

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, March 15, 2017 at 7:00 pm

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

VOTING MEMBERS

Betty von Hardenberg	TAPS Rep
Councillor Masse	Council Liaison
David Neufeld	Environmental Professional
Dennis Kinsey, Vice-Chair	Member at Large
Gerry Pinel	CEED Centre Rep
Janice Jarvis	Environmental Professional
Klaus von Hardenberg	TAPS Rep
Kim Day	Ridge Meadows Recycling Society - Alternate
Ken Stewart	ARMS Rep
Leanne Koehn, Chair	Ridge Meadows Recycling Society
Ross Davies	KEEPS Rep

GUESTS

Nick Pochailo	Community Member
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STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Laurie Darcus	Manager of Legislative Services and Emergency Program
Rodney Stott	Staff Liaison / Environmental Planner
Sunny Schiller	Committee Clerk

REGRETS/ABSENTS

VOTING MEMBERS

Terryl Plotnikoff	Member at Large
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NON-VOTING MEMBERS

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
Pam McCotter	Katzie First Nation

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm and introductions were made.

2. AGENDA ADOPTION

R17-005

It was moved and seconded

That the agenda dated March 15, 2017 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. MINUTE APPROVAL

R17-006

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes dated January 11, 2017 be approved.

CARRIED

4. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 EAC Update on 2017 EAC Business Planning Processes & Procedures

The Chair provided an update on work planning for 2017.

4.2 EMS Short Term High Priority Implementation Recommendations and Brief Overview of Next Steps

The Staff Liaison provided an overview of the information provided so far to EAC. The Staff Liaison and the Manager of Legislative Services led a review of proposed short term high priority implementation recommendations from the Environmental Management Strategy. It was suggested that School District 42 be invited to participate on the Committee.

R17-007

It was moved and seconded

That the Staff Liaison be directed to prepare a report for Council's consideration and endorsement of the Environmental Advisory Committee recommended Environmental Management Strategy short term high priority implementation recommendations to commence over the next several years, beginning in 2017.

CARRIED

4.3 Advisory Committee Training & Networking

The Committee Clerk shared information on upcoming events for Advisory Committee members.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Update and Feedback on Soils Management Bylaw

The Staff Liaison reported on the status of the Soils Management Bylaw review. It was suggested that Planner Mike Pym be invited to make a presentation to a future meeting.

5.2 Provincial Updates on Aquifer Mapping

TAPS has been working with the province around aquifer mapping.

6. ROUNDTABLE

6.1 TAPS Presentation – Aquifer Mapping

Betty and Klaus von Hardenberg provided information on the formation of and work done by the Thornhill Aquifer Protection Study group. Information on aquifer mapping was provided.

Dennis Kinsey shared that Cinema Politica will be hosting a showing of "A Plastic Ocean" on March 23.

Kim Day reported the Ridge Meadows Recycling Society and the City of Maple Ridge have partnered to provide bear-resistant bins, solar cones and rain barrels (<http://rmrecycling.org/community/environmental-programs>). Ms. Day shared details about the upcoming brush chipping program (<http://rmrecycling.org/community/environmental-programs/spring-fall-brush-chipping-program>)

Councillor Masse reported LEED certification for new civic facilities was discussed at a recent Workshop meeting. BC Hydro recently made a presentation on electric vehicles to the Metro Vancouver Environmental Advisory Committee.

Ken Stewart reported the first annual Alouette River Management Society fundraiser will be held on April 27 at the Ranch Pub and Grill (www.alouetteriver.org/news/arms-1st-fundraiser). Mr. Stewart has tickets available for sale.

Rodney Stott reported on his schedule for the next couple of months.

Laurie Darcus congratulated the group on selecting priorities for the year.

Leanne Koehn shared Earth Day posters and provided information on events leading up to Earth Day. Ms. Koehn reminded the group the next EAC meeting is in May.

Gerry Pinel reported GETIFest 2017 will be held in September and the theme is sustainability. Mr. Pinel invited the group to consider getting involved with GETIFest planning. Mr. Pinel shared some of his experiences working on a tiny home and dealing with municipal bylaws. It was suggested that Mr. Pinel make a presentation to Council on tiny homes.

David Neufeld is happy with the progress made by the group and enjoyed the TAPS presentation.

Ross Davies thanked Klaus and Betty von Hardenberg for speaking for the water and raising awareness. Mr. Davies shared the first few signs of spring that he has noticed recently.

Janice Jarvis reported the grand opening of the Kanaka Creek Watershed Stewardship Centre is scheduled for April 30th. Ms. Jarvis shared some background of the Centre.

The Committee Clerk provided a membership update.

7. QUESTION PERIOD

Nick Pochailo shared his thoughts on the EAC priorities.

8. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:49 pm.

Chair
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