



MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL TASK GROUP

REMOTE VIDEO CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021 AT 7:13 P.M.

Present: Councillor Rosemary Wallace, Chair
Nichole Marples, Langley Environmental Partners Society
Ellen Hall, Member at Large
Lisa Stephens, Member at Large
Councillor Paul Albrecht, Vice Chair, joined the meeting at 7:30pm

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

Absent: Lisa Dreves, Langley Field Naturalists, 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) **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the OCTOBER 21, 2021 agenda for the Environmental Task Group be adopted.

CARRIED

2) **MINUTES**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 minutes of the Environmental Task Group meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3) **DISCUSSION**

a) Environmental Youth Rep

- The Task Group is still looking for a youth representation
- Ellen will create a poster, with criteria sent from Paula K, and send it to the City for final approval. The poster will then be posted in Secondary Schools in the hopes of recruiting a youth member.
- Make a note on the poster of the benefits of participating in a committee such as this for their educational resume for post secondary applications

- We could also send the poster to the principals to be included in the school's newsletter sent directly to parents.
- Send to Nicole who can share with youth that work with LEPS.

b) Streetscape Container Waste Audit Update

- Rick updated the committee with a summary of the waste audit results with information about contamination.
- The next step would be to budget and develop options for how council would like to move forward. A capital budget request will be made to Council for 2022.
- Subject to budget approval and the findings of the next study phases a pilot project may be necessary. Alternatively, it may be possible to use the results of the Township's pilot project.
- Public Education is required for success.

c) Portage Park Tree Grove

It was previously discussed that Portage Park has a wide variety of, and well established, tree species and that it would be nice to identify the trees and to place name tags on the trees for people's education and enjoyment. The City's arborist provided a map and list of the tree species (attached). Councillor Wallace provided an example of the type of signs that could be placed on the trees (attached).

- Nichole will ask Lisa D. to review and confirm the tree species list as requested by the arborist.
- More research would be needed to find out the indigenous names of the trees for a tree plaque.
- It was also suggested that a large sign be placed at the entrance of the park with this information.

It was discussed that identifying the trees in Portage Park would be as an educational piece which could serve as an example and be applied throughout other city parks if desired. It would raise awareness and appreciation for the types of trees we have in our community. The naming of the trees is an educational component consistent with the goals and strategy of the Nicomekl River District Plan.

ACTION:

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED**

THAT Council give consideration for up to \$10,000 in the 2022 capital budget for a sign and identifying of trees at Portage Park with funding from the developer's community amenity charge fund

CARRIED

4) NEW BUSINESS

- a) There was discussion about the creation of a waste pamphlet to include information on disposing of dog waste, identifying recycling and organics items, etc. and the need to request funding to develop this pamphlet.

- brochure could provide links to more specific information which may already be included as part of the City's new website.
- Identify what exactly the problem areas are and how we go about educating and fixing the issue(s) by identifying the steps it would take to develop a comprehensive plan
- 'Beyond brochures' was discussed and reference made to 'Community based social marketing' which is an **approach to achieving broad sustainable behavior** in our communities. *It combines the knowledge from psychology and social marketing to leverage community members' action to change behavior. CBSM is more than education, it's spurring action by a community and for a community.*

b. Lack of greenery along the one-way section of downtown

There was a discussion about how nice the one-way section looks in the summertime when staff place plants in the planter boxes but in the winter time it looks void of greenery. Since the timing of the one-way reconstruction remains unknown it was suggested the City look at placing additional planters to place evergreens to enhance the downtown area in winter time. The planters and trees could be relocated to other areas once the reconstruction proceeds.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

ACTION:

THAT Council direct staff to investigate the cost of installing planters with evergreen trees along the Fraser Hwy One-way

BEFORE THE QUESTION WAS CALLED it was noted that the Fraser Hwy One Way stretch of road has lacked trees for a few years now and this would be a temporary measure until the Fraser Hwy One Way Upgrade Project commences.

THE QUESTION WAS CALLED and same was

CARRIED

- b) The group collectively decided to hold the November meeting on November 18th rather than the 11th, Remembrance Day.

6) **ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:42m.

CARRIED

CHAIR

Certified Correct:
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RECORDING SECRETARY