



## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023 AT 6:00 p.m.  
Langley City Hall – Council Chambers  
(directly across from the CKF Room)  
20399 Douglas Crescent, Langley, BC

### A G E N D A

1) **AGENDA**

Adoption of the March 9, 2023 agenda.

2) **MINUTES**

Adoption of the minutes of the Environmental Task Group meeting held February 9, 2023.

3) **DISCUSSION**

1. Committee Posters Overview and Process
2. Finalize Earth Day Event Agenda and revise the 2022 Earth Day Poster for the 2023 event.
3. Review and update action items in February 9, 2023 minutes
4. Create a 2023 ESC Workplan for Council approval.

4) **STANDING ITEMS**

- a) Poster / Flyer: Determine Future Poster Topic Ideas
- b) New Initiatives and Emerging Trends

5) **ROUND TABLE**

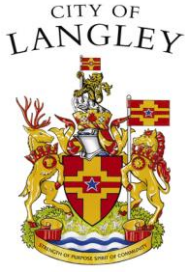
### ADJOURNMENT

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#### 2022 MEETING DATES

Apr 13, May 11, Jun 8, July 13, Sept 14, Oct 12, Nov 9

Please notify Janine Clough at [jclough@langleycity.ca](mailto:jclough@langleycity.ca) of your **confirmed attendance** to be able to meet the quorum requirements to hold this meeting.



## MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Langley City Hall – Council Chambers  
20399 Douglas Crescent, Langley, BC

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023 AT 7:02 P.M.

Present: Councillor Paul Albrecht, Chair  
Councillor Rosemary Wallace, Vice Chair  
Lisa Dreves, Langley Field Naturalists  
Amika Watari, Post Secondary Institution Rep  
Ellen Hall, Member at Large  
Stafford Richter, Member at Large  
Zana Gordon, Member at Large

Staff: Francis Cheung, Chief Administrative Officer  
Janine Clough, Recording Secretary

Absent: Rick Bomhof, Director of Engineering, Parks & Environment  
Nichole Marples, Langley Environmental Partners Society, with regrets  
Marcela Ferreira, Member at Large, with regrets

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The Chair acknowledged that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Katzie, Kwantlen, Matsqui and Semiahmoo First Nations.

### 1) **AGENDA**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the, February 9, 2023 Agenda for the Environmental Task Group be adopted.

**CARRIED**

### 2) **MINUTES**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT January 12, 2023 Minutes of the Environmental Task Group meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED**

### 3) **DISCUSSION**

1. Pollinators Poster – review poster created by staff.
  - a. Members gave final approval of this poster.
2. Community Day volunteers needed for helping the public sort the 3 waste streams on the day of the event, at 3 station locations.
  - Request for volunteers from high school and university clubs
  - If food trucks are gone by 3pm, can we move to have one waste station remain open, as opposed to 3?
  - Members will let staff know if they are available to help on event day, hours needed are 11am to 8pm. If we receive enough volunteers we will schedule time segments.
  - Will we audit the waste as we did in 2022 to know how much is diverted from the landfill?
3. Committee to share suggestions/ideas that would make Community Day 2023 as sustainable as possible.
  - The Co-chair will be meeting with Food truck owners about sustainability initiatives.
  - Mr. Richter suggested offering a Repair It Café, committee will look at Earth Day 2024
4. Review and update action items in January 12, 2023 minutes:
  - a. Re: Recycle BC's changes to recycling flexible plastics: Ms. Watari sent staff updated information and the poster is being revised.
  - b. Re: What to do with clothing that is not in good enough shape to resell: Ms. Hall is researching this. Some info available through Recyclepedia BC, under used clothing giving 2 companies that take it in Vancouver.
  - c. Re: Co-Chair will assemble upcycling criteria and approach Langley Arts Council for assistance on Earth Day.
  - d. Councillor Wallace and Ms. Hall are working on an initiative called "Transform Waste into Treasure" (creating treasure from waste). The products are to be made of 90% or more, of re-used materials, be original and have a purpose. I.e: art, furniture, clothing, etc. There will be prizes awarded in 3 categories:
    - i. Grades K to 7
    - ii. Grades 8 to 12
    - iii. Open Age categoryIt was discussed that this type of challenge would partner well in the Langley elementary schools that are hosting an I.D.E.A. Summit, an initiative designed to celebrate Innovation, Design, Entrepreneurship and Altruism.
  - e. Re: Food waste, yard trimmings can be all together in one bin: Complete - The Vice Chair shared the City's Single Family pick up schedule and fridge magnet outlining what is acceptable/collectable as food waste with the members.

- f. Committee would like to see recycling flexible plastics on a fridge magnet like the City's kitchen waste is on.

**ACTION:** Staff to research the cost of producing this.

5. The Chair proposed a 6pm start as opposed to 7pm? How do members feel about this time change?
- Committee agreed to a 6pm start and snacks be provided. Some suggestions are fruit, muffins, water and coffee.
  - Meetings will now be scheduled 6 to 8pm in 2023.

6. Create a 2023 ESC Workplan for Council approval. Note: that posters are a part of the workplan.

**ACTION:** Members to send staff suggestions and ideas.

#### **4) STANDING ITEMS**

- a) Poster / Flyer – Determine Future Topic Ideas:
- Mr. Richter suggested Container gardening poster targeting multi-family residents.
- b) New Initiatives and Emerging Trends:
- Food Security
  - Climate Action Strategy (ie. Emergency Preparedness)

#### **5) ROUND TABLE**

- Ms. Gordon suggested the city offer the rain barrel program to city residents. A member asked if there is rain barrel design for decks in condos?
- Ms. Watari will reach out to some of her university speakers and see if they would be willing to speak to our committee about Food Security.
- Langley Field Naturalists counted the crows at 256 St and 16 Ave at sunset. Over 33,000 crows were counted on the first night. LFN are working on adding 'ebird hotspots' in the city and township which will help
- LEPS is looking for volunteers for the annual 'Langley Seedy Saturday', a seed swap, with workshops, taking place on Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> at the Derek Doubleday Arboretum. Also, anyone interested in joining the Climate Crisis Langley Action Partners (CCLAP) please contact Lisa Dreves, she will provide you their contact information and/or share their Facebook or Instagram info.

- ACTION:** Staff to report back to the committee the status of the Naming of the trees in Portage Park
- ACTION:** Staff to make a presentation about the City's Tree management plan and study to ESC when it is ready to be implemented.
- ACTION:** Staff to provide trail maps for the members at the next meeting. (JC)
- ACTION:** Staff to send new members copies of all the posters ESC has created so far. (JC)

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:45 pm.

CARRIED

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CHAIR

Certified Correct:  
*jc*

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RECORDING SECRETARY

## PORTAGE PARK TREE SIGNS

We are pleased to announce that we have completed installing new tree identification plaques throughout Portage park. These plaques identify the name and the species of each tree in both English and Latin. There is also a brief description about each tree explaining any unique characteristics and where that tree species can be found elsewhere in the world! It provides a very cool opportunity to learn about our natural world for people of all ages!

We have faced a few challenges getting these signs installed, most prominently an unfortunate amount of vandalism. Many signs have been torn down over the past few weeks, requiring staff to reinstall them several times over. Out of the 31 torn down signs 2 are missing completely, with the rest of them being recovered and reinstalled.



Staff was recently able to install the large interpretive sign at Portage Park

