

Minutes of the regular meeting of the meeting of the ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION, held in the CVRD Boardroom, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, on October 18, 2012 at 6:00 pm.

**PRESENT:** Director Lefebure, Chair            Roger Hart  
Director Hutchins                                Janna Jorgensen  
Director Giles                                     Judy Stafford  
Director Duncan                                 Pete Keber  
Roger Wiles                                        Sophy Roberge

**ALSO**

**PRESENT:** Kate Miller, Manager, Regional Environmental Policy  
Brian Dennison, Manager, Engineering & Environment  
Dyan Freer, Recording Secretary  
Baljeet Mann, Randy Alexander, John Deniseger – MoE

**REGRETS:** Larry George, Director Kent, Dave Polster, Tyler Innes,  
Justin Straker, Rodger Hunter

**APPROVAL  
OF AGENDA**

**It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with the addition of CR1, an invitation from Quamichan Stewards and IN1, an invitation to send a letter re the Island Corridor Railway, as well as NB1, salmon enhancement and NB2, Economic Development representative to be renewed.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ADOPTION  
OF MINUTES**

**It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the September 20, 2012, Environment Commission meeting be adopted as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**DELEGATION**

Randy Alexander, Baljeet Mann, John Deniseger, Ministry of Environment (MoE) representatives, gave a presentation on water, Cowichan Watersheds, and the cumulative effects of land use to our water quality. MoE is currently working with other partners on a 2½ year monitoring program from Cowichan Lake to Cowichan Bay and are now working towards cumulative solutions. Ms. Mann discussed the Liquid Waste Management Plan (LWMP) (1999). The plan is due to be reviewed and updated. Now is the time for revisions. The MoE letter of 2011 to the CVRD was not responded to. Brian Dennison, General Manager, E&E responded. New environmental quality provisions now, looking at cumulative impacts. Future – planning for what we want in 30 years. Should JUB be moved was a question brought forward. Getting rid of pollutions and making environmental boundaries are priorities. Discussion ensued. The role of this commission is to be an advisory committee. A sub-committee should be formed to work on the Liquid Waste Management Plan.

**ACTION: Environment Manager to request MoE to provide to the Environment Commission a job description or best practices for the monitoring committee on the Liquid Waste Management Plan. Request the PowerPoint of this evening to be sent for our referencing.**

**Presentation to the Board will be done.**

Suggestion that the commission studies the Central Sector Liquid Waste Management Plan thoroughly and asks the GM, E&E, for insight into how the Environment Commission can participate. Also ask the CVRD CAO, Chair Hutchins and GM of E&E to meet and discuss where we expect to be in two years.

**BUSINESS ARISING  
OUT OF MINUTES****B1****Action List Update:**

1-1– Economic Development Commission and Environment Commission (EC) and Social Planning Cowichan will meet in a separate meeting to discuss the Regional Environmental Strategic Plan in the first part of November. We would like to build on our communication.

1-2 – as above

1-3 – Invite Timber West to present to EC – ongoing meetings. Perhaps have a joint meeting with Watershed Board to hear from Timber West.

1-4 – Tom Anderson - to provide an update on the Integrated Regional Sustainability Plan, perhaps for November meeting

1-5 – Green building policy – discussion for early November

1-6 – Area E amendments – on agenda

1-7 - Regional Energy Analysis report – perhaps at December meeting, time permitting

**B2**

**Regional Environmental Strategic Plan (RESP)** with HB Lanarc/Golder. Meetings with sub-committee and stakeholders planned for October and November. The consultant, James Van Hemert, will be meeting with corporate leaders, municipal leaders, the watershed groups, and people involved with climate adaptation, water and fisheries, air, energy, ecology and community outreach.

**B3**

**August 18 Bike Tour Update – Pete Keber** A slide show was given of the August bike tour with Environment Commission members and partners. It was most successful and thanks were given to Pete Keber for arranging the tour.

**B4**

**Area E Request for Feedback on Proposed Bylaw Changes** A handout was distributed. Sub-committee will meet with Director Duncan to review the paper submitted before reviewing with the whole commission. The heat pump revision will be withdrawn. It may be a year before the provincial government might discuss this work.

**B5**

**Green Building Policy discussion** - tabled to next meeting

**B6**

**Economic Development Invitation** – meeting arranged for November.

**B7****Water flow in Cowichan River –**

i. Community support and leadership shown for the ads re drought. It became an opportunity for community groups to work together. Phenomenal media coverage and interest as far afield as Ottawa and

Europe.

ii. Log jam and gravel removal has been done along the Cowichan River. Dikes are now being built. Water is flowing again and fish are moving up the river. Data on numbers of fish can be provided if desired.

Minister will meet and tour the river and things are unfolding. We will revert to rule curve at the moment. CVRD may take out an additional conservation water licence.

## REPORTS

R1

**Communications** – Working on the Brand Reprint for a Communications Strategy. Handout distributed and a presentation was given by Janna Jorgensen to show the vision and obtain feedback from the commission. Logo – ‘Let’s talk about the hard stuff’ – should have a picture of an example of the hard stuff. Suggestion to say ‘we are the catalyst to change’ would be appropriate.

**Action – Commission to look at this carefully and send comments to Janna in the next few weeks.**

R2

**2012 Video Contest** – Please take posters to distribute. Video contest is launched and please promote it. It ends November 30 and prizes awarded in January, 2013. Judy Stafford will help assemble the judging panel.

**Action: Kate Miller will ask Paul Fletcher to be part of the judging panel, or if he is not available, Harold Joe,.**

R3

**Solid Waste Committee** – Roger Wiles  
Terms of Reference submitted and manager had suggestions for some small changes.

**Action – Roger Wiles to speak to Kate about changes to the Terms of Reference of the Solid Waste Committee**

R4

**Agricultural Advisory Committee** – nothing to report

## CORRESPONDENCE

C1

None  
Invitation from Quamichan Stewards to the Environment Commission to participate in a tour of their wetland project at the Cowichan Garry Oak Preserve. A date in the beginning of November would be convenient. Ask for interest in participating by doodle.

## INFORMATION

IN1

Island Corridor Foundation – request from Dave Polster to send a letter of support to the Ministry – need local government funding as well.. Information will be emailed out. [www.islanddrail.ca](http://www.islanddrail.ca)

**IN2** Mill Bay Salmon Enhancement Society – they are netting salmon and transporting them to Shawnigan Creek. Moved 339 Coho and Jacks. Would welcome more volunteers

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB1** Roger Hart – need to reappoint a representative to the Economic Development Commission in December for a one year term.

**ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm

**NEXT MEETING** November 15, 2012

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Chair

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Recording Secretary

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_