



**CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT**
Minutes - Draft

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

Environmental Advisory Committee

Thursday, July 23, 2020

7:00 PM

Esquimalt Council Chambers

Present 7 - Chair Brian Cant
 Vice Chair Francois Brassard
 Member Waheema Asghar
 Member Louise Blight
 Member Eleanor Calder
 Member Meredith James
 Member Shona Redman

Absent 2 - Member Paul Helston
 Member Rebecca Wolf Gage

Committee members Waheema Asghar, Shona Redman and Louise Blight 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

Tricia deMacedo, Staff Liaison called the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

2. LATE ITEMS

The following late items were added to the agenda:

- * Add OTHER BUSINESS - CONTINUED as Item 9 to the agenda and renumber agenda accordingly.
- * Add to Item 9. OTHER BUSINESS - CONTINUED 6) Update on Review of Tree Protection Bylaw
- * Add to Item 9. OTHER BUSINESS - CONTINUED 7) Esquimalt Climate Organizers Project - Implementation of Climate Action Plan

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Member Calder, seconded by Chair Cant: That the agenda be approved as amended with the inclusion of the late agenda items. Carried Unanimously.

4. INTRODUCTIONS

Committee members provided brief introductions.

5. ELECTIONS

1) [20-363](#) Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Ms. deMacedo opened the floor to nominations for Chair. Brian Cant was the only nomination received for the role of Chair and was appointed to the position of Chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee by acclamation.

Ms. deMacedo opened the floor to nominations for Vice Chair. Francois Brassard was the only nomination received for the role of Vice Chair and was appointed to the position of Vice Chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee by acclamation.

Chair Cant assumed the role of Chair.

6. MINUTES

1) [20-364](#) Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting, May 28, 2020

Moved by Vice Chair Brassard, seconded by Member Calder: That the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee, May 28, 2020 be adopted as circulated. Carried Unanimously.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

1) [20-365](#) Council Policies

2) [20-366](#) Council Strategic Priorities and Goals 2019 - 2023

Ms. deMacedo noted the Council Policies and Council Strategic Priorities and Goals were provided for information.

3) [20-368](#) Agenda Items and Distribution

Ms. deMacedo reviewed agenda distribution.

4) [20-369](#) Meeting Schedule Dates and Times

Ms. deMacedo noted the committee will meet as required on the fourth Thursday of the month from 7:00 - 9:00 PM in the Council Chambers or on an alternate date as deemed necessary to complete the business of the committee. No meetings will be scheduled in July, August or December.

5) [20-370](#) Committee Orientation Presentation

Ms. deMacedo noted the Committee Orientation presentation was provided for information.

8. STAFF REPORTS

1) [20-360](#) Integrated Resource Management Referral - Staff Report EAC-20-003

Graeme Bethell and Chris Corps, Pivotal IRM Inc. provided a presentation via conference call and responded to questions from the committee. Presenters responses in italics.

- * Energy source for plant. *Garbage and yard and garden waste from possibly both municipal and private haulers will be gasified to fuel plant.*
- * What will happen to carbon produced? *Biochar created through the process can be sold for various purposes such as carbon filters etc.*
- * Resource for solid waste. *Municipal solid waste stream.*
- * Will mandatory connection be required to make project viable? *Consumer of byproduct will be needed.*
- * More information needed on district energy proposal for review during public consultation phase.
- * Digestion vs. gasification. *Gasification 100% more efficient than digestion; digestion does not include all products; gasification can process contaminated materials.*

Councillor Armour provided the committee with an overview of Council's progress with the project.

Committee members discussed after presenters departed conference call. Additional comments included (with response from staff and Council Liaison in italics):

- * Benefit to residents? *Benefit of \$360 per year per household.*
- * Funding source. *Upfront capital investment by municipality.*
- * Closed loop system will be beneficial.
- * Public engagement, strong visuals with explanations will be needed especially regarding financial details.

Moved by Member James, seconded by Vice Chair Brassard: That the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that Council request that the consultant ensure the public engagement materials include strong visuals of the proposed system including the district energy component and more clearly explain the revenue sources and their degree of certainty. Carried Unanimously.

2) [20-356](#) Climate Adaptation Plan Progress Report - Staff Report EAC-20-002

Ms. deMacedo provided a brief review and update on the Climate Adaptation plan and requested committee members to provide any final input by July 31st, 2020.

Committee comments (staff response in italics):

- * How are issues prioritized such as tree planting. *Climate mitigation plan also being developed and will be rolled out with the Adaptation plan. Actions which serve both for mitigation and for adaptation, such as tree planting, will move up the list for priority implementation.*
- * Climate change framework and urban forest considerations need to be integrated in decision making process for bio-diversity in municipal projects.
- * City of Victoria has good reference materials for parking space removal / tree retention.

9. OTHER BUSINESS - CONTINUED

6) 20-390 Update on Review of Tree Protection Bylaw

A committee member requested an update on the request for a review of the municipal Tree Protection Bylaw. Staff will follow up and report back to the committee.

7) 20-391 Esquimalt Climate Organization Project - Implementation of Climate Action Plan

Vice Chair Brassard reviewed a proposed project of the Esquimalt Climate Organizers for consideration by the Environmental Advisory Committee for the implementation of the Climate Action Plan. The Recording Secretary advised Vice Chair Brassard to have the Esquimalt Climate Organizers request the opportunity to make a presentation to Council to request Council and the Environmental Advisory Committees support for the project.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Chair Cant, seconded by Member James: That the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 9:02 PM. Carried Unanimously.

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

RACHEL DUMAS, CORPORATE OFFICER
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