

Minutes of the regular meeting of the ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION held in the CVRD Boardroom, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, on September 10, 2009 at 6:07 pm.

PRESENT: Director Giles, Chair Rodger Hunter
 Roger Wiles Pete Keber
 Justin Straker Bruce Fraser
 Judy Stafford Francis Hugo
 Director Duncan Chris Wood

ALSO

PRESENT: Kate Miller, Manager, Regional Environmental Policy
 Dyan Freer, Recording Secretary
 Brian Dennison, Manager, Engineering and Environment
 Councillor Paul Fletcher, Catherine Willows-Woodrow
 Director K. Kuhn

GUESTS: Angeline Tillmanns, Lynne Bonner

ABSENT: Director Kent, Director Hutchins, John Wilson, Larry George, Bruce Sampson, Mike Kelly

**APPROVAL
OF AGENDA**

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be adopted with the addition of NB3.

MOTION CARRIED

**ADOPTION
OF MINUTES**

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the August 6, 2009 Environment Commission meeting be adopted.

MOTION CARRIED

GUEST SPEAKER

Justin Straker introduced Angeline Tillmanns, provincial representative in the Strategic Policy Division, and her assistant, Lynne Bonner, speaking on indicator reporting. They explained more fully how to choose a successful proponent on the State of Environment reporting. A power point was presented and discussion ensued. What is role of this type of reporting? Commonly used indicators across Canada are water quality index, air quality monitor, ground water monitoring, and species at risk data. But these need to be pertinent to our area. Federal or provincial data is limited. Growth of houses and use of energy, vehicle kms of use, hectares used for roads are all of interest. They are available for information sharing from ministry offices.

**BUSINESS
ARISING OUT OF
MINUTES B1**

Motion to send letter of support on alternative sources of energy to Board. At last commission meeting it was decided that there was a

concern about British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) starting up Burrard Hydro plant again. It was decided to ask Board to send letter with our concerns, but subsequently BCUC rescinded their ruling and therefore sending the letter was not necessary. A letter would still be relevant asking BC Government to work on alternate energy. Guy Dauncey is invited to the Regional Services Meeting on September 23rd which will be a longer and more informative session about issues such as these.

It was moved and seconded to rescind the motion from the August 6, 2009 meeting minutes.

“to request the CVRD Board to send a letter to the government immediately, expressing their concerns over the implications of the recent British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) ruling and indicating that the board support alternative sources of power that do not damage the environment. Cc to Premier, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Energy, Mines and Resources, and BCUC.

MOTION CARRIED

It was moved and seconded to amend the letter originally moved to be made to the Board August 6, 2009, and to make a new motion.

“To request the CVRD Board send a letter of support to the Provincial Government showing their support for the government continuing their support of alternative sources of power that have minimal damage to the environment and, if fiscally responsible, offering to be a host for a community-based pilot program

MOTION DEFEATED

Discussion ensued.

B2 Sub-Committee Reports

- a. **Environmental Lens Development** – committee will present to the Corporate Leadership team on September 22, 2009, their draft document on using an environmental lens for decision making in the Regional District. They then hope to present to member governments CAO’s. Suggested that the maximum advice be given and strong recommendations and examples for each department would be a successful method to present a lens. A model will be shown and leaders will be asked if they feel that they can use it. Suggested to use a trial run on a maximum of three examples and get back to the committee.

- b. **Regional Sustainability Planning**

The group hasn’t met in August. The Climate Change Workshop is planned for September 24, 2009 from noon to 5

pm. It is an opportunity for a fast track briefing on climate change with top notch presenters. Facility is undecided until numbers are decided. Workshop was described by Kate Miller.

- c. **Web page population** – groups have not sent many drafts as yet. Leaders will be designated for each page to ensure pages are developed. They are for pages:
- 1 and 5** – climate change impacts - reduce carbon emissions - **Bruce Sampson** with Kate, Pete Keber, John W, Rob H,
 - 2** Agriculture – **Judy Stafford** with Ian Morrison and Justin
 - 3** Energy Smart – **John Wilson** with Rob, Pete, Bruce Sampson and Kate
 - 4** Green Economy - **Mike Kelly** with Economic Development Commission
 - 5** **Bruce Sampson** - see 1
 - 6** Water – **Chris** with Francis, Rodger, Roger, Bruce F. and Gerry
 - 7** Regional Growth Management – **Phil** with Rob and Lorne
 - 8** Biodiversity and Restoration - **Roger** with Justin, Kate, Rodger, Bruce S and Lorne
 - 9** Zero Waste **Kathleen Milward** - comments and edits from Francis, Rob Huchins and John Wilson.
 - 10** Transportation and Buses - **Joe Barry** with Jim Wakeham and input from groups 1, 3, and 5
 - 11** Audit our assets – **Justin** with Kate, Judy, Lorne, DFO and group 3 folks
 - 12** Lead the way - invitation sent out and letters out to CAO's about what they have done. Public is responding, nothing from local governments as yet.

d. **Inventory Mapping/Indicators**

Expressions of Interest proposals have been received for the 'Statement of the Environment Report'. Three people on our commission are in conflict to review the 14 proposals we have received and have had to withdraw, therefore we need to appoint of 2 or 3 new people to review the RFP's. Reviewing group will now consist of Rodger Hunter, Roger Wiles, Kate Miller, Brian Dennison and Bruce Fraser. A set of criteria is stipulated in the proposal and ranking will be as defined. They agree to meet September 17 or 18th to short list the proposals.

NEW BUSINESS

- NB1** 350 Event – October 24th – Judy Stafford. Are there any ideas to help organize this event?
- NB2** Clean Technology staff report and newsletter - information attached in the Agenda. There is a tie to the Environmental Commission in the Staff Report which isn't accurate. When members of the commission go to a public meeting please note that you are there as general public unless appointed by the Environment Commission and therefore take care in how your written and spoken word are interpreted.

INFORMATION

- IN1 Peter Nix is organizing films on Thursday, September 17, 2009 - *Let Freedom Sing* - How music Inspired the Civil Rights movement and on Thursday, October 8, 2009 - *Fierce Light* - A follow up on activism to date plus "*When Spirit Meets Action*". They take place at Duncan United Church at 7 pm.
- IN2 October 15, 2009 - *Age of Stupid* - A film about Climate change at Duncan United Church 7 pm.
- IN3 Harvest B-B-Q at Providence Farm September 17th by donation

NEXT MEETING Thursday, October 8, 2009. Brian Dennison will update us on south Sector Liquid Waste Management Plan and the sewage lagoons, with information on the siting study as well.

ADJOURNMENT It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Chair

Recording Secretary

Dated: _____