



MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.

- Present: Councillor Paul Albrecht, Chair
Councillor Rosemary Wallace, Vice Chair
Amika Watari, Post Secondary Institution Rep
Armaan Lilotha, Member at Large
Ellen Hall, Member at Large
Lisa Boughen, Member at Large
Lisa Dreves, Langley Field Naturalists
Nichole Marples, Langley Environmental Partners Society
Terri-Lou Trainor, LFN/Certified Bat Ambassador, Guest Presenter
- Staff: Kyle Simpson, Manager, Engineering & Parks Operations
Natasha Loewen, Clerk, Engineering, Parks & Environment
- Absent: Stafford Richter, 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 JUNE 13, 2024 Agenda for the Environmental Sustainability Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the APRIL 11, 2024 Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3. DISCUSSION

1. Bat Friendly Community Presentation
 - 1.1. Terri-Lou Trainor presented the BC Community Bat Programs and provided an overview of bats in BC, and how to become bat friendly.
 - 1.2. There was consensus with the committee for becoming bat friendly as the bats eat mosquitos and other insects that harm beneficial plants.
 - 1.3. The committee discussed the favorable locations to install bat boxes/homes, such along the Nicomekl river. However, an investigation is required to determine where the bats currently live to ensure the bat boxes are built in a suitable environment.
 - 1.4. The ESC recommends that Council pursues certification as a bat friendly community.

2. Earth Day 2024
 - 2.1. Committee members discussed the Earth Day 2024 event, including:
 - 2.1.1. There was positive consensus around the event, including the layout, booths, bicycle valet, and upcycle challenge.
 - 2.1.2. The committee discussed advertising the upcycle challenge criteria to the community prior to the event.
 - 2.1.3. It would be favorable for the community to drop off their upcycle entry at Timms Community Centre the night before the event, and display the winner(s) in the display cabinets after the event.
 - 2.1.4. It was recognized that advanced notice and advertisement for the community would be beneficial for the 2025 event. The 2025 event to be added to the September 2024 meeting agenda for discussion.
 - 2.1.5. LEPS to provide a summary report of the event for Council.

3. Repair-it Café
 - 3.1. The event is scheduled for June 15 at Timms Community Centre.
 - 3.2. LEPS is coordinating the possibility of scheduling another event at the Langley Senior Resources Society in October.

4. STANDING ITEMS

N/A

5. ROUND TABLE

1. The community survey for the Economic Development Strategy is due June 24.
2. There was consensus with the committee to include the impact of urbanization on wildlife in the urban forest management assessment.
3. The committee discussed various items for the 2025 work plan, including waste management at community events, signage, and education. Committee members to research other municipal policies for consideration at the City of Langley.

6. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:28 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

Certified Correct:

Director of Engineering, Parks & Env.