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### ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION

NOVEMBER 18, 2010  
6:00 PM – CVRD Board Room  
175 Ingram Street

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**ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION  
MEETING AGENDA**

**NOVEMBER 18, 2010**

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**Distribution:**

CVRD Director Gerry Giles (Chair)  
Roger Wiles  
Peter Keber  
Chris Wood  
Dave Polster  
CVRD Director Phil Kent  
CVRD Director Rob Hutchins  
CVRD Director Lori Iannidinardo

Rodger Hunter (Co-Chair)  
Kevin Visscher  
Bruce Sampson  
Bruce Fraser  
Justin Straker  
Judy Stafford  
Larry George, Cowichan Tribes

**As Well As Full Agenda:**

Warren Jones, CAO, CVRD  
Brian Dennison, General Manager, Engineering and Environment Services  
Kate Miller, Manager, Regional Environmental Policy Division

**Full Agenda as Hard Copy**

Director I. Morrison  
Director L. Duncan  
Director K. Kuhn

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Director D. Haywood	Director K. Cossey
Director M. Dorey	Director T. Walker
Tom Anderson, Manager, Planning and Development Services	

Minutes of the regular meeting of the ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION held in the CVRD Boardroom, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, on October 21, 2010 at 6:00 pm.

<b>PRESENT:</b> Rodger Hunter	Director Giles - Chair
Bruce Fraser	Director Iannidinardo
Roger Wiles	Director Kent
Justin Straker	John Morris
Pete Keber	Judy Stafford
Bruce Sampson	Chris Wood

**ALSO** Kate Miller, Manager, Regional Environmental Policy  
**PRESENT:** Klaus Kuhn, Electoral I Area Director  
Ian Morrison, Electoral Area F Director  
Warren Jones, CAO, CVRD  
Dyan Freer, Recording Secretary

**ABSENT:** Larry George, Brian Dennison, Kevin Visscher,  
Dave Polster, Director Hutchins

**APPROVAL  
OF AGENDA**

**It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as presented with a change of the order to accommodate the speaker at 7 pm, and with the addition of NB2, a 10-10-10 update and NB3, Gas Tax Funding (time permitting).**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ADOPTION  
OF MINUTES**

**It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the September 22, 2010, Environment Commission meeting be adopted with the correction that Roger Wiles was not present.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING  
OUT OF MINUTES**

- B1** Report on communications contract: Chair discussed the communication plan. Budget is \$20,000 and Chris Wood of White Dog Creative was awarded the contract. His portion is \$4500 and \$10,840 will be the cost of the ad runs. The approved budget will therefore not be needed in its entirety.
- B2** Report on Air Quality Monitoring – Kathleen Milward sent a report as requested on where woodstoves that were exchanged were located within the CVRD and what the breakdown was, how many cords of wood were saved, and how much emissions improved.

**It was moved and seconded to receive the Wood Stove Exchange report by Kathleen Milward.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

- B3** State of the Environment report update. Edits have been received and made and the report will be reprinted. Discussion on how many copies should be printed in order to provide enough copies for distribution to high schools, VIU and local libraries, etc. Copies on CD can be made available to many people, as well as it is available on the web.

**It was moved and seconded to spend up to \$3000 to reproduce the State of Environment Report.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

- B4** Gas Tax project – LiDAR acquisition will enable us to look at strategic development. \$375,000 has been approved towards that program – the market price of this project is actually \$1.4 to \$1.8 million. Environment Manager was able to procure a lot of partnership support for this project including UVic through their graduate studies work.

## **REPORTS**

### **Sub- Committee Reports**

- R1** Budget amounts for consideration from sub-committee
- a) **Communications** – Chris Wood A series of advertorials running in Citizen, Ladysmith and Lake Cowichan Gazette, plus radio ads until Christmas. The plan is to keep Environment Commission before public eye on a fairly consistent basis. Question - Could papers perhaps run editorials to accompany some of this large ad run? Chris will look into this.
  - b) **Agriculture** – Judy Stafford distributed an article on the Benefits of Biodiversity. Request for speaker, Jill Clapperton, PhD, to come to address our agricultural community to give a more thorough understanding of diversifying cover crops for soil maintenance which will improve nitrogen in soil, and help prevent soil erosion and failure. Budget would be \$4250.00 to allocate towards this. Discussion ensued.

**It was moved and seconded to invite Jill Clapperton to speak to the Cowichan Valley Agricultural Society members in December for the sum of \$4250.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

- c) **Land** – Dave Polster would like a budget consideration of \$5000 to hold a session focusing on the Coast Douglas Fir species.

