Sunny Schiller | Committee Clerk |

REGRETS/ABSENTS

VOTING MEMBERS

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| Ken Stewart | ARMS Rep |
| Klaus von Hardenberg | TAPS Rep - Alternate |
| Lukasz Szlachta | Member at Large – Youth Rep |

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

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| Ashley Doyle | Kwantlen First Nation |
| MLA Dr. Doug Bing | Member of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia |
| MLA Marc Dalton | Member of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia |
| MP Dan Ruimy | Member of Parliament |

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm and introductions were made.

2. AGENDA ADOPTION

R17-001

It was moved and seconded

That the agenda dated January 11, 2017 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

3. MINUTE APPROVAL

R17-002

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes dated November 10, 2016 be approved.

CARRIED

4. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Overview of mandate, structures, and information sharing opportunities for EAC

The Chair reviewed the EAC mandate and shared plans to advance the work of the Committee. It was suggested that members could share their knowledge and experience during the Roundtable portion of the meetings (two or three members per meetings).

4.2 Update on remaining EMS Short Term Priority Implementation Strategy due for 2017

The Staff Liaison reported on short term priorities previously endorsed by Council. The Staff Liaison outlined potential short term items for action by the Committee for 2017, including review of Communications pieces.

Note: Betty van Hardenberg left the meeting at 8:10 pm.

4.3 Determining future EMS Short, Medium, Long Term High Priority Items

The development of the Environmental Management System was reviewed and feedback from the public and from Council regarding the EMS was shared. Potential subcommittee projects were discussed. It was suggested that a glossary of terms be developed.

R17-003

It was moved and seconded

That the Staff Liaison provide a list of twelve potential projects to the Committee for review.

CARRIED

R17-004

It was moved and seconded

That the Staff Liaison arrange for a facilitator to attend the February meeting to review potential projects.

CARRIED

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Ross Davies reported on a recent meeting with MP Dan Ruimy to discuss changes to the Fisheries Act.

6. ROUNDTABLE

Councillor Masse will attend a Metro Climate Action Committee meeting soon. Councillor Masse believes there is an opportunity for the Maple Ridge EAC to provide information to Metro.

Rodney Stott provided information on different groups where he represents Maple Ridge and can share the work of the EAC.

Jackie Campbell shared that she feels Maple Ridge has done a lot of good work in terms of environmental management.

Ken Williams shared his thoughts on the term sustainable growth and his ideas about present and future development in Maple Ridge.

Kim Day is looking forward to reviewing the twelve potential projects.

Dennis Kinsey shared some of his thoughts on the views of the business community in regards to the environment.

Teryl Plotnikoff shared that her business recently won a Best Green Company award at the Annual Hats Off to Excellence awards sponsored by the Delta Chamber of Commerce.

Pam McCotter looks forward to more information on the twelve potential projects and learning more details.

Cheryl Ashlie reported ARMS has a strategic plan in place for the new year. Ms. Ashlie thanked Rodney Stott for his recent quick work in compiling input regarding Fisheries Act changes.

Janice Jarvis provided a suggestion for the creation of the list of twelve potential projects. Ms. Jarvis shared her thoughts on how detailed plans and big picture ideas can work together. Ms. Jarvis is interested in mapping and inventory projects.

Ross Davies thanked the group for their work on clarifying short term goals. Mr. Davies reported the Kanaka Creek Watershed Stewardship Centre will open soon.

David Neufeld shared his thoughts on gathering diverse stakeholders together to develop plan areas. Mr. Neufeld feels the development of a communications strategy is a priority.

Gerry Pinel reported that the Golden Ears Transition Initiative is holding their AGM February 7th.

Leanne Koehn reported that Earth Day lead-up events to promote getting people outdoors are planned for March and April with groups like ARMS and KEEPS. Ms. Koehn would like the City/EAC to have a presence at Earth Day.

7. QUESTION PERIOD - Nil

8. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Chair

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