

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – AGENDA

Agenda for the Environment Committee Meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. virtually via Zoom meeting



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Please note that the meeting will be streamed via Zoom Meeting
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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Recommendation: That the agenda be approved as circulated.

3. **MINUTES**

(a) **Minutes of the Meeting held on November 19, 2020 and Minutes of the meeting held on February 10, 2021**

Recommendation: That the Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on November 1, 2020, and Minutes of the Joint Environment Committee and Public Safety Committee held on February 10, 2021 be adopted, as circulated.

4. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

(a) **Committee Orientation**

Staff to provide overview of committee process and procedures.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES

Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on
Thursday, November 19, 2020 virtually via Zoom



MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Paul Weverink, Chair
Grace Bergman
Trudy Schneider
Elaine Willis

MEMBERS ABSENT

Patricia Van Der Lingen

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Weverink called the meeting to order at 7:09 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 July 16, 2020

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

That the Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held
on July 16, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

Carried Unanimously

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

(a) 2020 Status Update

Members discussed the status of items referred to Council. Discussion points included:

Campfire Regulations

- Chair Weverink provided an update to his report brought forward to Council, which included the Committees concerns with the current Campfire Bylaw. He noted that Council is not in favour of amending the bylaw but are willing to review with the public for a reminder and clarification

Wildlife Education

- Members discussed and agreed that there seems to be fewer concerns with bears this year

ACTION ITEM: Ask staff to request the number of warnings and tickets that GFL Environmental may have issued this year compared to last year.

Invasive Species

- Invasive species control and eradication continue to be a concern
- Still a need for educating the public to include the dangers, what each species look like etc.
- Include Invasive Species in the Village newsletter and feature a “plant of the month”
- Organize clean-up activities through the 1st Anmore Scouts and Youth Group

(b) Committee Priorities for 2021

Members discussed the priorities for 2021 and agreed to focus on helping the public recognize and eliminate invasive species and work with the Parks Committee to identify areas in need of attention.

Members also would like to participate in perusing the landscaping plans for Spirit Park, to avoid invasive species and to remain consistent with the natural environment.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

To adjourn this meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

Certified Correct:

Approved:

Karen Elrick
Manager of Corporate Services

Councillor Paul Weverink
Chair, Environment Committee

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE / PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES



Minutes for the Environment Committee and Public Safety Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. virtually via Zoom meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT - Environment Committee

Councillor Paul Weverink, Chair
Grace Bergman
Trudy Schneider
Patricia Van Der Lingen
Elaine Willis

MEMBERS PRESENT - Public Safety Committee

Councillor Tim Laidler, Chair
Robert Boies
Gord McRae
Bryan Mitten
Sky Zhu

Mayor John McEwen
Juli Halliwell, CAO

Guest:

Chris Miller, BC Conservation
Alicia Stark, BC Conservation

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Juli Halliwell, CAO, provided an overview of the meeting format and protocol noting that there will be an opportunity for questions following the presentation.

3. MINUTES

None.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS**(a) BC Conservation Officer Service**

BC Conservation provided a presentation on Bear-Human conflicts which is included as Attachment 1 and forms part of the original minutes.

Discussion points of presentation included:

- There are currently two conservation officers assigned to the area which includes Anmore
- Bear conflict prevention/attractant management
- Strategies for avoiding bears becoming comfortable around people
- Reporting bear conflicts
- Bear activity updates
- Statistics from last 3 years in Anmore
- Bear safety
- Conservation Officer roles

Discussion during question period included:

- Cougar sightings – reports are tracked for cougars as well
- Village of Anmore paid for bylaw enforcement to give warnings for garbage being left out in 2020 but no tickets were issued last year
- There is no relationship between bears destroyed and hunting licenses issued.
- Attractant audit was conducted in Anmore by BC Conservation and there were no tickets or warnings issued as there were secured attractants in the area canvassed.
- Information reported to BC Conservation is recorded
- Hibernation patterns and the fact the bears do not hibernate every year depending on food source and temperatures
- Anmore has a significantly lower report of conflict than other areas within the zone but there is still a risk of wildlife interactions especially with unleashed house pets

(b) Committee Procedures

Mayor McEwen thanked all of the volunteer committee members for their contribution to the Village and provided an overview of

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