



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2022 AT 7:00 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 September 8, 2022 agenda.

2) **MINUTES**

Adoption of the minutes of the Environmental Task Group meeting held June 9, 2022

3) **DISCUSSION**

1. The Canadian governments final countdown to banning some single use plastics: <https://www.langleyadvancetimes.com/news/the-final-countdown-to-banning-some-single-use-plastics-in-canada-begins-today/>
2. Community Day Waste Stations, follow up
3. Dog Waste Poster – Distribution, where and how?

4) **STANDING ITEMS**

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

5) **ROUND TABLE**

ADJOURNMENT

2022 MEETING DATES

Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 8

Please notify Janine Clough at 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 – CKF Boardroom
20399 Douglas Crescent, Langley, BC

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.

Present: Councillor Rosemary Wallace, Chair
Councillor Paul Albrecht, 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

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

Absent: Rick Bomhof, Director of Engineering, Parks & Environment, 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 June 9, 2022 Agenda for the Environmental Task Group be adopted.

CARRIED

2) **MINUTES**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT May 12, 2022 Minutes of the Environmental Task Group meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3) **DISCUSSION**

1. Township presentation re: implementation, structure, and initiatives of the Solid Waste Team.

- The City has asked the Township of Langley to defer the presentation in order for us to refine the scope of the presentation after the hiring of the Environment Sustainability Coordinator.

2. Community Day: Waste Management plan (volunteers needed):

- New 3 stream bins have been ordered and are being delivered.
- There are two waste stations being staffed by volunteers from LEPS and the following members of the ESC – Ms. Watari, Ms. Hall, and Ms. Marples. Volunteers to arrive at 10:30 for the 11:00am start time.
- LEPS is welcome to set up a table with information adjacent the waste station tents. Ms. Marples will check to see if they still have a clear container full of garbage and recycling contaminants that were placed in the organics bins to display as an educational tool.
- Two banners are on order that will identify the waste tents.
- Many of the food trucks are taking care of their own waste
- City Operations staff will pick up the garbage at the end of the day, around 6:30pm
- The city will look to ordering volunteer t-shirts for future events. Members submitted their size requests to the recording secretary.

3. Posters

- Year of the Garden Day: Ms. Marples compiled information to give to the City's Communications officer, Samantha Paulson, who will draft a proof for review. It was suggested to incorporate images she already has such as a community garden or Sendall Gardens.
- Ms. Hall shared dog waste information she found on the City of Vancouver website.
- **ACTION:** Ms. Hall will organize the information she has and drop it off at City Hall. Ms. Paulson will work with this information to create the pamphlet for review at the July ESC meeting.
- September's poster will be about single use plastics – hard plastic vs soft plastic. Ms. Watari will supply the information.
- It was also suggested the committee do a poster about pollinators as there are less insects, therefore, less pollination happening! Ms. Ferreira will gather this information when poster to be created.

4) ROUND TABLE

Councillor Albrecht was elected as the first vice president of the LMLGA at their conference. There were 22 Resolutions endorsed / 11 of those are in regard to climate action: extreme weather such as droughts, severe heat, flooding (flood prevention and diking), and fires all damaging infrastructure

LMLGA initiatives:

- Emergency Management BC support local governments raising disaster financial assistance for responding and planning for disaster mitigation.
- Federal, provincial, and local governments and BC Hydro to increase investment in EV infrastructure.
- Fossil fuels – UBCM and LMLGA formally endorse a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, reducing their use
- Stricter protection of BC's coasts from acidic wash water and toxic dumping from cruise and cargo vessels
- Biodiversity crisis – Ministry of Environment in partnership with First Nations enact urgent species protection for mammals and aquatic life. Currently only 4 of the 1336 species at risk are legally protected under the Wildlife Act.
- Single use plastics – request provincial government expedite the development of single-use plastic regulations by the end of 2022.
- Expanding climate smart housing - urging the Provincial government to support and promote the made in BC, prefabricated wood frame housing (supporting a circular community) including modifying the BC Building Code to enable quicker permitting approvals.
- Increase support and funding for training BC workers in climate smart construction including installation of solar panels, solar hot water systems and deep energy retrofits.
- Increasing provincial incentives and rebates for home and building owners to increase their own supply of renewable energy by installing solar panels for electricity and water.

ACTION: Request administration to send out invitations to local high schools for a youth member representative in September 2022.

Ms. Dreves shared Langley Watershed Bioblitz which is set up as an iNaturalist project, running from June 1 to 14, 2022. Participants can take photos and upload them to iNaturalist, a free app that identifies and catalogues plants, animals and fungi. Or tag your photos on social media using #YorksonBioblitz. This involves other watershed groups to make this a Langley-wide event. Currently, the Nicomekl watershed is in the lead with the Little Campbell in 2nd place!

Ms. Marples advised that the DLBA is concerned about homelessness and do not want to initiate the Edible Garden Planter program at this time. LEPS is using the 2 funded planters to see how they work.

ACTION: The City's CAO will speak with Recreation Director to see if a planter could be incorporated in the city's preschool program for the children to grow food as part of food security initiative. The preschool is run out of the Douglas Recreation Centre.

The Chair spoke to the committee about the invasive green crab that is destroying eco systems in Canada. The crab grass, which can range in colour from dark mottled green to orange, is native to European and North African coastlines, and was first found in Canadian waters in 1951.

They have done substantial damage on Canada's East Coast, and it's believed they arrived in B.C. between 1998 and 1999. They were first found in Boundary Bay, including Blackie Spit, in October 2019. Officials are concerned if they get a leghold on the eelgrass beds, the ecosystem might not recover.

The Chair suggested to add New Initiatives and Emerging Trends to the Agenda as standing items so that members have an opportunity of sharing information at each meeting.

ACTION: Janine to check who orders the Magnetic nametags for members to wear at city events and meetings. Update: Director of Recreation checking if business still exists and if so cost?

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:20 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

Certified Correct:
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RECORDING SECRETARY