



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

Minutes - Draft

Municipal Hall
1229 Esquimalt Road
Esquimalt, B.C. V9A 3P1

Environmental Advisory Committee

Thursday, September 24, 2020

7:00 PM

Esquimalt Council Chambers

Present 7 - Chair Brian Cant
Vice Chair Francois Brassard
Member Louise Blight
Member Eleanor Calder
Member Paul Helston
Member Shona Redman
Member Rebecca Wolf Gage

Regrets 2 - Member Waheema Asghar
Member Meredith James

Committee members Shona Redman, Louise Blight, Paul Helston and Rebecca Wolf Gage attended via conference call.

Council Liaisons: Councillor Lynda Hundleby (via conference call)
Councillor Ken Armour

Staff: Bill Brown, Director of Development Services
Tricia deMacedo, Staff Liaison
Deborah Liske, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cant called the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

2. LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Vice Chair Brassard, seconded by Member Calder: That the agenda be approved as presented. Carried Unanimously.

4. MINUTES

1) [20-405](#) Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting, July 23, 2020

Moved by Vice Chair Brassard, seconded by Member Calder: That the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee, July 23, 2020 be adopted as circulated. Carried Unanimously.

5. PRESENTATION

- 1) [20-439](#) Maya Chorobik, Community Energy Association, Esquimalt Climate Action Plan

Maya Chorobik provided an update on the Climate Action Planning project and responded to questions from the committee. Committee comments included (presenter response in italics):

- * No concrete plan for people to work together to action. *Many entities, groups and citizens are needed to engage, support and participate.*
- * Youth involvement. *Include in engagement - welcomes any ideas for engaging youth participation.*
- * Who is responsible for de-carbonizing commercial transport. *BC Government responsible for fuel standards, local governments can play a role, school districts already starting and shift will come when fleet operators make the switch.*
- * Next steps. *Correlate feedback from two stakeholder workshops, review with staff, launch public engagement through ETHELO and report back to Council.*

6. STAFF REPORTS

- 1) [20-436](#) Draft Esquimalt Climate Adaptation Planning Guide - Staff Report EAC-20-004

Ms. deMacedo provided an overview and update on the draft Esquimalt Climate Adaptation Planning Guide. Committee comments included:

- * Appreciate the inclusion of implementation tables
- * Include reference to COVID-19

Moved by Vice Chair Brassard, seconded by Member Calder: That the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends to Council the approval of the draft Esquimalt Climate Adaptation Planning Guide. Carried Unanimously.

- 2) [20-440](#) Esquimalt Checkout Bag Regulation and Provincial Approval - Staff Report EAC-20-005

Ms. deMacedo provided an overview and update on the provincial approval of checkout bag regulations, requested feedback on new implementation date and responded to questions from the committee. Committee comments included (staff response in italics):

- * Adoption timeline. *Nothing will happen Provincially until after election; staff can amend bylaw, Council can give up to three readings and then adopt once receiving Provincial approval; or can wait until revision of Community Charter (the latter option will take longer).*
- * Use of "regulation" in bylaw confusing; suggest removal.
- * Reusable bag use during COVID. *Public Health Officer could override bylaw (once implemented) **Note: PHO did not pass any orders so far during pandemic to restrict the use of re-usable bags. The restriction of re-usable bags was implemented by retailers.*
- * Proceed with same implementation period as originally outlined in engagement plan.

Moved by Vice Chair Brassard, seconded by Member Calder: That the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that Checkout Bag Regulation Bylaw No. 2963 be returned to Council for consideration and adoption. Carried Unanimously.

3) [20-442](#) Residential Retrofits - Staff Liaison Update

Ms. deMacedo provided an update on residential retrofits / upgrades for existing buildings and responded to questions from the committee.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

1) [20-435](#) Live streaming Environmental Advisory Committee Meetings

The Director of Development Services outlined requirements for livestreaming public Environmental Advisory Committee meetings and responded to questions from the committee. Rachel Dumas, Corporate Officer joined the meeting at 8:35 PM and responded to questions from the committee. Committee comments included (staff response in italics):

* What is livestreaming? *The live transmission of the meeting on the internet accessible by anyone with access to the internet.*

* Concern with personal privacy.

* Will video be saved / archived and what will happen to it? *At this time the video will be stored in the MediaManager software database; however, the video footage can be deleted to address any privacy concerns. In the future a decision may be made to upload the videos to the website the following day after livestreaming. The committees, Commissions and Board would be advised accordingly.*

Moved by Member Calder, seconded by Member Redman: That the Environmental Advisory Committee approves the commencement of livestreaming future Environmental Advisory Committee meetings to support the principles of openness, transparency, accountability and accessibility for those members of the public who wish to observe the meetings from an electronic platform. Carried.

In Favour: 5 - Chair Brian Cant, Vice Chair Francois Brassard, Member Eleanor Calder, Member Shona Redman, and Member Rebecca Wolf Gage

Opposed: 2 - Member Louise Blight, and Member Paul Helston

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Vice Chair Brassard, seconded by Member Wolf Gage: That the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 8:52 PM. Carried Unanimously.

BRIAN CANT, CHAIR
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
THIS DAY OF , 2020

RACHEL DUMAS, CORPORATE OFFICER
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