

## ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES

Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on Thursday, October 19, 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 7:10 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 September 21, 2017

**“THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2017 BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.”**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Item 6(a) – Wildlife – Human Interaction

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

**“THAT SUBSEQUENT TO REVIEW OF REPORTED WILDLIFE-HUMAN INTERACTION IN ANMORE, THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS NO ACTION BE TAKEN AT THIS TIME; AND THAT STAFF BE REQUESTED TO NOTIFY THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE IF THE SITUATION CHANGES.”**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Item 6(b) – Generator Use

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

**“THAT GENERATOR USE DURING AN EMERGENCY IS NOT AN ISSUE FOR MOST PROPERTIES IN ANMORE; AND THAT THE BYLAW SHOULD INCLUDE AN EXEMPTION TO ALLOW UNRESTRICTED GENERATOR USE DURING A POWER OUTAGE OR EMERGENCY AND; THAT GENERATOR USE MAY BE AN ISSUE IN SOME STRATA DEVELOPMENTS, THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS STRATA DEVELOPMENTS DEVELOP THEIR OWN BYLAW TO ADDRESS THIS SPECIFIC ISSUE.”**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Committee agreed not to further discuss the issue of decibel levels unless it becomes an issue in the village.

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Nil

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**(a) Review of 2016 Action Items**

Committee reviewed the 2016 Action Items list and agreed that all items are complete, and no further actions are required.

**(b) Septic Systems**

Committee discussed:

- An excerpt from the draft 'Welcome to Anmore Brochure'; and
- Concerns over potential effects of chlorine in potable water in septic system function.

Action item: *Chair Weverink to ask staff for information on chlorine concentration ranges in potable water in the Village.*

Action item: *Babak Taghvaei to search the internet for data on chlorine concentrations which might affect septic system function.*

**(c) Open Ditches**

Highlights of Committee discussion on this matter are:

- In favour of bioswales and/or ditches as they are more shallow, easier to maintain, attractive, and safer for cars.
- Some other benefits of open ditches opposed to closed pipe storm sewers are: water infiltration; opportunity to slow velocity of flow; increase storage of excess rainwater; particulates; pollutants such as gasoline, solvents, metals etc. to be filtered out before entering the stream; reduces downstream erosion; and greater capability to reduce flooding resulting from heavy rainfall.
- A disadvantage of closed pipe storm sewers is the expense to upgrade.
- The Village received a government grant for a Storm Water Management Plan.

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

**“THAT THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE SUPPORTS THE USE OF OPEN DITCHES AND BIOSWALES IN THE VILLAGE OF ANMORE FOR THE PURPOSES OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT, AND DOES NOT SUPPORT THE UTILIZATION OF CLOSED UNDERGROUND PIPED STORMWATER SYSTEMS.”**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Certified Correct:

**C. MILLOY**

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Christine Milloy  
Manager of Corporate Services

Approved:

**P.WEVERINK**

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Councillor Paul Weverink  
Chair, Environment Committee