

Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on Monday, October 3, 2016 in Council Chambers at Village Hall, 2697 Sunnyside Road, Anmore, BC



MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Ryan Froese (Chair)
Mike Barnes (arrived at 7:20 p.m.)
Grace Bergman
Paige Crawley
Coleen Hackinen
Elaine Willis

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Froese called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Members agreed to add to the agenda item 6(e) – Finalize and Ratify Steep Slope and Tree Management Bylaw comments.

It was Moved and Seconded:

“That the Agenda be approved as amended.”

Carried Unanimously

3. MINUTES

(a) Minutes of the Meeting held on March 7, 2016

It was Moved and Seconded:

“That the Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on March 7, 2016 be adopted as amended.”

Carried Unanimously

(b) Minutes of the Meeting held on May 2, 2016

It was Moved and Seconded:

“That the Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on May 2, 2016 be adopted as circulated.”

Carried Unanimously

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

6. NEW BUSINESS**(a) Welcome to Anmore Brochure (Draft)**

Highlights of discussion regarding the brochure are as follows:

- This item has been included on an agenda a number of times and it needs to move forward.
- The Committee could contribute ideas on the environment portion of the brochure (e.g. bears, garbage etc.) and staff could create the concept of the brochure.
- Chair Froese explained that staff would not be involved in the creation of the brochure and it would be the Committee's responsibility, if agreeable to the Committee.

Action item: Chair Froese to forward an editable document to Coleen Hackinen.

- The following points should be included as tabs for the brochure:
 - Waste and recycling
 - Brush chipping
 - Septic
 - Identifying and treating invasive species
 - Wildlife
 - Riparian areas
 - Tree Management Bylaw
 - Nature scape principals
 - Open burning ban, campfire permits

Action item: Committee to prepare key topics for discussion at an upcoming workshop.

(b) Spill Response Regime Report

Committee reported that three members previously discussed the document titled 'Spill Preparedness and Response in BC – Proposed Amendments to the *Environmental Management Act* and Proposed Regulations' at a meeting which had been cancelled due to lack of quorum.

(c) Lawn and Garden Watering Methods

Highlights of discussion regarding materials from Metro Vancouver and Saving Water Partnership are as follows:

- Include information within the upcoming Welcome to Anmore brochure.
- When water restrictions are implemented in the spring, it is recommended that staff provide information to residents of the water wise tips on the Village's website and through local Anmore media channels.
- New development specifications and new construction should incorporate or incentivize water wise design (for example, grey water recycling for lawn and garden watering).
- Refunds and rebates for water wise improvements.
- Fast track homes that incorporate environmentally friendly lawn and garden watering methods.
- When water restrictions are put in place and notices are issued, contact information for who to report infractions to, and what information is required (i.e. address and time of day of the events).
- When water restrictions are implemented, the committee recommends that staff provide information to residents in the spring on water wise tips on the Village's website and through local Anmore media channels.

(d) Noxious Weeds

It was highlighted during discussion regarding the 2015 ISCMV Invasive Plant Management Final Report that noxious weeds are specified in a regulation under the *Weed Control Act*, however it excludes private land. Therefore, it is left to local governments to put into a bylaw where they can enforce the provincial statute.

The Committee recommends to Council to include a bylaw that allows the Village to enforce the *Weed Control Act*.

(e) Finalize and Ratify Steep Slope and Tree Management Bylaw Comments

Highlights of discussion regarding steep slope protection and tree management bylaw are as follows:

- The OCP says 20% steep slope, and the Tree Management Bylaw says 30%
- Run over rise is 3:1 for a minimum distance of 15 metres
- Development permit areas would help to protect steep slopes. It was shown in a draft of the OCP, but it was removed. It should be re-introduced as a tool to protect steep slopes.
- Preservation of natural environment
- Require permit for all trees as documentation process
- Require development permit for areas designated as steep slope (OCP schedule D2)

- Require top of bank protection area no disturbance buffer on adjacent slope
- Top of bank to be determined on best practice and our environmental consultant's recommendations
- Use Top of Bank definition in the *Riparian Areas Regulation* of the *BC Fish Protection Act, 376-2004*, section 1 definitions, page 4.
- Require replanting of trees along the top of bank of slopes where trees fell due to previous clearing or natural falling along top of bank

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Certified Correct:

C. MILLOY

Christine Milloy
Manager of Corporate Services

Approved:

R. FROESE

Councillor Ryan Froese
Chair, Environment Committee