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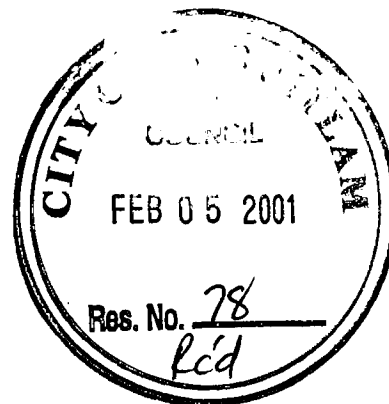


ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 22, 2001

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A Regular Meeting of the Environment Committee convened on Monday, January 22, 2001 at 6:17 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC with the following persons present:

Committee Members Present: Councillor L. Hollington, Chair
F. Donnelly
I. McArthur
P. Zevit
E. Hodge
S. Cooke-Aronetz
G. Rodger
M. Fankboner
T. Matahlija



Committee Members Absent: L. Bodner

Also Present: Mayor J. Kingsbury

Staff Present: E. Chu, Manager Development Services
J. Sulmona, Manager Community Planning
C. Roberts, Dev. and Environmental Services Coordinator
S. Dal Santo, Environmental Services Liaison
K. Lore, Committee Clerk

ITEM I - INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councillor Hollington facilitated introductions of Committee Members and staff.

ITEM II - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee approved the minutes of the Environment Committee Regular Meeting held November 27, 2000.

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ITEM III – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee approved the Agenda for the January 22, 2001 Regular Meeting.

ITEM IV - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil.

ITEM V - NEW BUSINESS

513-1 *Committee Development:* City Wide OCP presentation

The Manager Community Planning was present at the Meeting to provide the Committee with a brief overview of the City Wide Official Community Plan (OCP).

Committee Members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

The Committee enquired as to the status of the Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) Study. Staff were directed to bring this information to the next Meeting of the Committee.

513-2 *Committee Development:* Application to Amend NE Coquitlam Official Community Plan (OCP) to clarify development permit area (DPA) policies - Bylaw 3418, 2000

The Manager Community Planning provided the Committee with an overview of Bylaw 3418, 2000 – a bylaw to amend the “City of Coquitlam Northeast Coquitlam Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 3368, 2000.”

The intent of Bylaw 3418 is to make the following “housekeeping” amendments:

- Provide Development Permit Area (DPA) flexibility
- Transitional provisions for “Streamside Directives”
- Better clarity and more detail

Committee members were given an opportunity to ask questions and/or provide comments with regards to the Bylaw.

Mayor Kingsbury arrived at the Meeting at this time.

ITEM VI – OTHER BUSINESS

Environment Committee Priority Issues

Discussion of the Environment Committee Priority Issues was deferred to the next Meeting of the Committee.

Funding

Staff were asked to prepare a draft budget for the implementation of a Communications Strategy for the Coquitlam River Corridor Strategy.

State of the Environment Report - Status

The Committee was informed that the *State of the Environment Report* would be developed after the City Wide OCP process.

2000 Environment Committee Annual Report

It was requested that the *2000 Annual Report of the Environment Committee* be tabled with the next Agenda.

Presentation on Deboville Slough

It was requested that Elaine Golds be invited to a future Committee Meeting to make a presentation to the Committee on the Deboville Slough.

Water Metering

The Committee requested information on the potential for water metering in Coquitlam. Staff advised that they would invite the Manager Operations to a future Meeting to provide the Committee with this information.

T- 2: Environment Committee Meeting Schedule

The Committee reviewed the Meeting schedule. There was concern that meeting bi-monthly rather than monthly may not be realistic in terms of the Committee's work-load. It was agreed that a Meeting would be held in February and then bi-monthly, unless otherwise determined.

Round Table

The Committee requested that a certain amount of time be dedicated to a "round table discussion" in future Agendas.

