

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES

Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on Thursday, February 15, 2018 in Council Chambers at Village Hall, 2697 Sunnyside Road, Anmore, BC



MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Paul Weverink (Chair)
Grace Bergman
Coleen Hackinen

MEMBERS ABSENT

Babak Taghvaei

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor 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 December 7, 2017**

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

“THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 7, 2017 BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

6. NEW BUSINESS**(a) Tree Management Bylaw**

Committee reviewed comments made by the previous Committee on March 7, 2016 and October 3, 2016. The following points were highlighted during discussion:

- Enforceability is a problem. Developers often have no issues in paying fines.
- Replanting is a problem as the soil and natural vegetation takes too long to come back.
- Clearing to top of bank can be hazardous for slope stability.
- Ensuring 20% steep slope should be consistent throughout all Village bylaws.
- There is lack of clarity for previously cleared properties. There should be a rule to ensure proper 20% vegetation coverage is met, if land is being developed.
- Ensure previous comments and suggestions are included when staff drafts amendment bylaw.
- Is there a way to retain the Village's natural environment without having concerns with falling trees?
- Include a security bond requirement for replanting and review every 3 to 5 years.

Committee requests they be provided an opportunity to review the draft bylaw, when available.

(b) Dark Sky Principle

The following points were highlighted during discussion:

- There are some designated dark sky communities.
- This makes sense for Anmore.
- Many people may not know what it is.
- Communities without street lights are often safer, with the exception of super box break-ins.
- Educating the public is key.

7. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

“TO ADJOURN.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Certified Correct:

C. BAIRD

Christine Baird
Manager of Corporate Services

Approved:

P. WEVERINK

Councillor Paul Weverink
Chair, Environment Committee