



## MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Langley City Hall – CKF Boardroom  
20399 Douglas Crescent, Langley, BC

THURSDAY, MAY 12, 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: Rick Bomhof, Director of Engineering, Parks & Environment  
Janine Clough, Recording Secretary

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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 12, 2022 Agenda for the Environmental Task Group be adopted.

**CARRIED**

### 2) **MINUTES**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT April 14, 2022 Minutes of the Environmental Task Group meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED**

### 3) **DISCUSSION**

#### 1) Earth Day Event Debrief

- Positive feedback from the people who participated in the event with a steady stream of people throughout the day

- It would be good to know where people are coming from. A suggestion was made to have a map at the event where pins could be placed on it to get an idea how far reaching the event was.
- Also, how did people hear about the event?
- Utilize the space closer to the community garden as opposed to being so spread out throughout the park
- Have a city staff member on site with information and updating on what the city is doing.
- Have City of Langley garbage bins as opposed to the Township of Langley!
- Apples as prizes were a big hit!
- The weather was sunny, but windy. Attendance would likely have been less if rainy and cold.
- Consider moving the planting station off the spirit square stage and onto the grass area.
- The upcycle / dog compost table would like to have postcard size info cards to hand out. We could also have an upcycle challenge with a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
- Could a budget be set aside for Earth Day 2023?
- Committee would like to see the 2023 budget be \$4000 – 5000.
- Invite the Greater Langley Tree Stewardship organization and CCLAP - Climate Crisis Langley Action Partners to attend
- Send digital copies of the poster to the schools and other organizations. Rosemary will give Samantha photos for next year's promotion of the event.
- John Aldag and Andrew Mercier were happy to be invited to the event

It was noted that the Committee would like to see the 2023 budget for Earth Day be increased to \$4-5000.

*Subsequent to this meeting, LEPS advised their total cost for the Earth Day Event was just under \$500.*

## 2) 2022 Annual Work Plan:

The committee reviewed the 2022 workplan per below:

1. Annual Earth Day Event, planning (see above)
2. Review Single Use Plastic bylaw
  - see what other Municipalities have done,
  - get copy of their bylaw and enforcement measures,
  - how would we roll out such a bylaw without it coming across as punishing small businesses?
3. Discuss Environmental Recognition programs
4. Educational Sustainability Messaging; develop a poster campaign for:
  - environmental sustainability with regards to single use plastics,
  - what is/is not recyclable/compostable in our community,

- dog waste,
  - Year of the Garden.
5. Tree Preservation/Urban Forest Management Plan:
- policy recommendations,
  - expanding tree canopy in urban areas.

It was noted CKF Inc. in the City is working towards a sustainability plan for their single use plastic items

**ACTION:** Paul Albrecht to discuss with the DLBA businesses who may be interested and willing to have a conversation about sustainability practices.

There was some discussion around business adopting sustainable practices and how the city can support them. Also, about the possibility of ESC members reaching out to the businesses to discuss the proposal to create a sustainability bylaw. We could take their feedback to create a survey that would be mailed to all businesses with a valid City of Langley business licence.

DLBA is interested in a recognition program and packaging options. Such a program could offer categories such as: industry, business, neighbourhood, and individual recognition programs

- 3) Information Posters: ineffective and effective ways to communicate information
- Nichole volunteered to create content for a 'Year of the Garden' flyer and email content to the group for review with the hope that a information poster could be created and available for distribution on Community Day, June 18. If there is not enough time, this information could be shared via social media and an ad be placed in the newspaper.
  - Ellen volunteered to create content for a dog waste flyer and bring to the July 14 ESC mtg for review.
- 4) Community Day: education booth(s) for waste management
- The Community Day Event is on June 18, 2022,
  - LEPS EcoCrew will have their volunteers there to assist the public in correctly disposing of items at two separate stations.
  - What type of bins will the city supply?

**ACTION:** Nichole will investigate acceptable/affordable bins for the city to purchase for the Event and email the information to Rick.

#### 4) ROUND TABLE

Update on the sustainability presentation from the Township: It will take place at the ESC June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting and will last approx. 20 minutes.

They will cover the Township's structure, initiatives, and their action/items list.

Councillor Albrecht has been elected as the first president of the LMGA at the conference. The LMGA initiatives include more affordable housing; climate change & emergencies, such as droughts, severe heat, flooding (flood prevention and diking), and fires.

**ACTION:** Janine to check who orders the Magnetic nametags for members to wear at city events and meetings.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:35 pm.

CARRIED



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CHAIR

Certified Correct:  
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