Workshop – "Canada and the Future of Environmental Law"

The West Coast Environmental Law Society will be hosting a workshop entitled "Canada and the Future of Environmental Law" on the Evening of February 2 and day of February 3, 2001. Registration Costs for NGOs and working professionals is \$20 and \$10 for students. For further information or to register contact Kathy Grant at 601-2503 or by e-mail at kgrant@wcel.org.

Forum – “Smart Development and Stormwater Management”

A 2 day Forum on “Smart Development and Stormwater Management” will be held March 1st and 2nd. A brochure providing information on the Forum was distributed to Committee Members.

Burke Mountain Naturalists

A number of Spring hikes will be held by BMN (i.e. Egg Walk, Nest Box Cleaning). Anyone interested should contact Ian McArthur.

CRWS

The next Meeting of CRWS will be Wednesday, January 24, 7:00 pm at Douglas College. At the February 22 Meeting of CRWS (7:00 pm at Douglas College) there will be an update on the Water Use Plan. For further information on either Meeting contact Eunice Hodge.

ITEM VII – TABLED ITEMS

- T-1 Environment Committee *Terms of Reference*
- T-2 Environment Committee 2001 Meeting Schedule

VIII- NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2001.

IX – ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.



Kerri Lore
Committee Clerk



CHAIR

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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 26, 2001

A Regular Meeting of the Environment Committee convened on Monday, February 26, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. in the Room 480, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC with the following persons present:

Committee Members Present: Councillor L. Hollington, Chair
Calderhead, Dan
Donnelly, Fin
Fankboner, Maggie
Hodge, Eunice
Matahija, Tony
McArthur, Ian
Rodger, George
Zevit, Pamela



Committee Members Absent: Bodner, Lillian
Cooke-Aronetz, Shae

Staff Present: D. Day, General Manager Planning & Development Services
S. Dal Santo, Environmental Services Liaison
K. Lore, Committee Clerk

ITEM I - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee approved the minutes of the Environment Committee Regular Meeting held January 22, 2001.

ITEM II - APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee approved the Agenda for the February 26, 2001 Regular Meeting.

ITEM III - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil.

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ITEM IV – INTRODUCTIONS

Councillor Hollington facilitated introductions of Committee Members and Staff for the benefit of those not present at the previous Meeting.

ITEM V - NEW BUSINESS

513-1 Presentation: World Water Day

Ms. Joan Spira appeared before the Committee to speak on a Forum entitled "Water: A World Crisis?" to be held on World Water Day – March 22, 2001, 7:30 p.m. at Dogwood Pavilion, Mike Butler Room. She noted that Mr. Randy Christensen, author of the Sierra Legal Defense Report will be giving a presentation on the Report Card on Drinking Water. Mr. Jim Grieshaber-Otto will be speaking on the BC Water Protection Act and International Trade Agreements on water.

513-2 Presentation: 2001 Strategic Plan

The Manager Corporate Planning was present at the Meeting to give a brief overview of the City's 2000 Strategic Plan. Her presentation included information regarding:

- Foundation of the Plan
- Survey compilation and results
- Objectives of the Plan
- Goals of the Plan
- Top Issues in the Community
- Long term change
- How the Plan pertains to the Environment Committee
- Implementation of the Plan

Committee Members were given an opportunity to ask questions.

513-3 Environment Committee Priority Action Items

The Environmental Services Liaison provided an overview of the Environment Committee's "Priority Action Items". She noted a need for separating the objectives in the list and prioritizing, assigning timelines and identifying responsible parties to the objectives. She further noted that there also exists a list of environmental actions formulated by the City's Planning and Development Department that should be merged with the Environment Committee's "Priority

Action Items” so that all environmental objectives are incorporated into the same plan.

A revised Chart with the following headings was presented to the Committee:

- Objective
- Initiatives currently underway
- Recommendations for further action
- Responsible party
- Priority
- Timeline for completion

F. Donnelly, P. Zevit and M. Fankboner agreed to work with Staff on identification of Objectives.

513-4 City -Wide ESA Study

The Environmental Services Liaison reported on the status of the City-Wide ESA Study. She reported that mapping and management principles are currently being outlined and that a draft of the Study will likely go the Growth Management Committee in March/April of this year, and may then be referred to the Environment Committee for comment.

