

Minutes of the regular meeting of the meeting of the ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION, held in the CVRD Boardroom, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, on December 13, 2012 at 6:00 pm.

PRESENT: Justin Straker, Chair Rodger Hunter
 Janna Jorgensen Tyler Innes
 Judy Stafford Pete Keber
 Roger Wiles Sophy Roberge D
 ave Polster

ALSO

PRESENT: Kate Miller, Manager, Environmental Policy Division
 Dyan Freer, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Larry George, Roger Hart, Director Kent, Director Giles,
 Director Lefebure

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with the addition of R1a, Commission Budget and a change of order with the Video Contest update moved to the first item and Expiration of Terms of Members the 2nd item.

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of November 15, 2012, Environment Commission meeting be adopted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES
B1

Regional Environmental Strategic Plan (RESP) update - Kate Miller and consultant have met with Lake Cowichan, City of Duncan, and CVRD mayors and councils and will meet with Ladysmith on December 17. Also met with CAO's and with the sub-committee of the Environment Commission Report should be here for review very soon. Discussions with Corporate Leadership Team will take place in January and then back to Mayors and Council. It has gone over budget due to additional meetings which will be paid by the Environmental Policy Division. Discussion ensued.

B2

Area D Official Community Plan (OCP) review and comments. What a great job the planner has done preparing this draft OCP was mentioned many times. Ideas and thoughts were received and documented from all members and these notes will be collaborated and sent to Ann Kjerulf by December 15th.

B3

Central Sector Liquid Waste Management Plan (CSLWMP) - Brian Dennison will report out to this committee early next year with the committee's recommendations and the Environment Commission role in regard to this plan and to the South Sector, Lake Cowichan, and Ladysmith plan.

- B4** **Action List** - to be updated for next meeting
- Timber West - invitation to be extended next year, perhaps for a collaborative presentation with the Watershed Board.
 - Tom Anderson - scheduling in 2013
 - Green Building Policy - 2013
 - Regional Energy Analysis report - Kate to present in detail in 2013 .
 - LWMP - EC is the monitoring Committee - commission members have a copy and have some knowledge on it - therefore some knowledge on what they need to do about monitoring it. MoE will come back in February with more information
 - Communications Blue Print - 2013 to finalize it
 - Reviewing all EC bylaws of Environment Commission to decide if they need amendments
 - Terms of Reference on Solid Waste Communications - ongoing into 2013 and Roger Wiles will provide a report. Bob McDonald, Manager, Solid Waste and Recycling Division, will report in January to the EC.

REPORTS

- R1a** **Budget** - There may be a small surplus. It was requested to have the amount of \$55,000 put in the Environment Commission 2013 budget.

It was moved and seconded to roll over any surplus in the Environment Commission budget as of December 31, 2012, and earmark it for the Environmental Plan in the 2013 budget.

MOTION CARRIED

- R1** **Communications** Committee - Janna Jorgensen
Everything is underway and the Communications Blue Print will be revisited in 2013. We can now move forward with this plan after approval from the CVRD Communications Committee and will work collaboratively with the CVRD.

- R2** **2012 Video Contest** - Judges felt videos were of a very good calibre. Scoring was based on concrete solutions with relevance to CVRD, demonstrated understanding of issue, practicality to solutions, and originality.

**RESOLVE INTO
CLOSED SESSION
8:00 pm**

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be closed to the public in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, Section 90 Sub {{1} (c)}

**RISE FROM CLOSED
SESSION
8:30 pm**

It was moved and seconded that the Committee rise without report

It was moved and seconded to accept the recommendations of the 2012 State of Environment Video Contest judging panel.

MOTION CARRIED

Action: Invite winners to January meeting to receive their prizes. Further

actions are to thank the judges, notify winners, collect feedback, and update website. A presentation to Board will be planned as well. If it runs again a pproaching schools in March would be correct timing. Look at options of a community group to run it; Arts Council might be a good fit.

- R3** **Solid Waste Committee** - Roger Wiles
Will report to Environment Commission in 2013. More info is coming.
- R4** **Agricultural Advisory Committee** - sub-committee met this month and will organize a **workshop in 2013** for farmers around providing education regarding farm labour-legalities, responsibilities and obligations of having interns work on your farm. **Farm Incubator Project** - Economic Development Commission has \$5000 to put towards this project for initial research.
- R5** **Agricultural Land Use and Irrigation Model.** A report will be provided to the Commission and an invitation sent to the Economic Development Commission.
- R6** **Corporate GHG and Inventory & Emissions Reduction Plan 2012**
Kate Miller gave a brief overview of the report's highlights. Discussion ensued.

It was moved and seconded that the Environment Commission recommends to the Board that they include, as a priority in the Corporate Strategic Plan, the actions attached to the Corporate Greenhouse Gas and Inventory & Emissions Reduction Plan.

MOTION CARRIED

- CORRESPONDENCE C** Invitation from Mill Bay 'Ecostravaganza' committee, December 5, 2012.
1 This will be tabled until next year when the Environment Commission budget is planned.

INFORMATION IN1

Several members of the Environment Commission met with the Quamichan Stewards, members of the Nature Conservancy of Canada and the Cowichan Land Trust. The purpose was to showcase to the Environment Commission members what they are trying to achieve, which is sediment and nutrient reduction flowing into Quamichan Lake.

NEW BUSINESS NB1

2012 - Commission members terms to expire
Dave Polster, Roger Wiles, and Pete Keber requested their names to stand for reappointment.
Justin Straker and Rodger Hunter will not, with regret, stand again.

There is a need to keep a functioning membership with members who have the time to contribute to the work load and attend meetings.

Action: To discuss in January a possible change of structure or process for the commission meetings.

It would be appreciated if outgoing members could still attend the January

meeting so their input could be received. An upcoming task would be to renew the board governance to see if there are any amendments needed.

NB2

Terms of Reference of the Vancouver Island, Sunshine Coast, and Fraser Chinook Pre-COSEWIC Peer Review Meeting paper was available for review in the agenda.

Fisheries Update -Two major problems - to maintain stock and lack of regulatory enforcement. Discussion ensued. Provincial and Federal governments are backing away from their regulatory responsibilities.

ACTION: Justin Straker will frame an appeal to the Board, that in view of the federal and provincial government’s responsibilities not being met, that the local government step up on these issues.

Thank you to the outgoing members - their efforts were gratefully appreciated.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

NEXT MEETING

January 17, 2013

Chair

Recording Secretary

Dated: _____