

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, June 14, 2017 at 7:00 pm

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

VOTING MEMBERS

Betty von Hardenberg	TAPS Rep
David Neufeld	Environmental Professional
Dennis Kinsey, Vice-Chair	Member at Large
Gerry Pinel	CEED Centre Rep
Janice Jarvis	Environmental Professional
Jackie Campbell	KEEPS Rep – Alternate
Kim Day	Ridge Meadows Recycling Society - Alternate
Klaus von Hardenberg	TAPS Rep – Alternate
Leanne Koehn, Chair	Ridge Meadows Recycling Society
Terryl Plotnikoff	Member at Large

GUESTS

Alexandra Tudose	Manager, Energy & Environmental Sustainability SD 42 SD 42 Energy & Environmental Sustainability Program Presentation
Mike Pym	Planner, City of Maple Ridge Soil Deposit Bylaw Update Presentation

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Rodney Stott	Staff Liaison / Environmental Planner
Sunny Schiller	Committee Clerk

REGRETS/ABSENTS

VOTING MEMBERS

Councillor Masse	Council Liaison
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NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Ashley Doyle	Kwantlen First Nation
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 7:04 pm and introductions were made.

2. AGENDA ADOPTION

R17-008

It was moved and seconded

That the agenda dated June 14, 2017 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. MINUTE APPROVAL

R17-009

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes dated March 15, 2017 be corrected to attribute the Roundtable comment regarding "A Plastic Ocean" to Dennis Kinsey and be approved as corrected.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Alexandra Tudose, Manager, Energy & Environmental Sustainability, SD 42

Alexandra Tudose explained her role as the Manager of Energy & Environmental Sustainability for School District 42. The role was created a few years ago to support the reduction of energy related costs and carbon emissions for the district. Ms. Tudose shared details of some projects she is working on including student engagement and an organics pilot program in schools. Areas for cooperation between EAC and the SD 42 Manager of Energy & Environmental Sustainability were discussed.

4.2 Mike Pym, Planner, Development and Environmental Services – Soil Deposit Bylaw Presentation

Planner Mike Pym provided information on the public consultation carried out during fall 2016 and spring 2017 and shared details of the draft proposed bylaw.

5. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5.1 Report to Council - EMS Strategies Implementation Recommendations - Update

The Staff Liaison reported on the status of the report to Council on the short term priorities. A draft will be shared with EAC soon for review and feedback. Details of plans to present the report to Council were shared.

5.2 BCIT Tree / Forest Asset Inventory Project

The Staff Liaison shared information on a project between the City and BCIT to carry out a natural asset inventory. A grant has been obtained to carry out a tree inventory in Maple Ridge. The benefits of this inventory were explained.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Invitation to participate in GETIFest 2017 – Gerry Pinel, CEED Centre Rep

Gerry Pinel shared plans for GETIFest 2017 and invited the EAC to formally participate. This year's theme is "Sustainable Community".

7. ROUNDTABLE

David Neufeld – enjoyed the presentations and is glad to see the Soil Deposit Bylaw getting updated.

Terryl Plotnikoff – happy to see increased financial penalties proposed for violations of the soil deposit bylaw. Reported on a school fundraising project.

Jackie Campbell – happy to get caught up on the work of the group and enjoyed the speakers.

Janice Jarvis – happy to see the work done on the Soil Deposit bylaw (and the tree bylaw).

Betty von Hardenberg – provided an update on the Tantalus Medical Marijuana facility and impacts being felt by the neighbourhood.

Klaus von Hardenberg – shared experiences with soil deposits in his neighbourhood.

Dennis Kinsey - would like to see more information sharing regarding fines issued for municipal environmental violations.

Rodney Stott – shared his experiences with positive changes over the last ten years in terms of the development of municipal bylaws.

Leanne Koehn – summer tours for the public coming up at the Recycling Depot. Recycling Depot summer students will be surveying apartment residents and taking up the Plastic Free July challenge. Ms. Koehn shared that plans are already underway for next years Earth Day. The theme of Earth Day 2018 is “DIY”. “Repair Cafes” are being planned as lead up activities.

Note: Dennis Kinsey left 9:08 pm.

Gerry Pinel is working with an organization out of Vancouver to explore the idea of developing a tiny home community in Maple Ridge. A presentation on the topic will be made to Council on June 27, 2017.

8. QUESTION PERIOD - Nil

9. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:13 pm.


Chair

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