

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 July 15, 2008 in the Council Committee Room at White Rock City Hall located at 15322 Buena Vista Avenue, White Rock, BC

**PRESENT:** Councillor James Coleridge, **Chair**  
Estelle Bogoch  
Tom Delaney  
Joe McIvor  
Gavin Johnston  
Nicole Weaver

**ABSENT:** Wilma Boyd  
Councillor Stewart Peddemors

**STAFF:** Dale Kitsul, A/Director of Municipal Operations  
Susan Campbell, Committee Secretary

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The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

**1. AGENDA APPROVAL**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the agenda for the ENVIRONMENT Committee meeting scheduled for July 15, 2008 be adopted as submitted.

**CARRIED**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT the minutes from the ENVIRONMENT Committee meeting held June 17, 2008 be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**3. REFERRAL FROM COUNCIL**

There were no items presented.

**4. OTHER BUSINESS**

**4.1 BC CLIMATE CHARTER – Staff Liaison**

The Committee considered a copy of a previously circulated report from Staff Liaison regarding the BC Climate Charter.

The Chair reported that the BC Climate Charter has been signed by most of the municipalities in the province and now the provincial government will ask what each municipalities' carbon foot print is. Therefore, each municipality will need to assess their carbon foot print and determine what measures can be taken to reduce that foot print.

A Committee member observed that the term greenhouse gas was outdated and that in fact with the new technology greenhouses now only emit steam. The Committee was advised it didn't refer to that rather it referred to five main greenhouse gases that all have CO2 equivalency and are harmful to the atmosphere.

**4.1.1 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED THAT** Council develops an Action Plan to address the elements of the Province's Climate Action Charter (approved by the City in 2007).

**CARRIED**

**4.2 PIER AND FORESHORE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The Committee considered a copy of a previously circulated report from Staff Liaison outlining possibilities to move the Pier and Foreshore Management Plan forward.

The Chair reported that the Economic Committee passed a motion requesting that Council consider commercial activity on the beach. The OCP amendment recognizes that special event activities such as Spirit of Sea, Museum, etc. can take place on the foreshore. The other issue is task forces and the potential diluting of the Environment Committee's voice.

A Committee member observed that he did not see the Environment Committee working on a Task Force. The Environment Committee sees the pier and foreshore management plan as an environmental and recreational park area and that the primary focus of the plan should be to make the environmental aspect of the plan compatible with the recreational use of the park. All the commercial activity should take place north of the train tracks.

**4.2.1 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

**THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED THAT** Council renames the Pier and Foreshore Management Plan to the Pier and Foreshore Protection Plan;

**THAT** the Environment Committee is tasked with developing the guiding principles for the Pier and Foreshore Protection Plan and that those principles are based on protecting and improving the environment of the area;

**AND FURTHER THAT** the Environment Committee supports the recent OCP amendment to allow City-sponsored events but does not support private commercial activity on the beach or pier.

**CARRIED**

**4.3 ENVIRONMENT STRATEGIC PLAN (ESP)**

The Committee was advised that an information report was received by Council (Committee of the Whole) at their July 14, 2008 meeting and that the ESP itself will be considered by Council in September.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**5.1 PESTICIDES**

The Committee was advised, at a recent Council meeting, that notice of motion was received proposing to ban all pesticides in the City. A/Staff Liaison reported that the City could manage without pesticides however there was a cost to managing without pesticides and that it is difficult to stay ahead of the invasive plant species with just person power. As well, there was also the issue of rodents and the potential impact they could have on human health. The goal should be to reduce the use of rodenticides but not eliminate.

**5.2 It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT IT BE RECOMMENDED THAT COUNCIL is advised that the Environment Committee is concerned with the current direction around eliminating and banning pesticides and that costs and staffing needs to be identified prior to elimination.

**CARRIED**

**5.3 YARD WASTE PROGRAM**

The Committee was advised that this has been a very successful program and that information regarding total tonnage diverted and costs be tabled with the Committee at their September meeting. Committee members agreed that the program should be expanded to include apartments, condominiums, the hospital and institutions.

**It was MOVED and SECONDED**

THAT IT RECOMMENDED THAT COUNCIL expands the Yard Waste program to include apartments, condominiums, hospital and institutions.

**CARRIED**

**6. INFORMATION ITEMS**

Information regarding geo-thermal energy will be deferred to the September Committee meeting.

**7. NEXT MEETING**

There are no meetings in August (summer break for Council) – the next meeting will be September 16, 2008.

**8. CLOSURE**

The meeting was declared closed at 7:02 p.m.