



MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

Present: Councillor Paul Albrecht, Chair
Councillor Rosemary Wallace, Vice Chair
Nichole Marples, Langley Environmental Partners Society
Lisa Dreves, Langley Field Naturalists
Amika Watari, Post Secondary Institution Rep
Marcela Ferreira, Member at Large
Ellen Hall, Member at Large
Stafford Richter, Member at Large

Staff: Rick Bomhof, Director of Engineering, Parks & Environment
Janine Clough, Recording Secretary
Samantha Paulson, Communications Officer

Absent: Zana Gordon, Member at Large, with regrets

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

CARRIED

2) **MINUTES**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT February 9, 2023 Minutes of the Environmental Task Group meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3) **DISCUSSION**

1. Committee Posters Overview and Process

- a. The City's Communications officer discussed how to create poster content:
 1. What is the purpose of the poster?
 2. What are the key messages? (3 max)
 3. Who is your target audience?
 4. How are you going to distribute the message?
 5. When will you distribute the message?
 6. What is the desired outcome?
- b. A poster needs to introduce a topic; list information or suggestions; and have a final 'Call to Action' (go to a link, go to a function, where do you want them to go?)
- c. Posters are circulated out in the community or on social media for a maximum of 3 weeks at a time.
- d. Members can provide inspiration pictures with their poster information and the City Communications Officer will try to find a comparable high resolution picture to use in the poster.

ACTION: City Communications Officer will send staff the fillable PDF "Committee Poster Request Form" for creating poster content.

2. Finalize Earth Day Event Agenda to revise the 2022 Earth Day Poster for the 2023 event.

- Set up tents along the path leading from Spirit Square south to the Community Garden.
- City Communications Officer will add more details to the 2023 poster, such as prize information and giveaways to draw people's attention.

ACTION: Ms. Ferreira will invite Hives for Habitat to attend Earth Day

ACTION: Ms. Marples will invite BC Hydro to attend Earth Day

ACTION: Ms. Marples to send staff the ED schedule for updating the city website and a map of the tent set up to City's Event Co-ordinator, Ms. Edell.

ACTION: Once poster has been updated staff to send to ESC members to distribute.

ACTION: Mr. Bomhof to find out when the Douglas Recreation Centre renovation will begin?

ACTION: Staff to arrange a large City of Langley map and a large sheet with the following headers: City of Langley, Township of Langley, City of Surrey,

Other, to be made where attendees can place a sticker indicating where they live.

ACTION: City's Communications Officer to amend the following Posters adding QR codes: pollinators, plastic recycling, dog waste, then make 30 photocopies each for distribution at Earth Day

It was also noted by the City's Communications Office, that to advertise the Earth Day Event by running two ads in the local paper and posts on social media, the cost would be approximately \$1200.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Committee allocate \$2500 from the \$10,000 budget of the ESC for the Earth Day Event taking place on April 22, 2023.

ACTION: Staff to research depots that accept flexible plastics for recycling and send information to members.

3. Review and update action items in February 9, 2023 minutes:
 - a. Re: Committee would like to see recycling flexible plastics on a fridge magnet like the City's kitchen waste is on: Communication Officer received the following price. Size: 4.2" x 5.47" for 200 units would be \$302.40 plus tax and shipping (\$25). This price does not include artwork and staff time to create proof.
 - b. Staff to report back to the committee the status of the Naming of the trees in Portage Park: information was sent in Agenda package.
 - c. Staff to make a presentation about the City's Tree management plan and study to ESC when it is ready to be implemented. (Future Presentation).
 - d. Staff to provide trail maps for the members at the next meeting: maps distributed at March meeting. Trail maps distributed to members.
 - e. Staff to send new members copies of all the posters ESC has created so far: Posters were sent to the committees two new members.
4. Create a 2023 ESC Workplan for Council approval.
 - a. Re: Members to send staff suggestions and ideas for the 2023 Workplan or bring in person to the March 9th meeting.
 - b. The following 10 ideas were discussed as possible topics for the work plan:
 1. Annual Earth Day Event, planning 2023
 2. Discuss Environmental Recognition program(s)
 - in the business community
 3. Educational Sustainability Posters

4. Tree Preservation/Urban Forest Management Plan:
 - Review and provide input to Urban Forest Management Plan when ready and being prepared by Diamondhead Consulting.
5. Nicomekl River Clean Up Event
 - Investigate the amount of debris in the river and assess if this is something that can be addressed using volunteers
6. Host a Recycling Event:
 - Target items difficult to recycle, ie. Textiles, Tires, etc.
7. Host a Repair-It Cafe Event
8. Raise "Point of Pride" profile:
 - Recruit new members.
 - Contest: 'street of the year'.
9. Implement Edible Planters
10. Investigate the feasibility of 'Self-serve bicycle repair kiosk' located at City Hall

ACTION: Staff to list suggestions and email to the members next week to be reviewed and prioritized at our next meeting

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

- a) Community Day organizers are planning to add two more waste stream stations for a total of 4 stations and the event will now run from 11am to 8pm. Organizers need volunteers to man these stations. It was requested for members to reach out to organizations they are associated with that may be able to provide volunteers.
- b) General Discussion about the following:
 - How to secure the posterboard displays at tents during the earth day event.

- Farmers Markets are becoming more than just produce, more artisans and expensive items being sold. Would like to get back to being primarily populated by produce from local farms.
- Streetscape waste containers: A consultant has been retained to complete a streetscape waste container audit and recommend changes in order to improve waste diversion from landfill. The consultant is reviewing pros and cons of five lower mainland and Vancouver Island waste container types, including the Township, for consideration to be used in the city. We expect the report will be completed in early April and a report will go to Council on May April 13.
- Chair to check with CKF about presenting to the committee or having the committee tour the facility. CKF is now manufacturing more paper products to meet current product demands.
- It was discussed that the Township of Langley has been found improperly dismantling beaver dams and not at the correct time of year. It was noted the City of Langley follows provincial guidelines when pulling down beaver dams.
- Member asked Is the City planning to change the classification coding of City streams? Chair noted city is not changing any classifications.
- Rivivify, is a Canadian owned company operating in Vancouver, that recycles textiles. For more information please follow this link: [Revivify | Recycle Clothes, Shoes & Textiles – Recycle Clothes, Shoes & Textiles \(textilerecycling.ca\)](https://www.revivify.ca/RecycleClothesShoesTextiles)

ACTION: LEPS & NES had attended a council meeting in the past that discussed 'Salmon safe' development. Could City provide resources at the development services counter about this topic? Attached is a copy of the July 25, 2022 Council meeting minutes where this issue was discussed. This will be added to the Environmental Sustainability Coordinators task list for consideration in the next few months.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:25 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

Certified Correct:
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RECORDING SECRETARY