513-5 Coquitlam River Corridor Strategy

The Environmental Services Liaison reported on the status of the Coquitlam River Corridor Strategy. She noted that a Subcommittee Meeting had recently been held between F. Donnelly, I. McArthur and Leisure and Parks Staff to devise an action plan for the Strategy. The Subcommittee is developing a table to identify action items, start dates, completion dates, responsible parties, and funding needed to carry out the action. The Subcommittee is currently working to strike a Task Force to coordinate implementation of the Strategy.

513-6 Northeast Sector Stream Stewardship Committee

The Environmental Services Liaison provided the Committee with a brief overview and update on the Northeast Sector Stream Stewardship Committee, which included information regarding:

- Establishment, composition and mandate of the NESSS Committee
- Overview of the *Draft Stream Protection Strategy* (T-3)
- Next steps

Committee Members were asked to read through the objectives in “Section A” of the *Draft Strategy* and to bring any comments and input to the next Meeting for discussion.

A Committee Member commented that the definition of watercourse classification in the draft NESSC Stream Protection Strategy document should be consistent with those in the provincial Streamside Protection regulations.

ITEM VI – OTHER BUSINESS

Coquitlam River Aggregate Task Force

The Committee asked that the Coquitlam River Aggregate Task Force report back to them before it is disbanded, being that it was started as an extension of the Environment Committee.

Coquitlam River Crossing Study

A Committee Member asked for a status report on the Coquitlam River Crossing Study. The Committee was informed that work is ongoing to produce a report for Council’s consideration and a public consultation phase which would include the Environment Committee.

Notice of Motion – Councillor Wilson – Amendment to the Northeast Coquitlam Official Community Plan

A Committee Member asked for clarification on the Notice of Motion put forward by Councillor Wilson at the September 5, 2000 Council Meeting (Resolution No. 704), specifically with regards to a watershed management plan, and its relevance to Riverwalk. Staff noted that they would bring this information to a future Meeting.

Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 3415, 2000

Staff were asked what the next steps were with regards to Bylaw No. 3415, 2000. The Committee was informed that a number of requirements must be fulfilled by the applicant before the Bylaw can go to Council for 4th Reading. It was also noted that because the Bylaw had already been to Public Hearing it could not be discussed or commented on any further at Committee.

City of Coquitlam Northeast Coquitlam Official Community Plan Amendment
Bylaw No. 3414, 2000

Concern was expressed regarding the timing for input from the Committee regarding Bylaw 3414 and 3418. At first reading Council invited the Environment Committee to comment on Bylaw 3418 prior to the Public Hearing. The Public Hearing was scheduled very soon after the Environment Committee meeting at which the Manager of Community Planning made a presentation on the Bylaw.

A desire was expressed that the Committee have sufficient time in the future to provide input to Council on environmental policy issues.

ITEM VII – ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

CRWS

F. Donnelly provided the Committee with CRWS' submission to the January 25, 2001 Public Hearing.

E. Hodge reported on CRWS' current activities, namely an Environmental Calendar which is being put together with the involvement of 17 different Stewardship Groups. She noted that she does not think the Calendar will be ready for the Environment Fair (April 22nd).

Como Watershed Group

P. Zevit reported on a February 2001 Workshop that she had attended on Global Climate change. She provided the Committee with an overview of the Workshop and a document entitled "A Methodology for Costing the Impacts of Climate Change in the UK."

The Annual General Meeting of the Como Watershed Group will be held Thursday, March 8th, 7:00 p.m. at Dogwood Pavilion.

