



## **MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**

**Langley City Hall – CKF Room  
20399 Douglas Crescent, Langley, BC**

**THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023 AT 6:07 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

**Staff:** Francis Cheung, Chief Administrative Office  
Janine Clough, Recording Secretary

**Absent:** Marcela Ferreira, Member at Large, with regrets  
Nichole Marples, Langley Environmental Partners Society, with regrets  
Zana Gordon, Member at Large

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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 May 11, 2023 Agenda for the Environmental Task Group be adopted.

CARRIED

### **2) MINUTES**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the April 13, 2023 Minutes of the Environmental Task Group meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

### 3) **DISCUSSION**

#### 1. Earth Day Event Debrief:

- a. The layout improved the flow of the public through the booths.
- b. Make better use of the amphitheater – use for talks engaging visitors, teaching tool – ie BC Hydro could have given a small presentation.
- c. Put the event on the digital board at Douglas Recreation Centre.
- d. Design cross street banner for next year and apply for a City Grant for installation.
- e. The upcycle booth could offer ballots for the public to engage and vote.
- f. Reach out to schools in Aug/Sept of the previous year to make upcycle a part of their curriculum, something kids can work towards.
- g. Plant a tree every year at the event. Plant a fruit tree and create an orchard area by the Community Garden.
- h. Offer recycling for something like batteries,
- i. Reach out to mobile recycling companies early to book them for the event.
- j. Team up with another company who is also offering recycling services on Earth Day, ie: BCAA on the Langley Bypass offered a recycling drop off for used child car seats for recycling at their location on the Bypass.
- k. How to draw people into the various tents – apple give away, free food (popcorn), etc.
- l. Place tents so that all participants get good exposure.
- m. Pitch In week booth needs to be part of the event, people were asking about it.

#### 2. April Meeting Action Item Updates:

- a. Staff contacted Recycle BC who responded stating they do not have the resources to attend events such as Community Day.
- b. Update: R. Bomhof requested E. Hall to research other municipalities that offer rain barrel rebate program to its residents.
  - Chilliwack, Parksville, Cranbrook & Richmond were contacted.
  - Ms. Hall found that toilet rebates were offered much more than rain barrel rebates.
  - The application process is in-depth, with the request for receipts, is installation done by a company or personal, a photo of the installed finished product, etc.
  - \$50 is the standard amount of a rebate.

**ACTION:** Staff will contact these municipalities to request the following information:

- How many rebates are offered per year/per item?
- What is the value of the rebate.
- The number of applications received **VS** the number processed.

#### 3. General discussion about the ESC 2023 Annual Work Plan:

- Members would like to host a Repair-It Café
- Nicomekl River clean up event is scheduled August and volunteers are needed. In past years tow truck drivers have assisted to retrieve larger

items that were stuck in the creek. LEPS will be sending summer staff to do an inventory of items in the Nicomekl that need to be removed and will supply 'SHARPS' containers for the clean up.

- Tentative date is August 26<sup>th</sup>. Groups have previously met in the floodplain off 203 St. Place this item on the June 2023 agenda.

**ACTION:** L. Dreves will confirm if LEPS summer staff are still available on August 26.

The group discussed the possibility of creating an Environmental sustainability recognition/appreciation program for local business. A program with a point system.

**ACTION:** S. Richter will research other municipalities that offer a similar program and how it works.

**ACTION:** FC will speak to Director of Recreation about having a Point of Pride, now called Adopt a Program, presentation or information that can be given to our committee.

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

- a) Poster / Flyer – Determine Future Topic Ideas:
  - S. Richter suggested a Container Gardening poster, targeting multi-family residents.
- b) New Initiatives and Emerging Trends:
  - Food Security (A. Watari told the group about a new initiative called “Too Good To Go” – food bag.)
  - Climate Action Strategy (ie. Emergency Preparedness)

**ACTION:** FC will inquire about a 'City' thank you card or letter for sending to business/ individuals who donate items to city events.

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

- a) Discussion about Community Day:
  - 6 signs are needed for this year's event.
  - Staff to remove the existing 3 stream waste receptacles by the stage to avoid confusion and redirect public to the waste stations.
  - LEPS can provide 2 tents.
  - A total of 36 volunteers are needed to man the waste stations. The committee is looking at arranging a lunch voucher for volunteers. Volunteers can park in the City Hall underground parkade.
  - City staff will come and gather up the garbage/recycling/food waste during the day of the event.
  - Send any volunteer offers/requests to Vice Chair to organize.

**ACTION:** Staff to locate Waste Station signs & banners from the 2022 event.

- b) LFN should be completing their book at the end of the summer with many thanks to the City of Langley.

A member inquired about the expansion gaps in the 204 St overpass, fearing they could pose a danger to cyclists.

**ACTION:** FC will inquire if there are any products available to make this gap safer.

**ACTION:** A. Watari to share information from her mock-up textile project with the committee.

Chair discussed having a packaging summit with the Langley City business community and review the results with CKF Inc., here in Langley.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:27 pm.

CARRIED

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CHAIR

Certified Correct:  
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