



# City of Port Moody

## Minutes

### Environmental Protection Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee held on Monday, September 20, 2021 via Zoom.

#### **Present**

Councillor Amy Lubik, Chair  
Margaret Birch  
Damian Regan (left at 9:12pm)  
Connie Smith  
Koy Tayler  
Judy Taylor-Atkinson  
Jeremy Wong

#### **Absent**

Councillor Megan Lahti, Vice-Chair  
Kyle Demes  
Javney Mohr  
Jutta Rickers-Haunerland (Regrets)

#### **In Attendance**

Karen Devitt – Environmental Coordinator  
Kelsey Guenette, Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.  
Kirk Heaven – Deputy Fire Chief, Community Safety, Training, and Emergency Management, Port Moody Fire Rescue (left at 8:00pm)  
Julie Pavey-Tomlinson – Director of Environment and Parks

#### **Also In Attendance**

Kat MacNamara, Ministry of Environment  
Vance Mercer, Department of Fisheries and Oceans  
Brenda Rotinsky, Department of Fisheries and Oceans  
Jeanne Roy, Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations

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#### 1. Call to Order

#### **Call to Order**

- 1.1 The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

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#### 2. Adoption of Minutes

#### **Minutes**

- 2.1 EPC21/012  
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED  
**THAT the minutes of the Environmental Protection Committee meeting held Monday, July 19, 2021 be adopted.**

### 3. Unfinished Business

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### 4. New Business

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#### **Community Wildfire Protection Plan Update**

#### 4.1 Presentation: Kirk Heaven, Deputy Fire Chief, Community Safety, Training, and Emergency Management, Port Moody Fire Rescue (PMFR)

The Deputy Fire Chief provided an overview of the 2019 City of Port Moody Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), and the following was noted:

- the CWPP is a framework used to identify areas of risk in British Columbia and the City of Port Moody;
- a CWPP aids communities in developing plans for safety improvements and reduces the risk of damage to property;
- in 2018, a \$25,000 Union of British Columbia Municipalities grant was awarded for education and equipment but was not sufficient to update the 2007 CWPP;
- in 2019, the province accepted the City's business case for \$25,000 to move forward with a new CWPP;
- the PMFR are currently working on a 2022 FireSmart grant for \$100,000-150,000; and
- the PMFR is scheduled to apply for funding for increased education tools, including:
  - development of PMFR FireSmart video;
  - high-end FireSmart Model House;
  - PMFR specialized wildfire training;
  - interdepartmental wildland training; and
  - continued funding for FireSmart home blitzes;
- collaboration with Metro Vancouver, First Nations, and other stakeholders is key to successfully addressing risk in the wildland-urban interface.

The Committee noted the following in discussion:

- water could be used as an alternative egress option if evacuation is required; and
- there are Port Moody bylaw provisions that prohibit grass clippings and branch dumping by residents.

#### **Culverting Policy**

#### 4.2 Presentation: Karen Devitt, Environmental Coordinator

Presentation: Brenda Rotinsky, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Kat MacNamara, Ministry of Environment, and Jeanne

Roy, Senior, Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations

Attachments:

- a) Presentation, Culverting Policy, dated September 20, 2021
- b) Report, Councillor Steve Milani, dated June 10, 2021
- c) Official Community Plan, Chapter 6 - The Natural Environment
- d) Presentation, Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Program – Pacific Region, Amended *Fisheries Act*, Fish and Fish Habitat Protection Provisions

Link: [Moody Centre Stormwater Management Servicing Plan](#)

Brenda Rotinsky, Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), gave a presentation on Amended *Fisheries Act*, and the following was noted:

- the provisions related to fish and fish habitat protection came into force on August 28, 2019;
- the harmful alteration, disruption, or destruction of fish habitat is defined in the policy as any temporary or permanent change to fish habitat that directly or indirectly impairs the habitat's capacity to support one or more life processes of fish;
- the *Act* also included changes to permits and designated projects, ecologically significant areas, and prescribed works and water regulations; and
- the proponents are responsible for reviewing the list of measures and implementing those that are applicable to the project, and ensuring that the standards and codes of practice are implemented to ensure the protection of fish and fish habitat.

Jeanne Roy, Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations, gave a presentation on *Water Sustainability Act* (WSA) and Local Government, including information about the WSA Provincial Water Program; activities that require a change approval application; activities that may be allowed by a notification; workload composition; streams, channelized streams, and constructed ditches; steps to submit an authorization application; information reviewed by the Water Officer; other considerations, legislation, and regulations; and compliance and enforcement.

Kat MacNamara, Ministry of Environment, advised that reports about natural resource violations, including damage to or illegal use of Crown land, forest or water, can be reported at anytime to Report All Poachers and Polluters (RAPP) at

1-877-952-7277 or online at  
[www.for.gov.bc.ca/hen/nrv/report.htm](http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hen/nrv/report.htm).

The Environmental Coordinator gave a presentation on the Culverting Policy, including information about background, current Official Community Plan Policies, other related City policies and plans, senior regulatory requirements, and Port Moody's watercourses.

The Committee noted the following in discussion:

- the Committee could dedicate an entire meeting to the Culverting Policy; and
- the designation of properties and proposed Environmental Development Permit Areas could have impact to residents.

EPC21/013

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the meeting be extended until 9:15pm.**

Discussion continued, and the Committee noted the following:

- there are no locations currently designated as an Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA);
- consultation with First Nations will be a major part in the designation of ESAs;
- costs to homeowners in Moody Centre will continue to occur and are a cause for concern; and
- whether a stream is mapped or unmapped does not affect regulations regarding watercourses/culverts.

Ms. MacNamara, Mr. Mercer, Mr. Reagan, Ms. Rotinsky, Ms. Roy, and the Environmental Coordinator left the meeting at this point and did not return.

**2021 Environmental  
Award  
90(1)(b)**

4.3 EPC21/014

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT, pursuant to section 90 of the *Community Charter*, this portion of the Regular Meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee be closed to the public as the subject matter being considered relates to the following:**

- **90(1)(b) – personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a municipal award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the municipality on condition of anonymity.**

The Regular Meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee was recessed at 9:13pm and reconvened at

9:25pm.

5. Information

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**Staff Updates**

5.1 There were no staff updates at this time.

6. Adjournment

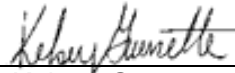
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The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:26pm.



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Councillor Amy Lubik,  
Chair



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Kelsey Guenette,  
Recording Secretary