



MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL TASK GROUP

REMOTE VIDEO CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Present: Councillor Rosemary Wallace, Chair
Councillor Paul Albrecht, Vice Chair,
Nicole Marples, Langley Environmental Partners Society
Lisa Dreves, Langley Field Naturalists
Ellen Hall, Member at Large
Lisa Stephens, Member at Large

Staff: Rick Bomhof, Director of Engineering, Parks & Environment
Janine Clough, Recording Secretary

Absent: David Chang, Post-secondary Institution

1) ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOVED BY Member Hall
SECONDED BY Member Marples

THAT the February 11, 2021 agenda for the Environmental Task Group be adopted.

CARRIED

2) MINUTES

MOVED BY Member Hall
SECONDED BY Member Marples

THAT the November 12, 2020 minutes of the Environmental Task Group meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3) BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

4) DISCUSSION

a) Introduction of new member

- Chair welcomed Lisa to the Task Group

b) 2020 Zero Waste Conference

Chairs summary of information gathered at the Annual Zero Waste Conference hosted by Metro Vancouver, partnering with the National Zero Waste Council took place November 13, 2014

This conference had numerous presenters talking about innovation, intention and organizations around the world that are leading in 'best practices' to reduce the carbon footprint.

- Build back better – a reference to what has been learned from COVID
- Build with intention, lead by example, curiosity, innovation, entrepreneurship
- Design for a better environment through exploring what others are doing in keeping in mind the life cycle of a product?
- Circularity - designing smartly at the onset.
- Consumer responsibility, packaging, materials used, carbon footprint.
- Loop back where carbon is captured.
- Kenya has banned plastics
- Concrete-second most used material, 8% co2
- Bio Fabrication – Fabricating with biology, living organisms, bio technology, proteins grown by bacteria. Microbes – nutrient rich liquid reducing water. Mycelium materials.
- Learning and not taking away from nature by copying and creating sustainable products.
- Learn through designing together with nature.
- Step code, environmental forestry, sustainable pulp production
- Divest in Fossil Fuels and radically reduce the production of plastic.
- The importance of the Indigenous perspective, the knowledge keepers of the land and water
- Designs that embrace the 5 R's: Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose and Recycle.

c) Review of Street Scape containers – deferred to March 11th meeting

d) The City of Langley to change the current bylaw and require new builders to provide more charging stations.

The following information was shared by Development Services:

- The City currently requests a minimum of 2 installed charging stations/stalls, plus the remainder of parking stalls to be preducted to enable future charging station installation.
- In the new draft OCP, there is a policy in 2.27 that 'requires level 2 charging stations, as set out in the Zoning Bylaw'
- We are currently considering for our new Zoning Bylaw that 10 percent of all parking stalls in a development to have level 2 chargers, in order to start implementing policy 2.27 noted above; with

- consideration for increasing this percentage when the Zoning Bylaw is reviewed (ie. every 2 years) to meet market demand.
- Recently we have had new applications providing more than the minimum 2 charging stations. An 88-unit apartment on Eastleigh is providing 6 installed chargers, and a 68-unit apartment on 207 Street is providing 10 installed chargers. Both apartments will have producing as well for all remaining parking stalls.
 - we are now typically asking for more than 2 installed chargers for each new development coming in, recognizing that we are heading towards the 10 percent requirement, which would equate to about 7 to 20 stalls per development, depending on number of units in each development.

There was discussion about the signs on 56 Ave about EV stations at City Hall, which are very deceiving because they are locked in the underground parkade.

ACTION: Ask staff to look into installing EV charging stations on city property in various locations of the city that would be accessible 24 hours a day. Are there grants available from province or BC Hydro for this?

5) OTHER BUSINESS

- Review priorities previously set out by the Task group at the March meeting.

ACTION: The Nicomekl River Survey page does not have the survey end date on it. This link has been shared other websites and the Feb 21 deadline needs to be added.


ACTION: Will the recording of the OCP presentation on Feb 10, 2021 be uploaded to the website for viewing?

6) ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY Member Hall
SECONDED BY Member Stephens

THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:11 pm.

CARRIED



CHAIR



RECORDING SECRETARY

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