

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 September 12, 2018 at 7:03 pm

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councillor Robert Masse	Council Liaison
Leanne Koehn, Chair	Ridge Meadows Recycling Society
Betty von Hardenberg	Thornhill Aquifer Protection Study (TAPS)
Cheryl Ashlie	Alouette River Management Society (ARMS)
David Neufeld	Environmental Professional
Dennis Kinsey	Member at Large
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**

Ken Williams	KEEPS – Alternate
Klaus von Hardenberg	Thornhill Aquifer Protection Study (TAPS) - Alternate

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Rodney Stott	Staff Liaison / Environmental Planner
Amanda Allen	Committee Clerk

**ABSENT**

Janice Jarvis	Environmental Professional
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**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	

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

R/2018-016

It was moved and seconded

That the September 12, 2018 Environmental Advisory Committee agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

R/2018-017

It was moved and seconded

**That the minutes of the Maple Ridge Environmental Advisory Committee meeting dated July 16, 2018 be adopted.**

CARRIED

4. **DELEGATIONS - Nil**

5. **NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

5.1. **2019 Business Plan Update and 2019 Incremental Package**

The Staff liaison outlined the draft 2019-2023 Business Plan and reviewed the 2018 found milestones and deliverables. There was discussion on the 2019 deliverables and Environmental Advisory Committee subcommittees. The Staff liaison reported on the intent of the Green Infrastructure and Natural Asset Inventory and Evaluation subcommittee to develop a Speaker Series and sought feedback on developing an incremental package for 2019 that offers honorariums for the guest speakers. There was discussion on the Environmental Management System, carbon sequestration and on including the risks, costs and liabilities of not meeting the greenhouse gas emission reduction targets as part of the work plan moving forward.

R/2018-018

It was moved and seconded

**That the Environmental Advisory Committee 2019-2023 Business Plan as amended be approved.**

CARRIED

6. **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Staff liaison reported that the subcommittees will resume in October.

7. **STAFF LIAISON UPDATES**

The Staff liaison highlighted pieces of work coming forward on densification and the importance of direction coming from Council regarding both the liveability and ecological resiliency of area and neighbourhood planning.

## 8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

### 8.1. Upcoming Events

September 15, 2018 10:00 am -2:00 pm	GETI Fest 2018 Memorial Peace Park (11900 224 Street) Organizer: Golden Ears Transition Initiative
September 15, 2018 10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Repair Café at GETI Fest Memorial Peace Park (11900 224 Street) Organizer: Ridge Meadows Recycling Society
September 16, 2018 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Bear Necessities Kanaka Creek Watershed Stewardship Centre Organizer: KEEPS
September 23, 2018 11:00 am – 3:00 pm	25 <sup>th</sup> Annual Ridge Meadows Rivers Day Allco Fish Hatchery 24959 Alouette Road Organizer: ARMS
October 13, 2018 10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Repair Café Maple Ridge Senior's Activity Centre 12150 224 Street Organizer: Ridge Meadows Recycling Society
October 20, 2018 8:00 am – 8:00 pm	Local Government Election Multiple Voting Locations Organizer: City of Maple Ridge
November 8 & 9, 2018 8:30 am – 5:00 pm	2018 Zero Waste Conference Vancouver Convention Centre West 1055 Canada Place, Vancouver Organizer: Metro Vancouver

## 9. **ROUNDTABLE**

David Neufeld shared information with regards to rip rap and fish habitation from a recently attended workshop.

Jessie Lees reported on discussions and interviews with community members and advised she is gathering ideas on how to increase awareness and education on tree related matters.

Ross Davies and Ken Williams provided an update on summer programs at KEEPS and on the daycamps held in conjunction with Parks, Recreation and Culture. KEEPS hosted a two day workshop in September at Highland Park Elementary School. Metro Vancouver is utilizing the Stewardship Centre to host events and event listings can be found on the Metro Vancouver Events Calendar webpage.

Klaus von Hardenberg reported on the TAPS pumpkin paddle regatta at Whonnock Lake and spoke to the effect of the wildfire smoke on summer crops and on some pocket changes in wells around the Thornhill area.

Betty von Hardenberg reported on concerns with Tantalus Labs water consumption and the conditional water licence issued by the Province.

Dennis Kinsey shared information from a Yale University study on the disposal of solid waste at landfills and on the volumes being reported.

Councillor Masse thanked members for their hard work serving on the committee and their dedication to the environment.

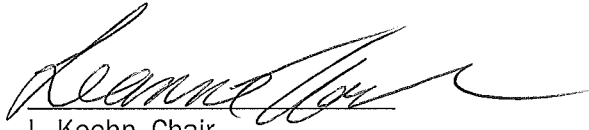
Cheryl Ashlie provided an update on the ARMS summer programs and summer students and on their focus of getting the fish and wildlife application submitted for the fish passage.

Rod Stott shared his appreciation for the time, effort and valued contributions by committee members and thanked Councillor Masse for his support and dedication to the Environmental Advisory Committee.

Leanne Koehn invited members to the Ridge Meadows Recycling screening of 'A Plastic Ocean' at the Council Chambers on October 15, 2018.

10. **QUESTION PERIOD** - Nil

11. **ADJOURNMENT** - 9:02 pm

  
L. Koehn, Chair

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