

City of Maple Ridge
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee, held in the Blaney Room at Maple Ridge City Hall, 11995 Haney Place, Maple Ridge, British Columbia, on February 13, 2019 at 7:03 pm

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Ryan Svendsen	Council Liaison - Alternate
Leanne Koehn, Chair	Ridge Meadows Recycling Society
Betty von Hardenberg	Thornhill Aquifer Protection Study (TAPS)
David Neufeld	Environmental Professional
Gerry Pinel	Community Education on Environment and Development (CEED) Centre
Jessie Lees, Vice Chair	Member at Large – Youth Representative
Ross Davies	Kanaka Education and Environmental Partnership Society (KEEPS)

GUESTS

Kirk Grayson	Chair, Environmental Communications
Klaus von Hardenberg	Thornhill Aquifer Protection Study (TAPS) - Alternate

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Rodney Stott	Staff Liaison / Environmental Planner
Amanda Allen	Committee Clerk

ABSENT

Cheryl Ashlie	Alouette River Management Society (ARMS)
Dennis Kinsey	Member at Large
Janice Jarvis	Environmental Professional
Sara Barron	Member at Large

NON-VOTING MEMBERS

Dan Ruimy	Member of Parliament
Lisa Beare	MLA – Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows
Bob D'Eith	MLA – Maple Ridge-Mission
Katzie First Nation Representative	
Kwantlen First Nation Representative	
BC Conservation Officer Service Representative	
Metro Vancouver Representative	

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

R/2019-001

It was moved and seconded

That the February 13, 2019 Environmental Advisory Committee agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

R/2019-002

It was moved and seconded

That the minutes of the Maple Ridge Environmental Advisory Committee meeting dated November 14, 2018 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. **DELEGATIONS** - Nil

5. **QUESTION PERIOD** - Nil

6. **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

6.1. **2019 Chair and Vice Chair Elections**

The staff liaison opened the floor to nominations for a Chair.

R/2019-003

It was moved and seconded

That Leanne Koehn be elected Chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee for 2019.

CARRIED

The staff liaison opened the floor to nominations for a Vice Chair.

R/2019-004

It was moved and seconded

That Jessie Lees be elected Vice Chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee for 2019.

CARRIED

6.2. **Vulnerable Aquifer Mapping OCP Amendment Update**

Betty and Klaus von Hardenberg gave a summary of the Thornhill Aquifer Protection Study. The staff liaison gave a PowerPoint presentation providing the following information:

- Background of groundwater use in Maple Ridge
- Ongoing issues/concerns
- Provincial jurisdiction
- Municipal interests
- Municipal tool box for watershed management
- Awareness campaign and education
- Current OCP Aquifer Map and Updated Provincial Aquifer Map

The staff liaison answered questions from the committee.

R/2019-005

It was moved and seconded

That the OCP Aquifer map amendment and proposed mapping updates be forwarded to Council for their consideration.

CARRIED

6.3. 2019 Training and Field Trip Ideas

The staff liaison sought interest from members on training or possible field trips. Possible locations identified include:

- Bioswales in Jackson Farm
- Natural bioswales in Hammond
- Watershed
- Downtown Maple Ridge
- Walking tour of 104 Avenue and Jackson Road
- Woodlots

There was discussion on linking the Green Infrastructure and Natural Asset Inventory and Evaluation education sessions with a field trip. The Communications and Outreach subcommittee will assist with event planning of field trips.

7. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

7.1. **Green Infrastructure and Natural Asset Inventory and Evaluation**

- Jessie Lees, Vice Chair

Ms. Lees provided an update on work underway by the subcommittee including:

- Internal policy review for the town centre
- Collecting information and photographs of green infrastructure within Maple Ridge and the region to form part of the scoping report to Council
- Tentative scheduling of a booth at Earth Day
- Webpage www.mapleridge.ca/2128 populated with resources and information

7.2. **Environmental Communications and Outreach**

- Kirk Grayson, Chair

Ms. Grayson outlined how the subcommittee will be moving forward to meet their goals and achieve their mandate.

8. **STAFF LIAISON UPDATES**

8.1. **Neighbourhood / Area Planning Exercises**

The staff liaison advised of numerous area plans currently underway and the ongoing consultation processes that Community Planning is forecasting with Council, committees and

the public. There was discussion on area plans and the potential for future neighbourhood planning.

8.2. **Metro Van Greenscaping Guidelines and Best Management Practices for Green Infrastructure**

The staff liaison shared Metro Vancouver Regional Planning subcommittee resources and spoke to how capacity is being built at regional level to green up the region.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

9.1. **Upcoming Events**

February 9, 2019 11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Repair Café Maple Ridge Public Library (22470 Dewdney Trunk Road) Organizer: Ridge Meadows Recycling Society
March 9, 2019 11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Repair Café Maple Ridge Public Library (22470 Dewdney Trunk Road) Organizer: Ridge Meadows Recycling Society
April 13, 2019 10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Repair Café Memorial Peace Park (11900 224 Street) Organizer: Ridge Meadows Recycling Society
April 13, 2019 10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Earth Day Memorial Peace Park, Bandstand (11900 224 Street) Organizer: Ridge Meadows Recycling Society
May 3, 2019 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Repair Café Home Show's Family Fest, Albion Fairgrounds (23448 Jim Robson Way) Organizer: Ridge Meadows Recycling Society

10. **ROUNDTABLE**

Members provided updates and reports on environmental activities.

Earth Day planning meeting, Fraser Valley Regional Library, February 16, 2019 at 1:00pm.

Kanaka Watershed Stewardship Centre Open House, February 17, 2019 at 1:00–4:00 pm.

Goodbye Chums! Kanaka Creek Regional Park, April 28, 2019 at 11:00 – 3:00pm.

11. **ADJOURNMENT – 8:39 pm**

“Original signed by L. Koehn”

L. Koehn, Chair

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