

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES

Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on Thursday, May 17, 2018 in Council Chambers at Village Hall, 2697 Sunnyside Road, Anmore, BC



MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Paul Weverink (Chair)
Grace Bergman
Coleen Hackinen
Babak Taghvaei (left at 7:50 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Nil

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Weverink called the meeting to order at 7:15 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 February 15, 2018

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

“THAT THE MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 15, 2018 BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

6. NEW BUSINESS**(a) Noxious Weed Bylaw (Private Property)**

The following points were highlighted during discussion about a noxious weed bylaw:

- Require a bylaw to give the Village authority to require management of invasive species on private properties
- Village could administer a program for removal of noxious weeds/invasive species on private properties
- Village to facilitate helping resident to eradicate specified invasive noxious weeds/invasive species on private properties
- Educate residents starting with knotweed and hogweed
- Bylaw to be flexible with the ability to amend future noxious weeds/invasive species, plants or others

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

“HAVE STAFF DRAFT A BYLAW THAT INCORPORATES THE FOLLOWING: 1. REQUIRE CONTROL OF NOXIOUS WEEDS AS DEFINED IN THE BC WEED CONTROL REGULATION SCHEDULE A ON PRIVATE PROPERTY; 2. ALLOWS FLEXIBILITY TO INCLUDE OTHER INVASIVE SPECIES (NON PLANT) SUCH AS FIRE ANTS SHOULD THEY BECOME A PROBLEM; 3. INCLUDE ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS INCLUDING ABILITY FOR VILLAGE TO RECOVER COSTS WHERE THE VILLAGE DOES THE WORK/OR CONTRACTOR WHEN THE PROPERTY OWNER DOESN'T, FOR EXAMPLE COQUITLAM BYLAW NO. 4181, 2010 CLAUSE 6; 4. REGULATE ALIEN INVASIVE SPECIES THROUGH THE COMMUNITY CHARTER, SEE PAGE 40 OF THE INVASIVE SPECIES TOOLKIT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

“THAT THE VILLAGE START AN EDUCATION PROGRAM VIA OUR CORPORATE COMMUNICATION MECHANISMS; AND THAT WE FOCUS NOW ON KNOTWEED, HOGWEED AND WE INCLUDE ‘HEADS UP’ THAT COUNCIL HAS DIRECTED STAFF TO DEVELOP A BYLAW TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS AND INVASIVE SPECIES ON PRIVATE LANDS.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

“THAT THE VILLAGE CREATE A PROGRAM SO THE VILLAGE ORGANIZES A CONTRACTOR TO TREAT INVASIVE PLANTS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY; AND THAT THE RESIDENTS REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE; AND THAT THE VILLAGE WOULD COORDINATE BILLING TO USERS.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(b) Regulating Marijuana Usage (Municipal Property)

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

“THAT THE ANMORE SMOKING CONTROL BYLAW BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE MARIJUANA USE.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

“TO ADJOURN.”

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Certified Correct:

C. BAIRD

Christine Baird
Manager of Corporate Services

Approved:

P. WEVERINK

Councillor Paul Weverink
Chair, Environment Committee