



MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.

Present: Councillor Rosemary Wallace, Vice Chair
Amika Watari, Post Secondary Institution Rep
Ellen Hall, Member at Large
Lisa Dreves, Langley Field Naturalists
Lisa Boughen, Member at Large
Nichole Marples, Langley Environmental Partners Society
Stafford Richter, Member at Large
Camille Lefrançois, Guest Presenter

Staff: David Pollock, Director of Engineering, Parks & Environment
Natasha Loewen, Engineering, Parks & Environment Clerk

Absent: Councillor Paul Albrecht, Chair, with regrets
Armaan Lilotha, Member at Large, with regrets
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 APRIL 11, 2024 Agenda for the Environmental Sustainability Committee be adopted as amended related to the order of discussion.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the MARCH 14, 2024 Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting be adopted as amended related to the Green Teams of Canada item.

CARRIED

3. DISCUSSION

1. Urban Forestry Management Strategy (UFMS)
 - 1.1. Diamond Head Consulting presented the UFMS draft strategy outlining four Goals each with specific Strategies and Actions. The Committee discussed the various initiatives, such as a tree protection bylaw, and education.
 - 1.2. The Committee discussed the next steps of the second round of public engagement that will take place over the next three months including a survey (both online and hard copy), an Open House and possibly pop-up engagement at events such as Community Day.
 - 1.3. Having compiled the data from the second round of public engagement, Diamond Head Consulting will craft a Draft UFMS for review and ultimate endorsement by Council.
 - 1.4. The Committee discussed the need for any trees to be planted in the future to be climate resilient. Staff noted that the City has an extensive catalogue of trees for consideration along with the appropriate soil growing medium. Diamond Head Consulting noted that they have previously prepared a document for Metro Vancouver titled "Urban Forest Climate Adaptation Framework for Metro Vancouver" and agreed to forward the link to the report, along with a database of suitable trees for the Committee's perusal.

2. Earth Day 2024
 - 2.1. Committee members discussed the components of the program for Earth Day 2024, including:
 - 2.1.1. Committee Member confirmed that the Douglas Park Rec Centre will be open for the event, and tables, chairs, etc. will be on site. The bike valet will be in the Rec Centre.
 - 2.1.2. There was discussion around prizes, and ballots.
 - 2.1.3. The Committee discussed various trees and agreed that an Asian pear tree will be planted on Earth Day.

4. STANDING ITEMS

N/A

5. ROUND TABLE

N/A

6. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:35 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

Certified Correct:

Director of Engineering, Parks & Env.