Burke Mountain Naturalists

I. McArthur reported on recent activities of the Burke Mountain Naturalists, namely nest box cleaning and Walks.

ITEM VIII – TABLED ITEMS


- T-1 Coquitlam River Aggregate Task Force Meeting Minutes – January 18, 2001
- T-2 City of Coquitlam Environment Committee 2000 Report
- T-3 Report to Growth Management Committee on Northeast Sector Stream Stewardship Committee: Draft Stream Protection Strategy
- T-4 Letter from EcoPlan International regarding BC Hydro Water Use Plan for the Coquitlam/Buntzen Hydroelectric System – January 15, 2001
- T-5 Letter regarding Georgia Basin 2000 Progress Report and Urban Sustainability Conference

IX – NEXT MEETING DATE


The next Meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2001.

X – ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the Meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.



Kerri Lore
Committee Clerk



CHAIR

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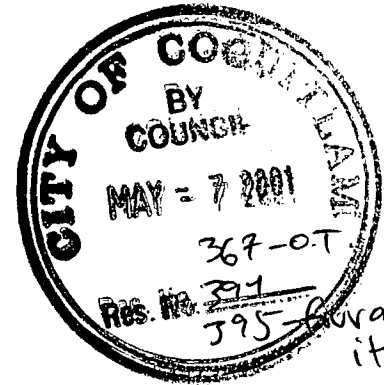
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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES APRIL 23, 2001

A Regular Meeting of the Environment Committee convened on Monday, April 23, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC with the following persons present:

Committee Members Present: Councillor L. Hollington, Chair
Cooke-Aronetz, Shae
Donnelly, Fin
Fankboner, Maggie
Hodge, Eunice
Matahija, Tony
McArthur, Ian
Rodger, George
Zevit, Pamela



Committee Members Absent: Calderhead, Dan (regrets)

Staff Present: E. Chu, Manager Development Services
S. Dal Santo, Environmental Services Liaison
K. Lore, Committee Clerk

ITEM I - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee approved the Minutes of the Environment Committee Regular Meeting held February 26, 2001.

ITEM II - APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee approved the Agenda for the April 23, 2001 Regular Meeting.

ITEM III - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil.

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ITEM IV - NEW BUSINESS

513-1 Environmental Objectives and Actions Framework

The Committee reviewed the *Environmental Objectives and Actions Framework*. The Framework provides the following columns:

- Areas of focus (developed by a subcommittee established for this purpose),
- Environment Committee objectives,
- Reference to the Environment Committee mandate,
- Recommendations for action (based on the May 2000 list prepared by the Environment Committee, and a
- Status update column indicating current progress towards the completion of the recommended action. The status column also indicates items for Council referral. These are summarized below.

The Committee was advised that the intent of the Framework is to focus the efforts of the Committee and to help plan future Agendas. It was also noted that the framework can serve as a tool to document the efforts of the group at the year end review.

Environment Committee comments and input to the Framework have been incorporated into the attached revised table.

It was agreed that at the next Regular Meeting of the Committee the recommended actions, as outlined in the framework and summarized below, would be prioritized. Once prioritized, these items would be referred to Council for approval:

1. Referral of the following suggestions to the Local Improvements Program, the strategic Transportation Plan and the City-wide OCP:
 - encourage development of more pedestrian and bike friendly streets
 - encourage the development of cycle routes and the bike accessibility to transit
 - plan for dog-leash areas
2. Recommendation that various City Departments communicate and support ongoing efforts and partnerships with community stewardship groups engaged in instream habitat enhancements.
3. Recommendation that Council periodically hear environmental presentations not necessarily in connection with development applications (e.g. on climate change, geothermal energy etc.) for their awareness and education.

4. Referral to Leisure and Parks the recommendation that schools be encouraged to take “ownership” and organize educational activities around their local streams (e.g. Adopt-a-Stream).
5. Referral to Leisure and Parks the recommendation that the City maintains up-to-date lists of community stewardship group contacts.
6. Referral to Planning and Development the recommendation that the City place priority on a Coquitlam River watershed management plan. Further that this plan takes into account existing information such as the Coquitlam River Corridor Strategy.
7. Referral to Planning and Development the recommendation to encourage/support the development of a watershed management planning template that is suited to Coquitlam’s watersheds and which explores options in working with the community and other agencies.
8. Development, by the Environment Committee, of an environmental awards/incentives program for environmentally-friendly business operations.

