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March 9, 2010

A MEETING of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** will be held in the City Hall **COUNCIL COMMITTEE ROOM** (downstairs) on **TUESDAY March 16, 2010**, at **4:00 p.m.** for the transaction of business listed below.

Tracey Arthur
City Clerk

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Agenda for the Environment Committee Meeting scheduled for March 16, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Environment Committee approves the Minutes from the March 4, 2010 meeting as circulated.

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4. 2010 ANNUAL WORKPLAN

The draft 2010 Workplan has been submitted to Council for approval.

5. BUSINESS ARISING

5.1 ADVISORY DESIGN PANEL

Staff to advise on the Appropriateness of the Creation of a list of green and Leed standards for new buildings for distribution by the Advisory Design Panel.

5.2 COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

2010-100 THAT Council table the recommendation brought forward from the Environment Committee's January 19, 2010 meeting requesting that concurrent public consultation for the Tree Management Bylaw and Integrated Stormwater Management Plan be held concurrently.

2010-101 THAT Council move for receipt the recommendation brought forward from the Environment Committee from their February 16, 2010 meeting regarding: the request that City of White Rock Metro Vancouver Waste Management representative provide verbal reports affecting the City of White Rock to the Environment Committee Council representative when available and directs staff to provide status reports on metro Vancouver Waste Management issues affecting the City of White Rock to the Environment Committee.

5.3 STORMWATER DRAIN COVER RELIEF STAMP

A sample from the City of Surrey will be reviewed.

5.4 PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL CALENDAR

Staff to present a sample of the proposed calendar.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

5. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee will be April 20, 2010.

6. CLOSURE

- c) Liaise and foster relationships with other City Committees and other non-voting members and local environmental organizations.
- d) Prepare an annual report on its activities throughout the year, as well as action plans for all tasks referred to it by Council.
- e) An annual work plan based on mandate for Council’s approval.

The following items were prepared as a draft 2010 Workplan for the Environment Committee.

<p>1. Bridging climate change and sustainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ pursue broader sustainability objectives within the context of climate action by promoting activities to divert waste from landfills (organics in particular) – consider, evaluate and provide advice on a study of constraints and opportunities ▪ provide advice for the City’s community garden pilot project
<p>2. Protecting and enhancing Semiahmoo Bay - Integrated Stormwater Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ continue support of the Boundary Bay Assessment and Monitoring Program (watershed and marine environment concerns) ▪ assist with storm-drain marking program
<p>3. Provide ideas and support for education and outreach with respect to environmental initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ protecting the natural environment and enhancing natural systems (for example – garbage, recycling, pesticides, water quality, trees) ▪ sustainability of the built environment including strategies for addressing climate change – LEED® buildings ▪ possible development of an environment calendar
<p>4. Maintenance Standards for City Parks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ provide input during the development of the maintenance standards
<p>5. Identify and engage with key stakeholders regarding environmental issues facing the City</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ for example, School District 36
<p>6. Provide information to the City on ‘Hot Button Issues’ as they arise</p>

It was MOVED and SECONDED;

THAT committee members review a staff progress report on the Environmental Strategic Plan every four months;

AND THAT this item be added to the 2010 Workplan as Item #7.

CARRIED

Discussion was held regarding activities on the beach, including sandcastle competitions and other events that may have a economic benefit to the City of White Rock. It was suggested that the Fraser River Estuary Management Program be requested to prepare a list of guidelines for acceptable practices on the beach to ensure that these activities do little or no environmental damage.

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

THAT FREMP be added to #5 as a “for example” in the 2010 Workplan.

CARRIED

Other suggestions for the Workplan that were suggested but not adopted included;

Creating a “green standards” list for the Advisory Design Panel of items that can be included in new buildings, including Leed standards. It was agreed that the Acting Director of Engineering and Municipal Operations discuss this item with the Director of Planning and Development Services with regard to the appropriateness of this suggestion, and this item will be added to the March Environment Agenda.

The Environmental Coordinator distributed a document on Integrated Solid Waste and Resource Management for GVRD dated February 2010, which demonstrates the Metro Vancouver target of 70% diverted waste, the current 55% diversion rate, as well as the City of White Rock’s current diversion rate of 37%. The tonnage that goes into solid waste must be reduced by removing the organic component, i.e. kitchen waste. Another suggestion was to identify new uses for glass and plastic without toxic output.

The 2010 Draft Workplan to be submitted to Council for approval reads as follows;

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5. Identify and engage with key stakeholders regarding environmental issues facing the City <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ for example, Fraser River Estuary Management Program
6. Provide information to the City on 'Hot Button Issues' as they arise
7. That committee members review a staff progress report on the Environmental Strategic Plan every four months.

5. NEXT MEETING

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6. CLOSURE

The Meeting closed at 5:20 p.m.

Dr. Joe McIvor, Chair

Lorraine Sym, Committee and Freedom of Information Clerk