



## **THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF WHITE ROCK**

November 20, 2007

The ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE will meet in the City Hall COUNCIL CHAMBERS on **November 20, 2007** at 5:00 p.m. for the transaction of business as noted below.

Ms. Tina Penney  
Director, Corporate Services

### **AGENDA**

**1. AGENDA APPROVAL**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Agenda for the ENVIRONMENT Committee Meeting scheduled for November 20, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

**2. PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**2.1 RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the minutes of the ENVIRONMENT Committee Meetings held October 16 and 30, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

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**3. REFERRAL FROM COUNCIL**

There are no items presented.

**4. OTHER BUSINESS**

**4.1 ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGIC PLAN – Chair and Staff Liaison**

Continued review of the draft plan - copies of the draft Environmental Strategic Plan was previously circulated.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

Any new business to be brought before the Committee.

**6. NEXT MEETING**

Generally, Committee's do not meet in December.

**7. CLOSURE**

The meeting was declared closed at p.m.

THE CORPORATION OF THE  
**CITY OF WHITE ROCK**  
15322 BUENA VISTA AVENUE, WHITE ROCK, B.C. V4B 1Y6

**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Minutes from a meeting held October 16, 2007 in the Council Chambers at White Rock City Hall located at 15322 Buena Vista Avenue, White Rock, B.C.

**PRESENT:** James Coleridge, Chair  
Estelle Bogoch (departed at 6:30 p.m.)  
Wilma Boyd  
Tom Delaney  
Joe McIvor  
Nicole Weaver

**STAFF:** David Pollock, Director of Municipal Operations  
Branca Verde, Committee Secretary

**GUESTS:** Karen Munroe, Jacques Whitford Axys  
Gillian Moran, Jacques Whitford Axys

**ABSENT:** David Riley

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The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

**1. AGENDA APPROVAL**

RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the ENVIRONMENT Committee Meeting scheduled for October 16, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

**M/S/C**

**2. PREVIOUS MINUTES**

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the ENVIRONMENT Committee Meeting held Tuesday September 18, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

**M/S/C**

**3. REFERRAL FROM COUNCIL**

The Chair reported that Council has supported the Climate Change Charter which aims to reduce green house gases by 2012 (discussed at the UBCM meeting held in September). The next step will be to undertake an assessment of White Rock's carbon footprint and determine ways to reduce the community's impact on the environment.

The Chair noted that there have been discussions regarding an Organic Waste Program and the City Manager has indicated support for this program.

**4. OTHER BUSINESS**

**4.1 ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGIC PLAN**

The Staff Liaison advised that the goal for the meeting was to continue the review of the draft Environmental Strategic Plan (ESP).

Karen Munroe, consultant with Jacques Whitford Axys, reported that content from the committee's September 18 review has been incorporated into the most recent draft ESP

(as circulated via e-mail with the committee agenda). The consultant noted that she had received a request from a committee member to include *invasive plant species* under the *wildlife section*. It was agreed that this item would be added for discussion.

The Staff Liaison requested that any additional suggestions be directed to the Staff Liaison.

The consultant noted that the scope of the work does not include costing or priorities and suggested the committee or staff may want to determine immediate versus longer term priorities. The consultant noted the introductory section of the ESP remains an outstanding issue.

The committee reviewed the draft ESP section entitled *Stormwater and Sanitary Waste*. Using an overhead screen projection of the draft ESP, the consultant incorporated changes to the document as discussion occurred.

There was discussion with respect to the Integrated Stormwater Management Plan (ISMP). The Staff Liaison advised that staff is identifying what is required to undertake an ISMP and this review should be complete in 2008.

**\*6:30 p.m.**

Estelle Bogoch departed.

**4.2 TREE BYLAW REVIEW – Staff Liaison**

Continued review of the draft Tree Bylaw. Copies of the draft Tree Bylaw were previously circulated.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business brought before the Committee.

**6. NEXT MEETING**

The Committee will meet Tuesday, October 30, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

**\*8:09 p.m.**

Nicole Weaver departed.

**7. CLOSURE**

The meeting was declared closed at 8.10 p.m.

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**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

Minutes from a meeting held October 30, 2007 in the Council Chambers at White Rock City Hall located at 15322 Buena Vista Avenue, White Rock, B.C.

**PRESENT:** James Coleridge, **Chair**  
Wilma Boyd  
Tom Delaney  
Joe McIvor  
David Riley

**STAFF:** David Pollock, Director of Municipal Operations  
Susan Campbell, Committee Secretary

**ABSENT:** Estelle Bogoch  
Nicole Weaver

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The meeting was called to order at 5:20 p.m.