**COUNCIL
ACTION**

The Committee recommends that:

Council approve the following Action Items from the Environment Committee:

1. **An update to the Environment Committee from Operations on issues related to water conservation and water demand management.**
2. **An update to the Environment Committee from Planning and Development regarding the Tree Bylaw.**
3. **An update to the Environment Committee from Leisure and Parks regarding the Naturescape and Great Tree Hunt Programs.**
4. **A presentation by Elaine Golds to the Environment Committee on the subject of the DeBoville Slough.**
5. **An update to the Environment Committee from the Coquitlam River Aggregate Task Force.**

Staff were asked to check the Terms of Reference for the Coquitlam River Aggregate Task Force to determine whether or not the Final Report of the Task Force should be presented to the Environment Committee before going to Council, being that the Task Force was created as an extension of the Environment Committee.

513-2 Review of "Section A" of the *Northeast Sector Stream Stewardship Committee Stream Protection Strategy*

Due to time constraints, Committee Members were asked to refer their comments regarding "Section A" of the *Northeast Sector Stream Stewardship Committee Stream Protection Strategy* to the Environmental Services Liaison.

ITEM V – OTHER BUSINESS

GVRD Proposal for Public/Private Partnership for Seymour Watershed Water Filtration Plant

The Committee was advised that both Burnaby and Coquitlam City Councils have passed resolutions requesting that public consultation takes place prior to any final decision being made re: a public/private partnership as proposed by the GVRD for the Seymour Watershed Water Filtration Plant, and that the Corporate and Protective Services Committee has requested a staff report on the issue.

The Committee asked that the report, when completed, be forwarded to the Committee for their information.

Notice of Motion – Councillor Wilson – Amendment to the Northeast Coquitlam Official Community Plan

The Committee requested clarification on the Notice of Motion put forward by Councillor Wilson at the September 5, 2000 Regular Meeting of Council (Resolution No. 704), specifically with respect to the implementation of a watershed management plan prior to development in Northeast Coquitlam

Updated Committee List

Staff were requested to bring an updated List of Environment Committee Members to the next Meeting.

CRWS

E. Hodge distributed copies of the following to the Committee:

- Agenda and information on a workshop scheduled for May 26, 2001 entitled “Working Together in the Coquitlam River Watershed”
- March 2001 Issue of *The Watershed Works* (Volume 3, Issue 1)
- March 2001 *R.A.C.E. Newsletter*.

ITEM VI – TABLED ITEMS

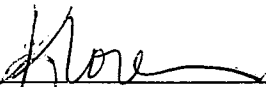
- T-1 Environment Committee Objectives and Actions Framework
- T-2 Como Creek Watershed Study Preliminary Report to Infrastructure Management Committee (February 21, 2001)
- T-3 Leisure, Parks & Cultural Services Committee report on the Coquitlam River Corridor Strategy Communication Plan (March 28, 2001)
- T-4 Leisure, Parks & Cultural Services Committee Report on Earth Week 2001 (April 14-29)

VII – NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2001.

VIII – ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



Kerri Lore
Committee Clerk



CHAIR

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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 23, 2001

A Regular Meeting of the Environment Committee convened on Monday, July 23, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, B.C. with the following persons present:

Committee Members Present: Councillor L. Hollington, Chair
Cooke-Aronetz, Shae
Donnelly, Fin
Fankboner, Maggie
Matahlija, Tony
McArthur, Ian
Rodger, George
Zevit, Pamela

Committee Members Absent: Calderhead, Dan (regrets)
Hodge, Eunice

Also Present: G. Williams, Consultant Biologist

Staff Present: L. Tate, Planner
S. Dal Santo, Environmental Services Coordinator
K. Lore, Committee Clerk

ITEM I - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee approved the Minutes of the Environment Committee Regular Meeting held April 23, 2001.

ITEM II - APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee approved the Agenda for the July 23, 2001 Regular Meeting.

