



City of Port Moody

Minutes

Environmental Protection Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee held on Monday, September 16, 2019 in the Brovold Room.

Present

Councillor Amy Lubik, Chair
Bradley Fessenden
Bryan Fitzpatrick
Elaine Golds
Cathy Morton
Gregory Pepler
Connie Smith
Russell Stairs
Judy Taylor-Atkinson

Absent

Councillor Meghan Lahti, Vice-Chair
Margaret Birch
Damian Regan (Regrets)
Jutta Rickers-Hauserland (Regrets)

In Attendance

Lesley Douglas – General Manager of Environment and Parks
Kurt Frei – Environmental Technician
Philip Lo – Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

2. Adoption of Minutes

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- 2.1 EPC19/013
Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
THAT the minutes of the Environmental Protection Committee meeting held on Monday, July 15, 2019 be adopted.

3. Unfinished Business

4. New Business

Pacific Coast Terminals Update

- 4.1 Colin Reddin and André Olivier, Pacific Coast Terminals; Mark Adams, Envirowest Consultants; Andrew MacKay, Envirochem Services.

The Pacific Coast Terminals team provided a presentation regarding the navigation channel dredging project, highlighting the following information:

- a total of 410,000 cubic meters of sediment have been relocated;
- a five-year environmental monitoring program is in place to assess impact of the dredging work; this includes using aerial photos, sampling, and on-site monitoring to assess fish and invertebrate habitats, algae growth, turbidity, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) levels;
- flattening of berths and navigational channel has been completed; the next step is the final survey;
- the project partnered with the UBC Open Water Research Laboratory, which monitored noise and turbidity during the dredging work and found no issues; and
- an air quality monitoring station is awaiting BC Hydro connection to bring online.

The General Manager of Environment and Parks advised that the City has requested monitoring data collected during the work.

Bear Management Strategy Report Update

- 4.2 The Environmental Technician provided an update regarding the City's Bear Management Strategy, noting the following:

- the main recommendations from the Bear Hazard Assessment are to replace collection bins in public spaces, and to expand the Bear Essentials Program;
- Council passed a resolution to implement the recommendations into a Human-Bear Conflict Management Plan; and
- the Solid Waste division did not recommend implementation of the pilot bin project, and the project was not approved by Council.

Staff clarified that, at the previous Committee meeting, staff's information and position regarding certain aspects of the Human-Bear Conflict Management Plan had not been finalized, and thus the Committee was not requested to endorse or approve the Plan or aspects of the Plan, but only to endorse the information for presentation to Council.

The Committee noted that it should have a role in the implementation of the Plan and the overall Strategy.

Bear Activity Update 4.3 Judy Taylor-Atkinson advised that there is a growing grassroots bear advocacy group in the region called the Tri-Cities Bear Aware group. She also noted several bear fatalities and orphaned cubs over the summer, and advised that residents should be extremely vigilant of bear activity.

Staff Updates 4.4 The General Manager of Environment and Parks provided the following updates:

- the letter to the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy regarding BC Conservation Officer Service funding has been approved by Council and will be sent out shortly; and
- an email from the Sustainability and Energy Specialist regarding Fall 2019 invasive plant removal events will be forwarded to Committee members.

2019 Environmental Award Nominations Review 4.5 EPC19/014
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.**

5. Information

CP Rail Expansion Project 5.1 The General Manager of Environment and Parks advised that CP Rail will present at the October meeting regarding the Cascade Capacity Expansion, a rail expansion project extending from Pacific Coast Terminals towards Burnaby that would involve environmental impacts.

Single-Use Plastic bag Update 5.2 Cathy Morton noted that ~~after Victoria's bylaw was deemed invalid by the courts, there is currently a "wait and see approach" to determine if municipalities could implement bylaws banning single-use plastic bags~~ Port Moody has been monitoring other jurisdictions regarding bylaws banning single-use plastic bags and reported that the City of Victoria's bylaw has been deemed invalid by the BC Court of Appeal, on the basis that it is a matter within the jurisdiction of the provincial government.

*Amended by resolution
EPC19/015*

Ms. Morton advised that the provincial government is currently conducting the CleanBC Plastic Action Plan survey on single-use items which ends at the end of September.

Councillor Lubik advised that the City of Vancouver will introduce a motion at UBCM regarding a comprehensive strategy for single-use items.

6. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:05pm.



Councillor Amy Lubik,
Chair



Philip Lo,
Committee Coordinator