**1. PROCESS - ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGIC PLAN**

The goal is to take the draft Environment Strategic Plan to Council on November 19, 2007. Copies of the most current revision (following the October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting) were circulated. Committee members were advised that a review of the message and language consistency throughout the plan has not been undertaken. The suggestion was to take the shorter version of the draft plan containing the overall text and goals to Council and further discuss the upcoming community consultation. The goal is to have an open house at the end of November - either November 22<sup>nd</sup> or the 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Chair reconfirmed that the goals minus the other items (responsibilities/actions and priorities) will go to Council and then the community will be asked what they think. Take the input from the open house and assess the input against the plan. The public will understand that the Committee will continue to work the specifics of the objectives.

**1.1 IT WAS AGREED: *THAT the shorter version of the draft Environmental Strategic Plan, minus the performance measures, action plan and responsibility items, be forwarded to Council and a community open house.***

**2. REVIEW OF THE GOALS – ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGIC PLAN (SHORT VERSION)** *Procedural Note: All the goals were reviewed and the goals recorded in the minutes were amended - when a goal is not recorded there was no change.*

- With respect to Section 1.3 perhaps this section should say that the City is working with a Committee of EPCOR to ensure all are working together - this is a partnership where the City is relying on an external partner.
- Section 3 – re-title “Air”
- Information regarding the evolution of the document should be added in at the front of the document as well as results from the former survey and the OCP’s

survey environmental questions. Council goals will be pulled together and added in by the Chair. The Chair confirmed that he would research and write the introductory piece.

- Committee members confirmed they were comfortable with the format and the Chair confirmed he would clean-up the formatting on the short document.
- Goal No. 1 – Ensure White Rock has the best water quality of any beach in Metro Vancouver.
- Goal No. 2 – delete “the” and substitute with “Semiahmoo”.
- Goal No. 4 – Encourage waterfront activities that support environmental values and sustainability.
- Line 5, first paragraph of the Introduction will now read: “When it rains runoff from streets and properties is directed, untreated, to a storm water system that discharges into ocean bound streams or directly into Semiahmoo Bay.”
- Goal 7 – Increase filtration and decrease storm water runoff rate.
- Page 8 – The Committee agreed to delete the entire last sentence of the first paragraph.
- Goal 11 – Encourage replacement with water-efficient appliances and fixtures.
- Page 9 and 10 – Protect Wildlife Habitat
- Page 12 – Title will now read: Eliminate Toxic Pesticide Use.
- Page 12 – third paragraph, the first sentence will now read as: “Some residents and institutions use toxic pesticides to control weeds and insects because they value a weed-free lawn.”
- Page 12 – everywhere in the section where the phrase “pesticides and herbicides” is used that it be replaced with the phrase “toxic pesticides”. The Committee agreed to add in a volume figure and agreed to eliminate the use of toxic pesticides.
- Goal 17 – Eliminate the use of toxic pesticides.
- Page 12 - Second paragraph will be re-written by the Director of Municipal Operators.
- Goal 18 – Reduce habitat, food and water sources for rodent population.
- Goal 19 – Increase education about “weeds” and invasive plant species.
- Goal 12- Provide healthy habitat for wildlife along ravines and streamside corridors.
- 2.1 introduction text (second and third paragraphs) may be moved and the introduction will be re-written. Everywhere the word “Bay” is written it will be changed to read “Semiahmoo Bay”.
- Last paragraph, second bullet: Loss of habitat in Semiahmoo Bay and related upland ravine areas – goes to 1.1. Delete the first bullet.
- Goal 13 – Support wildlife bio-diversity in the City,
- New Goal 1.1: Enhance upland processes that support marine life in the Bay.
- 2.2 Third-paragraph – need to clarify if private property or public property. Delete the second bullet. Reword third paragraph to remove phrase “poor planning”.
- Goal 14: Conserve trees on public and private land.
- Goal 15: Promote education and knowledge of tree management best practices in preference to tree topping.
- Add definition of valued to the bulleted list.
- Goal 16: delete the brackets.
- Page 11 - New Goal: Increase the amount of trees, biomass and total canopy in the City.

- Goal 20: Reduce the amount of solid waste entering landfills.
- Goal 21: Reduce disposal of organic waste and eliminate green waste to landfill.
- Section 3.0 Air
- Goal 29 – delete.
- Goal 24 – Reduce emissions of greenhouse gases by the City and become carbon neutral by 2012.
- Goal 25 – delete but move to action item.
- Goal 26 - Support green building initiatives in new public, residential and commercial buildings.
- Goal 27 - Promote a more energy efficient community.
- Goal 28 – delete.
- Goal 30 – Encourage the creation of infrastructure to facilitate different modes of transportation and decrease the number of cars on the road.
- Goal 30 and 31 – delete.
- Goal 32 - Increase infrastructure for non-motorized transportation.
- Goal 33 – delete (performance measure under Goal 32).

### **3. NEXT MEETING**

- The Committee will meet Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.
- Council presentation: November 19, 2007 and Committee members are asked to informally meet with the Chair, at 6:00 p.m., in the downstairs Committee room to review the material.

### **4. CLOSURE**

The meeting was declared closed at 8:50 p.m.