ITEM III - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil.

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ITEM IV - NEW BUSINESS

513-1 Workshop: Environment Section of the Draft City-Wide OCP

Ms. Laura Tate, Planner 2, was present at the Meeting to facilitate a workshop on the Environment section of the Draft City-Wide OCP.

Ms. Tate began with a brief presentation regarding the City-Wide OCP which included information regarding:

- The broader context: *Strategic Plan 2000* – sets the vision for the Community
- Strategic Plan Environmental Issues - resulted from the discussion group sessions
- What the City has now (i.e. local OCPs)
- Purpose of the City-Wide OCP
- What the *Local Government Act* sets out in relation to OCPs
- Examples of City-wide environmental objectives and policies in other municipalities
- 5-Step Work Program (It was noted that the Committee's input was part of phase 3 of the Program: Develop and Evaluate Policy Options)
- Timeline for the development of the City-Wide OCP (completed Draft expected to go to Council in November 2001)

The Committee was then asked to write down their answers and ideas to the following four questions:

- i. Coquitlam residents place great value on ensuring the quality of our natural environment. What opportunities exist in your work for building on existing City initiatives to promote sustainability, in a way that promotes a balance between all community goals.
- ii. What opportunities exist for enhancing community awareness of existing (and future) environmental programs, and participation in environmentally beneficial activities, in a way that balances all community goals?
- iii. One objective of the strategic plan is to lead by example in reducing energy and greenhouse gas emissions, using less-polluting substances, or conserving water, etc. What opportunities do you see for implementing this objective?
- iv. What gaps do you see in our existing policies and programs, that you believe need to be addressed at some point, either now, or through future environmental policy work?

Input from the Committee was compiled and is attached hereto to form a part of these Minutes.

The Committee was asked to forward any further input to Ms. Tate via email or phone. The Committee agreed to forward the Environment Committee's "Environmental Objectives and Action Framework" as further input for incorporation.

The Environmental Services Coordinator reviewed the 16 objectives provided in Section A of the Northeast Sector Stream Stewardship Committee (NESSSC) draft Stream Protection Strategy. The Committee agreed that these NESSSC objectives be forwarded to Ms. Tate for consideration in the City-wide OCP process.

ITEM V – OTHER BUSINESS

Committee Mandate

Discussion ensued relative to the mandate of the Committee. Committee members expressed a desire to provide input into environmental issues related to site-specific development in the City. The Committee agreed to discuss this further at their next Meeting.

Coquitlam River Watershed Management Plan

COUNCIL ACTION **The Committee recommends that:**

Council encourage City Staff to work with the Stewardship Community on the development of a Coquitlam River Watershed Management Plan.

Streamside Protection Regulations

COUNCIL ACTION **The Committee recommends that:**

The City implement the *Streamside Protection Regulations* without delay.

Notice of Motion – Amendment to the Northeast Coquitlam OCP

The Committee requested clarification on the Notice of Motion put forward by Councillor Wilson at the Sept 6, 2000 Regular Meeting of Council (Resolution 702). The Environmental Services Coordinator read the resolution to the Committee, and explained its meaning within the context of the City's current policy (e.g. the Northeast Coquitlam OCP) and the Greater Vancouver Regional District Liquid Waste Management Plan.

Coquitlam River Aggregate Task Force

The Environmental Services Coordinator provided an update on the status of the Coquitlam River Aggregate Task Force. She advised that a draft report is being sent to Task Force Members for review. Once finalized, the report will need to be routed to Council before it is brought forward to the Environment Committee.

Como Watershed Group

The Committee was advised that the Como Watershed Group will be undertaking two new enhancement programs with the City's Operations Department in the Como Creek watershed. The projects are designed to achieve some of the flood relief and fish habitat enhancement goals identified in a recent lower watershed study.

Request for City Environmental Bylaws

The Committee asked to see copies of the City's existing bylaws pertaining to the environment.

