

Minutes of the regular meeting of the joint meeting of the ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION, held in the CVRD Boardroom, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, on May 17, 2012 at 6:00 pm.

PRESENT: Director Kent, Chair Dave Polster
 Roger Wiles Sophy Roberge
 Judy Stafford Rodger Hunter
 Roger Hart Pete Keber

ALSO

PRESENT: Kate Miller, Manager, Regional Environmental Policy
 Dyan Freer, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Director Giles, Director Lefebure, Justin Straker, Tyler Innes, Janna Jorgensen

CALL TO ORDER

6:05 Director Kent assumed as chair.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with the cancellation of the delegation, D1

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the April 19, 2012, Environment Commission meeting be adopted as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

DELEGATIONS D1

Cowichan Energy Alternatives Society – Brian Roberts, Executive Director was unable to attend.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES B1

Regional Environmental Strategic Plan planning update. Terms of Reference (ToR) are being developed by the sub-committee. Goal and objectives of the strategy need to be very clearly defined with persons responsible pointed to. ToR should be ready by next commission meeting.

B2

CVRD Integrated Sustainability Plan – update. Workshop coming up to develop recommendations to send to Planning and Development department.

B3

Joint meeting with EC/EDC. Roger Hart to follow up with Jane Worton to send a planning document for review. Meeting planned for late May with members of the Economic Development Committee and Environment Commission.

REPORTS

R1

Communications Committee – Roger Hart reviewed his report.

It was moved and seconded that the Environment Commission approve the expenditure of \$4,050 plus applicable taxes for Phase 1 (brand and messaging strategy) of the Communications Plan.

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Discussion: Communications plan will be developed and branding will follow.

R2 Solid Waste Committee – Roger Wiles - Bob McDonald meeting with staff to develop what they want role the Commission to have.

R3 Agricultural Advisory Committee – Judy Stafford
Good representation. Report distributed. Sub-committees formed and will meet soon. Motion to have local procurement for food for the CVRD's meetings and events has been passed by the Board.

R4 Economic Development Commission Update – Director Kent - new members being interviewed today. EDC trying to achieve representation from different sectors in the economic field.

R7 Water Survey – Rodger Hunter presented results of a door to door survey of 560 residents. Questions included - do you know about your source of water, most knowledgeable areas F and I; who provides the water, feelings about conservation, how much does your water cost, how much do you use, barriers – toilet rebates, watering restrictions, taste of their water, use of bottled water. feelings about conservation, how much does your water cost, how much do you use, barriers – toilet rebates, watering restrictions, taste of their water, use of bottled water.
Dyan to send link to survey

**CORRESPONDENCE
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INFORMATION

Mark Lakeman Sustainability presentation workshop June 21 – in town already and could speak here if there is interest. Cost would be \$500 –

It was moved and seconded that Mark Lakeman be asked to present to the Environment Commission at the next meeting for a nominal fee of \$500.

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IN2 Sustainability or What? A discussion paper on what a sustainability strategy was distributed by Roger Hart

IN3 Shark Water – a film on ramifications of harvesting of shark fins is recommended to us all to see.

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

June 21, 2012

Chair

Recording Secretary

Dated: _____