

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – Minutes

Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at Village Hall, 2697 Sunnyside Road, Anmore, BC



MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Paul Weverink, Chair
Bill Cooke
Al Harmer
Alex Stein
Elaine Willis

MEMBERS ABSENT

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Weverink called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 15, 2021**

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Environment Committee request staff to correct page 2, under section 6. (a) to show as "Lack of pesticide bylaw in Anmore".

The Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on July 15, 2021 be adopted as amended.

Carried Unanimously

The Chair invited members of the public to provide public input:

Doug Richardson, Anmore, regarding Tree Management Bylaw including consistency of definition of "tree" within the bylaw and desire for tree retention requirements regardless of lot size

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS**(a) Committee Round Table**

Committee topics for discussion included:

- Tree Management Bylaw
- Open Ditch Policy

The Committee discussed the Tree Management Bylaw and made recommendations included in the resolution for consideration of Council.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Environment Committee recommend that staff review items identified by the Environment Committee within the Tree Management Bylaw and prepare a report for Council consideration.

1. Define “tree” better and consider naming the species, add specifics to the bylaw “tree definition”.
2. Incorporate climate change considerations in the replanting guidelines in detail.
3. Consider clearer language other than “may”, to consider the word “shall”.
4. “Administrator” should be more specific. It implies that someone “singular/one person” perhaps unqualified can make decisions. Everything should be signed off by a qualified professional (QEP).
5. Include specifics for significant trees and wildlife trees.
6. Have a policy that applies our tree bylaw to municipal land (refer to North Vancouver District policy regarding environmental protection on municipal land).
7. Clarify who follows up, as per the terms of the bylaw on the permit (three-year period). What is the reporting?
8. The bylaw needs to proofread and tightened up. Some typos could be shortened. Example: two different fines and penalties for two similar offences. Page 2 under definition “diameter” says “trucks” not “trunks”.
Note: Environment Committee would like to know how many fines had been collected penalties in the past.
9. Replacing trees one month after cutting a tree down is not enough time in the case of development. Consider three months after occupancy to replant is more reasonable.

Carried Unanimously

The Environment Committee shared a brief discussion regarding the Open Ditch Policy and its environmental benefits.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED:

That the Environment Committee endorse Anmore’s Open Ditch Policy.

Carried Unanimously

(b) Future Topics for discussion

- Environment Committee would like to review Anmore’s current pesticide practices policy, consider expanding a toxic substances bylaw.

7. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED and SECONDED:

To adjourn this meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

Certified Correct:

Approved:

“Karen Elrick”

“Paul Weverink”

Karen Elrick
Manager of Corporate Services

Councillor Paul Weverink
Chair, Environment Committee