ITEM VI – TABLED ITEMS

- T-1 July 2001 Report to Council - "Coquitlam/Buntzen Water Use Plan – Update"
- T-2 Stream and Drainage Protection Bylaw
- T-3 Environment Committee Objectives and Action Framework
- T-4 Notice from GVRD re: upcoming public meetings on filtration (May 28, 2001)
- T-5 June 11, 2001 Report to Growth Management Committee - "Aerial Spraying of Pesticides"
- T-6 City of Coquitlam Procurement Policy
- T-7 Summary: Federal and Provincial Environmental Legislation (Golder and Associates, Water Resources Management Strategy, January 1999)
- T-8 Coquitlam River Aggregate Task Force – Minutes of April 12, 2001

VII – NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2001.

VIII – ADJOURNMENT

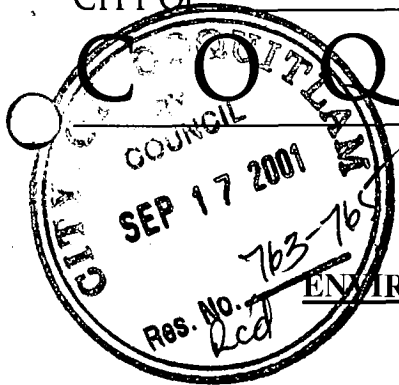
The Chair declared the Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



Kerri Lore
Committee Clerk



CHAIR



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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 10, 2001

A Regular Meeting of the Environment Committee convened on Monday, September 10, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 473, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC with the following persons present:

Committee Members Present: Councillor L. Hollington, Chair
Donnelly, Fin
Fankboner, Maggie
Hodge, Eunice
Matahlija, Tony
McArthur, Ian
Rodger, George
Zevit, Pamela

Committee Members Absent: Cooke-Aronetz, Shae

Staff Present: M. Nihls, Manager Parks and Open Space Services
E. Chu, Manager Development Services
S. Dal Santo, Environmental Services Coordinator
K. Lore, Committee Clerk

ITEM I - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee approved the Minutes of the Environment Committee Regular Meeting held July 23, 2001.

ITEM II - APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee approved the Agenda for the September 10, 2001 Regular Meeting.

ITEM III - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil.

ITEM IV - NEW BUSINESS

513-1 Coquitlam River Corridor Strategy

The Manager Parks and Open Space Services and Mr. F. Donnelly, Committee member appeared before the Committee to provide an update on the Coquitlam River Corridor Strategy. They presented the following two communication tools recently developed by the Environment Committee and City Staff to the Committee:

- Powerpoint presentation/overheads entitled “Coquitlam River Corridor Strategy”
- Brochure entitled “Coquitlam River Corridor Strategy”

Copies of the above are attached hereto and form a part of these Minutes.

The Committee was advised that both the powerpoint presentation and the brochure are available to the public.

513-2 Streamside Protection Regulations

The Chair updated the Committee on their recommendation to Council that the *Streamside Protection Regulations* be implemented without delay and advised that the motion was defeated (Council Resolution No. 705).

513-3 Coquitlam River Watershed Management Plan

The Chair updated the Committee on their recommendation to Council that City Staff work with the Stewardship Community on the development of a Coquitlam River Watershed Management Plan and advised that the motion was carried with a friendly amendment that Staff report back to Council on how this could be undertaken (Council Resolution No. 704).

513-4 Site Specific Issues

Discussion ensued relative to the Committee’s mandate and their desire to provide input regarding site-specific issues.

The Committee was advised that it would be more effective for them to provide input regarding wider policy issues that impact all of Coquitlam rather than isolated areas.

The Committee agreed that they should be given the opportunity to provide input not only to new policy but also to proposed changes to existing policy related to environmental issues. It was further agreed that they should be given adequate time to make informed decisions and recommendations to Council when considering policy.

**COUNCIL
ACTION**

The Committee recommends that:

The Environment Committee be given adequate time prior to Council approval to review new policy and amendments to existing policy that pertains to the environment.

