



City of Port Moody

Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: January 10, 2020
Submitted by: Environmental Protection Committee
Subject: 2019 Annual Report – Environmental Protection Committee

Purpose

To provide a report on the activities of the Environmental Protection Committee from February 2019 to December 2019.

Recommended Resolution(s)

THAT the report dated January 10, 2020 from the Environmental Protection Committee regarding 2019 Annual Report – Environmental Protection Committee be received for information;

AND THAT the 2020 Environmental Protection Committee be asked to review this report and bring forward its annual work plan in spring 2020

Committee Mandate

The mandate of the Environmental Protection Committee is to provide Council with advice and recommendations on the following:

- existing or proposed bylaws and policies related to the protection and enhancement of the environment;
- environmental requirements for new development or re-development within the City as referred by Council and opportunities for environmental protection and enhancement with respect to public and private operational practices within the City;
- opportunities for environmental protection and enhancement with respect to public and private operational practices within the City; and
- any other matters referred to the Committee by Council.

Meetings and Attendance

The Environmental Protection Committee met monthly between February and November 2019, with the exception of August 2019 due to summer break.

Councillor Amy Lubik was appointed as Chair and Councillor Meghan Lahti as Vice-Chair in November 2018. Between February and December 2019, the following members served on the Committee:

- Margaret Birch;
- Bradley Fessenden;
- Bryan Fitzpatrick (from March 2019);
- Elaine Golds;
- Cathy Morton;
- Gregory Pepler;
- Damian Regan;
- Jutta Rickers-Haunerland;
- Connie Smith;
- Russell Stairs; and
- Judy Taylor-Atkinson.

Lesley Douglas, General Manager of Environment and Parks, served as the staff liaison to the Environmental Protection Committee. Philip Lo served as Committee Coordinator.

Key Activities and Work Plan

The 2019 Environmental Protection Committee Work Plan was approved by Council on June 25, 2019. Between February and June of 2019, the Committee undertook a number of key activities in accordance with the draft 2019 Work Plan and which were in line with the Committee's Terms of Reference.

The following are the key activities that were undertaken in 2019 by the Environmental Protection Committee (a list of motions made in 2019, along with the status of the motions, is included in **Attachment 1**):

Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA) Management Strategy

The Committee received a presentation from Diamond Head Consulting on the update of the City's ESA Management Strategy. The Committee provided input to staff and the consultant on the field work component and participated in a mapping exercise to identify any environmentally sensitive areas in the City that have not been included in the current ESA map.

Beaver Management Plan

Staff provided ongoing updates on the status of the Beaver Management Plan throughout 2019, including Council adoption of the plan on November 12, 2019. The Beaver Management Plan promotes coexistence and sets out a step-by-step decision-making framework to help guide beaver management in the City.

Bear Management Strategy

Staff provided ongoing updates on the status of the Bear Management Strategy throughout 2019, including the July 23, 2019 Council adoption of the five resolutions that position the City to apply to the province to become a Bear Smart Community.

Naturescape Policy and Preferred Plant List Update

The Committee provided input to staff regarding the Naturescape Policy update. The Committee also reviewed the Preferred/Recommended Plant lists from the City of Coquitlam, City of Saanich, and the District of North Vancouver and provided input to staff on the City's Preferred Plant List update. The Naturescape discussion included recommendations for a plant species list that minimized bear attractants.

Green Infrastructure and Green Space Requirements Through the Development Process

Staff provided a presentation on City policies and guidelines regarding green space and environmental protection through the development process and under the Official Community Plan. Highlights included: the Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA) Management Strategy Update that is in progress; the recent riparian setback provisions in the Zoning Bylaw Amendment; a high-level review of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan; the 2020 Parks Acquisition Update; and opportunities for riparian corridor and trail acquisition or dedication through multi-family development. Committee members expressed concerns and input regarding: opportunities towards carbon storage and multiple benefits of environmental protection within the Climate Action Plan; enforcement of ESA losses outside of the development permit process; and enforcement challenges for tree protection through the development permit process, with particular emphasis during the building construction process.

Pacific Coast Terminals Update

At the request of EPC members, Pacific Coast Terminals (PCT) staff and their environmental consultant provided two presentations on the navigation channel dredging project and the associated habitat off-setting. Highlights included a review of the general project parameters, timing, five-year monitoring program, habitat off-setting targets, timing, and monitoring details.

Rocky Point Park Recreational Use and Wildlife Interface

The Committee provided input to staff regarding ways to protect the sensitive bird nesting areas and habitats in Rocky Point Park from recreational and marine users. The Committee suggested that new information and interpretative signage at the park and user acknowledgements on marine rental agreements could help increase awareness of the sensitive areas.

Climate Action Plan and BC Energy Step Code

The Committee provided input to staff regarding the implementation of the City's Climate Action Plan and the BC Energy Step Code. The Committee noted that density and other Zoning Bylaw incentives can be used towards achieving greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions targets.

Sustainability Report Card Update

Staff provided an update on the Sustainability Report Card that included a review of the content and report card process, as well as a general review of the ongoing update to the Sustainability Report Card.

Wildlife Updates

The Committee provided staff with regular updates on wildlife activity in the City and in the Tri-Cities, including bears and native bird species.

2019 Environment Award

The Committee reviewed the nominations for the 2019 Environment Award and made an award recommendation to Council in September.

Old Firehall No. 1 Site – Potential Interim Uses

As directed by Council, the Committee discussed potential temporary uses of the Old Firehall No. 1 site and issues for consideration.

In Progress

There are currently no initiatives in progress from the Environmental Protection Committee.

Outstanding Matters

There are currently no outstanding matters from the Environmental Protection Committee.

Attachment(s)

1. 2019 Environmental Protection Committee Resolutions.

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