

City of Port Moody

Minutes

Environmental Protection Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee held on Monday, October 18, 2021 via Zoom.

Present

Councillor Amy Lubik, Chair
Margaret Birch
Kyle Demes
Javney Mohr
Damian Regan
Jutta Rickers-Haunerland
Connie Smith
Koy Tayler
Judy Taylor-Atkinson

Absent

Councillor Megan Lahti, Vice-Chair
Jeremy Wong (Regrets)

In Attendance

Karen Devitt – Environmental Coordinator
Kelsey Guenette, Recording Secretary, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.
Julie Pavey-Tomlinson – Director of Environment and Parks
Laura Sampliner – Sustainability and Energy Coordinator

1. Call to Order

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

EPC21/015

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT Update on the Sustainability Checklist be added to the agenda as item 4.2.

2. Adoption of Minutes

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- 2.1 EPC21/016

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the minutes of the Environmental Protection Committee meeting held Monday, September 20, 2021 be approved.

3. Unfinished Business

4. New Business

Culverting Policy – Roundtable Discussion

4.1 Attachment: Report, Environmental Services Department, dated December 1, 1997

The Committee undertook a roundtable discussion about the Culverting Policy Report, and the following was noted:

- the previous Culverting Policy recommended to Council by the Environmental Protection Committee in 1997 involved the formation of a subcommittee and discussion at several Committee meetings;
- the referral of the Culverting Policy from Council will impact progress on other items in the work plan;
- there is some inconsistent information on the classification of ditches in the City's documentation, including the Chines Integrated Stormwater Management Plan, the Official Community Plan, Diamondhead Consulting Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA) report, and Port Moody zoning bylaws;
- compensation for homeowners for implementation of green infrastructure is needed to address the financial burden to homeowners for infilling a ditch or watercourse; and
- ditches have become important features for preventing flooding and management stormwater due to the impacts of climate change.

The Environmental Coordinator noted the following in response to the Committee's discussion:

- there are differences between a ditch and a channelized stream;
- permits/notifications are required when there are works within a stream that meets the definition of a watercourse under the *Water Sustainability Act*;
- the Moody Centre Stormwater Servicing Plan was developed in consultation with staff and KWL Associates;
- the strategy identified policy gaps in stormwater management around Moody Centre, including ditches;
- the Plan and supporting recommendations were endorsed by Council in 2019;
- some actions are within staff's existing work plan, such as the establishment of a ditch enclosure permitting process, where appropriate and following senior

- environmental regulations, and amendments to the zoning bylaw; and
- there are provincial regulatory requirements for watercourses; and
- the applicability of the provincial/federal regulations depends on watercourse classification and definitions in the *Water Sustainability Act*, *Riparian Areas Protection Regulation*, and *Fisheries Act*.

Javney Mohr left the meeting at this point.

EPC21/017

Moved, seconded, and DEFEATED

THAT the Culverting Policy be referred back to Council.

(Voting against: Margaret Birch, Kyle Demes, Jutta Rickers-Haunerland, and Koy Tayler)

EPC21/018

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT an update about information on ditches, culverts, and jurisdiction be provided to Council;

AND THAT the presentation on the progress on the recommendations on the Moody Centre Stormwater Management Servicing Plan be forwarded to Council for information;

AND THAT education about the benefits of different watercourse and ditch options be provided to the public;

AND THAT provincial support for homeowners in order to implement green infrastructure projects for compensation in the City of Port Moody be explored.

(Voting against: Judy Taylor-Atkinson and Damian Regan)

The Committee requested information on the costs of the ESA Management Strategy update including staff time billed to the project.

Update on the Sustainability Checklist

- 4.2 The Sustainability and Energy Coordinator gave a presentation on the Sustainability Checklist Report Card, including information about the purpose of the Report Card, committee feedback themes, Environmental Protection Committee feedback, overview of the recommended changes, environmental sustainability section changes, and project timeline.

EPC21/019

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

THAT the meeting be extended for up to 30 minutes.


The Sustainability and Energy Coordinator noted the following in response to Committee discussion:

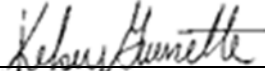
- the online version of the Report Card has not been updated to reflect the removal of low, medium, and high environmental values;
- scoring will now occur through various team members, but the process has not yet been finalized; and
- the project is currently undergoing a legal review.

5. Information

6. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:30pm.


Councillor Amy Lubik,
Chair


Kelsey Guenette,
Recording Secretary