

Minutes of the regular meeting of the ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION held in the CVRD Boardroom, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, on November 20, 2008 at 6:00 pm.

PRESENT:	John Wilson, Chair	Steve Alphonse
	Director Duncan	J. Francis Hugo
	Director Hutchins	Donna Morton
	Clare Frater	Rodger Hunter
	Brandy Gallagher	Peter Keber
	Roger Wiles	Brian Roberts
	Chris Wood	

ALSO

PRESENT: Kate Miller, Environment Manager
Lynda Lee, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the October 16, 2008 Environment Commission meeting be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

No business arising

CORRESPONDENCE

C1

Email dated October 31, 2008, from Susan Wells re: presentation to Cowichan Station Area Association, Monday, November 24, 2008.

It was moved and seconded that the letter be received and filed.

MOTION CARRIED

C2

Email dated November 4, 2008, from Peter Keber re: presentation to Duncan Chamber of Commerce, Tuesday, December 2, 2008.

It was moved and seconded that the letter be received and filed.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS

R1 Verbal report from Jenny Farkas and Susan Hallat of Taiji Brand Group re: final report to the CVRD Environment Commission.

A draft PowerPoint summary of the final report was presented and discussed.

It was suggested that the survey end with a thank you posted on the survey website, prizes awarded and opportunity offered for continued response with an additional survey.

Jenny Farkas and Susan Hallat left the meeting at 7:45 pm with assurances that all amendments to the final report had been discussed.

It was moved and seconded that the title for the Draft Environmental Strategy be changed to Proposed Environmental Strategy.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved and seconded that the Environment Commission accept the final report to the CVRD Environment Commission as presented, with the discussed amendments.

MOTION CARRIED

Kate Miller will advise members of the time of the next regular CVRD Board meeting and distribute copies of her staff report/s.

INFORMATION

The following items were considered:

IN1 Verbal report from Kate Miller regarding telephone requests for presentations to Duncan and Mill Bay Rotary Clubs. Peter Keber has volunteered to deliver the presentation to the Regional Services Committee

IN2 Kate Miller will email the Environment Commission requesting that commission members advise her if they are interested in having their names put forward for another term as an Environment Commission member.

IN3 Kate Miller will make a request to Warren Jones, CAO, CVRD, that CVRD Environment Commission Draft Bylaw No. xxxx, 2009, be included in a report to the Regional Services Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Donna Morton announced her resignation from the Environment Commission.

Clare Frater announced that she will step down from the Environment Commission.

Members were advised of the resignation of Mike Morrison, CVRD Solid Waste & Environment Coordinator. He has accepted a position as Solid Waste Manager in Nelson, BC. The commission thanks him for his work with them and wishes him well in his new endeavours.

Francis Hugo announced that the Northwest Wildlife Preservation Society will use the Granville family farm as a legacy for wildlife education and as a demonstration farm for historic agricultural methods.

Brandy Gallagher reported that the Ecovillage in Shawnigan Lake is at risk of losing the property as the current mortgage holder can no longer hold the mortgage as they do not serve Co-ops. They now need to raise the dollars for the first and second mortgages in the amount of \$900,000. The Cowichan Community Land Trust will come on as a partner in holding the title of the land to protect it as a community asset forever. The Land Conservancy of BC will maintain the Covenants on the land for indefinite protection of multiple activities and multiple stakeholders. Strategy to save the community asset is going out to the public and the deadline is the end of this year. After ten years, regulatory changes have made the Co-op unable to keep its status. This can be a positive, as it presents an opportunity for the community to own the property. See local newspapers for related article.

NEW BUSINESS No new business.

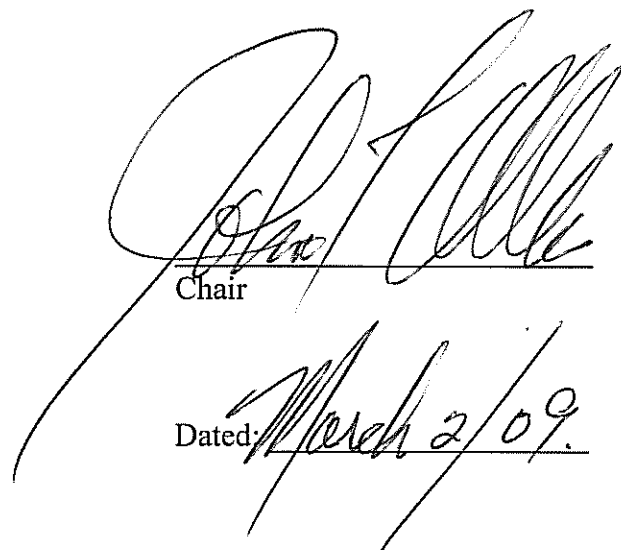
NEXT MEETING At call of Environment Manager in next fiscal year.

ADJOURNMENT

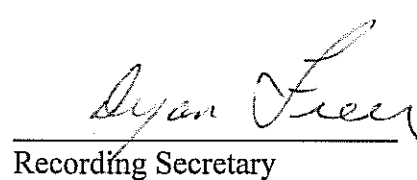
It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.



Chair



Recording Secretary

Dated: March 2/09.