

- ii. Justin Straker mentioned the results of his request to the CVRD CAO, Warren Jones, for a member of the Environment Commission to sit upon the strategic plan development committee. Tom Anderson, General Manager, Planning and Development Services, will present a report on the CVRD Sustainability Plan to the Regional Services Committee later this month and following that, participation of the Environment Commission will be decided upon.
- iii. At the Sustainability Conference in Kelowna, BC, Janna Jorgensen met a Amber Zirnhelt from Campbell River involved with creating their sustainability plan. If interested a meeting could be arranged to have members of the commission come to Campbell River and discuss with staff and elected officials their engagement process.

REPORTS

R1

Communications Committee – Janna Jorgensen presented the draft Terms of Reference from the Communications Committee. Main points were service to Environment Commission in communications – emerging issues and support to other committees. Discussion ensued.

It was moved and seconded that the Environment Commission adopt the Communication Sub-Committee’s Terms of Reference template for standardized use, with the deletion of the line ‘receiving an initial budget allocation of \$5000 at the beginning of each year’.

MOTION CARRIED

R2

Solid Waste Committee – Roger Wiles

Members of the committee took part in a field trip to Peerless Road and Meades Creek Waste and Recycling Depots. A thank you was extended to the staff for taking the time to familiarize the Solid Waste Committee about what is involved in this department. Discussion ensued.

Cowichan Green Community Educational Outreach group gave an educational presentation to Penelakut First Nations (formerly known as Kuper Island) on the power of recycling. They hope to have recycling a part of their life, especially as their island’s landfill will be decommissioned in the next year. Over 150 attended this presentation – very encouraging.

R3

Economic Development Commission update from representative Roger Hart - has attended two meetings and explained the differences between the two commissions. No new representative from Economic Development Commission has been appointed to the Environment Commission. Director Kent and Roger Hart sit on both commissions and will be the representatives for now.
Action: Roger Hart will obtain a copy of the Green Business Development Plan for Judy Stafford.

The Economic Development Commission has a defined workplan for the

Economic Development Division under Geoff Millar, Manager, with no budget except for his Economic Development budget. Janna Jorgensen asked what Kate Miller's workplan entails, as manager of the Regional Environmental Policy Division. Gerry Giles suggested that Kate Miller could come to a commission meeting and explain the work she does in the community as well as her work within the CVRD. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting in April.

Rodger Hunter thinks agriculture, economic and environment are too many commissions to help develop a Regional Sustainability Plan. Feels we need a fresh look and a green look at the valley's economy. Need for value added industries.

CORRESPONDENCE

C1

Email from Maureen Vesey received March 14, 2012 to the 12things@cvrdenviro.com. Ms. Vesey had several ideas to make our carbon footprint smaller including reducing light pollution at night throughout the valley. **Action: Kate Miller will respond to her rainwater issue and the regional lighting practices and invite her to take part in the Environmental Strategy process and future forums..**

INFORMATION

IN1

Water Forum – March 28th @ 8:30 am in VIU Theatre, Duncan. All members are invited. RSVP to Dyan Freer. No fee for commission members.

IN2

CVRD Energy Analysis Project – Energy and GHG modeling and mapping components. Workshops are the findings as a result of a three year project – the commission is invited to a public presentations on what alternative energy and the energy analysis on Thursday, March 22 at 7 pm, All are invited – RSVP to Dyan Freer.

NEW BUSINESS

NB1

Fresh Outlook Foundation Building SustainAble Communities Conference Delegate Report – Janna Jorgensen gave a presentation highlighting the conference events. Two videos were shown: 'Children Making a Difference in the World' and 'Making the Invisible Visible'. The delegates shared what they found of substantial interest to the conference and what were the most important lessons learned.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

April 19, 2012

Chair

Recording Secretary

Dated: _____