**It was moved and seconded to allocate up to \$5000 for a session on land and biodiversity on the protection/strategy/conservation of the Coastal Douglas Fir.**

**MOTION REFERRED TO THE NEXT MEETING**

**DELEGATION**

**Neal Dawe, RPBio.** Introduced by Rodger Hunter: Mr. Dawe represents the Qualicum Institute and is a wildlife biologist, ecologist, and children's book author. His presentation promotes sustainability. Ecosystems are the foundation on where sustainability stands. Economic growth does not lead to sustainability. We need Resiliency, Adaptability, and Transformability. The truth is we have to change or earth as we know it will change it for us!

**Sub-Committee Reports**

**R1c**

c) Air – Lori Iannidinardo. Would like to take to the public the danger to public health posed by indoor and outdoor air contaminants. Funding available on air quality study which staff could apply for.

**It was moved and seconded that \$5000 for a public awareness campaign related to the dangers to public health posed by indoor and outdoor air contaminants be approved.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

d) Water and Fish – Rodger Hunter

**It was moved and seconded that the remainder of unallocated commission funds be directed to water conservation and aquatic habit funding.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

To ensure financial/logistical efficiencies the Commission sponsored agricultural cover crop soils initiative could be coordinated with the water conservation workshop (Ted Van der Gulik).

**R2 2011 Environment Commission Budget**

**It was moved and seconded to have the current Environment Commission budget remain at the 2010 level.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**R3**

**Species at Risk** – Kate Lindsay, new staff member of the Regional Environmental Policy Division, introduced herself to the Environment Commission. She is the Senior Environment Tech. Her report from was tabled to next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**NB1**

Environment Commission membership terms – expiration dates  
Please consider your membership and if you would like to continue on.  
We will need to post requests for new members if we have vacancies.

**INFORMATION**

**IN1**

10-10-10 Huge inspirational and successful global environmental initiative day. CGC planted over 100 trees – over 35,000 trees were planted throughout 88 countries in the world on 10-10-10.

**IN2**

Gas Tax discussion deferred until more is known about timing.

**IN3**

Our next speaker for November will be Bruce Fraser speaking on

Species at Risk and BC Forest practices and Warren Jones regarding the CVRD strategic plan and Environmental Lens update.

**IN4** Judy Stafford would like a discussion on how contracts are decided upon. Chair explained it more fully.

**IN5** Fundraising dance at Cowichan Cultural centre \$25.00. Theme is 'Return of the Swans' with money going to the Somenos Marsh Society.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**C1** Request from Geoff Millar, Economic Development Division, inviting the Environment Commission members to participate in a focus group on a Sustainable Economic Strategy for the CVRD on Tuesday, November 2nd to meet to work on the Economic Development Strategy. Please rsvp to D. Freer by Friday, October 22.

**C2** Request from Peter Nix re Earth Day 2011 and the Environment Commission's possible participation. This request will be taken under consideration.

**NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, November 18, 2010

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned 9:15 pm.

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Chair

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Recording Secretary

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

## Environment Commission 2010 Budget with Expenses to Date and Balance to Year End

2010	Expenses to Date	Projected to year end	Balance from \$51,500	
<b>COMMISSION BUDGET</b>	<b>\$51,500</b>			
Travel	\$650	\$1,000		
Advertising	\$4,175	\$16,185		
Contract for Services	\$5,500	\$5,500		
Meeting Expenses	\$3,050	\$3,500		
		<b>Sub-Total remaining from 'to date' spending</b>		<b>\$25,315</b>
<b>2010-2011</b>	<b>Upcoming Planned Expenses</b>	<b>May be carried over to 2011</b>		
Reprint of SoE Report	\$3,000	\$3,000		
Land and Biodiversity	\$5,000 <i>Pending approval</i>	\$5,000 <i>Pending approval</i>		
Agricultural workshop	\$4,250	\$4,250		
Air Quality campaign	\$5,000	\$5,000		
		<b>Sub-Total left including planned budget items</b>		<b>\$8,065</b>
Water – unallocated funds less any expected expenses	\$7,000	\$7,000		\$7,000
<b>Balance left for any unforeseen costs to year end</b>				<b>\$1,065</b>

## Environment Commission Members Terms for 2010 - 2012

**Members:              Term Ends              Term to Extend to              Comments**

Bruce Fraser	2010	2011	Will stay one year only
Bruce Sampson	2010	unknown	
Chris Wood	2010	2011 or 2012	Will stay on
Judy Stafford	2010	2011 or 2012	Will stay on
Justin Straker	2010	2011 or 2012	Will stay on
Peter Keber	2010	2011 or 2012	Will stay on
Rodger Hunter	2010	2011 or 2012	Will stay on
Roger Wiles	2010	2011 or 2012	Will stay on
Kevin Visscher	2011	2011	One year left
Dave Polster	2011	2011	One year left
John Morris	2010	unknown	

### **Notes:**

We need two more members from the seven who have said they would like to stay on to choose extensions of one year. That way we would then have memberships expiring alternate years and will keep a balance of returning and/or new members joining. Re-appointments can again be made at the end of 2011.

Any new member would serve a term of two years.