



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

Minutes - Final

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

Environmental Advisory Committee

Thursday, April 22, 2021

7:00 PM

Esquimalt Council Chambers

Present 8 - Chair Brian Cant
Vice Chair Francois Brassard
Member Waheema Asghar
Member Eleanor Calder
Member Meredith James
Member Shona Redman
Member Rebecca Wolf Gage
Member Brayden Gulka-Tiechko

Absent 1 - Member Louise Blight

Committee members Vice Chair Francois Brassard, Waheema Asghar, Shona Redman, Meredith James, Brayden Gulka-Tiechko, Eleanor Calder and Rebecca Wolf Gage attended by conference call.

Council Liaisons: Councillor Tim Morrison (Regrets)
Councillor Meagan Brame (via Conference Call)

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.

Chair Cant recognized and acknowledged the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations on whose traditional territory we live, we learn, and we do our work.

2. LATE ITEMS

There were no late items.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

4. MINUTES

- 1) [21-221](#) Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting, February 25, 2021

Moved by Member Redman, seconded by Vice Chair Brassard: That the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee, February 25, 2021 be adopted as circulated. Carried Unanimously.

5. STAFF REPORTS

1) [21-217](#) Community Climate Mitigation Plan - Staff Report EAC-21-002

Ms. deMacedo provided an overview of the Community Climate Mitigation Plan, received feedback and responded to questions from the committee.

Rebecca Wolf Gage connected to the conference call at 7:32 PM.

Committee members provided the following feedback on the strategies and actions of the seven Big Moves for transportation, buildings, waste and organizational readiness:

- * Ranked top three Big Moves for Transportation, Buildings and Waste as Decarbonize Existing Buildings; Electrify Passenger Transportation and Step Up New Buildings
- * Shift Beyond the Car
 - * Decrease both private and public parking spaces
 - * Create policies to create easements and pathways in new development
 - * Encourage purchase of electric vehicles
 - * Request to review draft Active Transportation Plan for input and feedback
- * Electrify Passenger Transportation
 - * Install Level 3 EV charging stations; Level 2 EV charging station not effective - keep up to-date on technology
 - * Promote car share
 - * Engage associations affiliated with developers, property managers and stratas
- * Decarbonize Commercial Transportation
 - * Encourage BC Transit to electrify all buses
 - * Convert gas powered municipal vehicles and equipment to electric
 - * Policy development to encourage alternate modes of transport
 - * Work with Esquimalt Chamber of Commerce to promote alternate modes of transportation and delivery of goods
- * Step Up New Buildings
 - * Develop policy for more sustainable building practices
 - * Education and demonstration building of new technology
- * Decarbonize Existing Buildings
 - * Liaise with community stakeholders to promote education and marketing campaign
 - * Simplify rebate and funding process
 - * Recycling of demolition and renovation materials
 - * Discourage installation of natural gas
 - * Home energy loan program for energy retrofits
 - * Community information sessions for retrofits

- * Close the Loop on Waste
 - * Encourage education for youth through school system
 - * Policy development for closing the loop and turning waste to resources
 - * Host community environment days

Shona Redman disconnected from the conference call at 8:48 PM.

Moved by Vice Chair Brassard, seconded by Member Wolf Gage: That the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends Council consider the strategies that have the highest potential to reduce tonnes of CO2 equivalent as part of the Community Climate Mitigation Plan. Carried Unanimously.

2) [21-219](#) Residential Retrofits - Staff Liaison Update

Ms. deMacedo provided an update on the Residential Retrofits Acceleration Project.

Vice Chair Francois Brassard disconnected from the conference call at 9:01 PM.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Member Gulka-Tiechko, seconded by Member Wolf Gage: That the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned at 9:05 PM. Carried Unanimously.

BRIAN CANT, CHAIR
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
THIS 27TH DAY OF MAY, 2021

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