

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES

Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on Thursday, July 20, 2017 in Council Chambers at Village Hall, 2697 Sunnyside Road, Anmore, BC



MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Paul Weverink (Chair)
Grace Bergman
Coleen Hackinen
Babak Taghvaei

MEMBERS ABSENT

Nil

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Weverink called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

“THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED AS CIRCULATED.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. MINUTES

(a) **Minutes of the Meeting held on June 1, 2017**

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

“THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 1, 2017 BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

6. NEW BUSINESS

(a) **Wildlife-Human Interaction**

Committee discussed bear issues. Highlights of discussion included:

- Methods of identifying, type and location, of bear issues
- A member contacted WildSafe BC to discuss different programs that municipalities can take part in (possibly join others), continuing to educate public about Village bylaws and properly storing garbage and organic bins on non-collection days
- Keeping all bear attractants away
- For damaged bins due to bears, possibly charge additional fees to replace/fix or fine residents
- Staff to possibly provide a report regarding bins damaged by bears on non-collection days
- There is currently good information on Village website
- Members to speak with neighbours and/or peers to research how much of a problem bears are within their neighbourhood.

Action item: *Grace Bergman to contact Smithrite Disposal to investigate the location of bear problems within the Village.*

Action item: *Coleen Hackinen to contact Conservation Officer Society and request a list of bear encounters within the Village.*

Action item: *Coleen Hackinen to ask staff about waste collection at Anmore Green Estates and Countryside.*

Action item: *Chair Weverink to post on his Facebook page the question of who encounters bears in Anmore on a regular basis.*

(b) **Noxious Weed Control**

Committee discussed control of noxious weeds on private land. Highlights of discussion included:

- Focus on “Schedule B” of the BC Weed Control Act
- Follow up with the Village on noxious weed control on private properties
- The Province does not enforce noxious weed control on private land; it can be enforced through a municipal bylaw
- Invasive plants are a problem, whereas noxious weed are a bigger concern.

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

“THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT COUNCIL INSTRUCT THE VILLAGE TO DRAFT A BYLAW THAT WOULD ALLOW FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE BC WEED CONTROL ACT AS IT RELATES TO NOXIOUS WEEDS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

“TO ADJOURN.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Certified Correct:

C. MILLOY

Christine Milloy
Manager of Corporate Services

Approved:

P. WEVERINK

Councillor Paul Weverink
Chair, Environment Committee