Res # 764
App'd

513-5 Prioritization of Environment Committee Environmental Objectives and Actions

The Environmental Services Coordinator facilitated a review and prioritization of environmental objectives and actions as outlined in the *Environmental Objectives and Actions Framework*.

The Committee agreed on the following as the top three priorities for action (*not* in order of priority):

- Alternative transportation
- Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA) – inventory, mapping, management
- Watershed Management Planning

The Committee also agreed that they should consider developing an Environmental Awards Program. Staff were directed to bring information back to the next Committee Meeting regarding what other local governments and the Provincial Government do to recognize environmental excellence in their communities (i.e. plaques, letters, funding, criteria for judging, etc.).

The Committee requested that the results of the City's ESA Review be presented to them at a future Meeting. The Committee was advised that this would be discussed at the next Meeting as part of a follow-up presentation on the OCP.

Ms. Zevit advised that she is currently working on an environmental education and mentorship program for School District 43 in which she will be submitting a project proposal for funding. It was agreed that should the funding be granted that this project would fulfill the Committee's "Environmental Awareness, Education and Involvement" objective.

The Committee agreed to extend an invitation to Elaine Golds to make a presentation on the Deboville Slough at the next Environment Committee Meeting.

ITEM V – OTHER BUSINESS

Coquitlam River Bridge Crossing

The Committee requested an update on the status of the proposed Bridge Crossing over the Coquitlam River. Staff advised that they would invite the Manager Community Planning to a future Meeting to provide an update on this issue.

Gas Powered Leaf Blowers

The Environmental Services Coordinator provided the Committee with an overview of the City of Vancouver's Noise Bylaw pertaining to gas powered leaf blowers. She advised that the Bylaw prohibits the use of gas powered leaf blowers with the exception that their use is permitted October through January until 2004 - at which time their use will be prohibited at all times.

COUNCIL ACTION

The Committee recommends that:

The City of Coquitlam follow the City of Vancouver's lead in the prohibition of gas powered leaf blowers except during the months of October through January with a total ban on their use effective January 2004.

*Res # 765
Defeated*

T. Matahlija, E. Hodge and M. Fankboner registered opposition.

The Committee agreed that the City of Coquitlam should approach policy related to gas powered leaf blowers from an air quality and pollution perspective rather than through the City's Noise Bylaw.

Community Charter

P. Zevit advised that she would bring information to the next Meeting pertaining to the Province's development of a Community Charter and whether or not there exists opportunities for individuals other than those on the Panel to become involved in its creation.

Burke Mountain Naturalists

I. McArthur advised that the Burke Mountain Naturalists are organizing a Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup along the Coquitlam River – Lions Park Area.

He also reminded Committee Members that B.C. Rivers Day is September 30th.

Stewardship Action Network (SAN)

P. Zevit provided an overview of the Stewardship Action Network.

Rivershed Society of B.C.

F. Donnelly advised that the Rivershed Society of B.C. is holding a Spirit of the Salmon Paddle Leadership Program for students and Community Leaders in celebration of B.C. Rivers Day.

He also advised that the 5th Annual Spirit of the Salmon Feast will be held at 5:00 p.m. on October 7th at Pinetree Community Centre.

ITEM VI – TABLED ITEMS

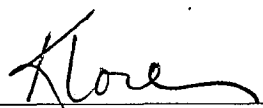
- T-1 Report of General Manager Leisure and Parks Services dated 2001 August 31 – *Treefest 2001 and Fraser 2001 Spirit of the Salmon Leadership Paddle and Salmon Feast*
- T-2 Brochure – Rivershed Society of B.C. – *2001 Spirit of the Salmon Paddle Leadership Program and 5th Annual Spirit of the Salmon Feast*

VII – NEXT MEETING DATE

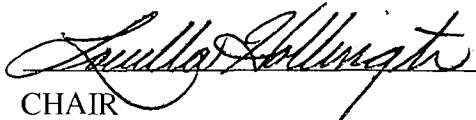
The next Meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2001.

VIII – ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.



Kerri Lore, Committee Clerk



CHAIR



ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 22, 2001

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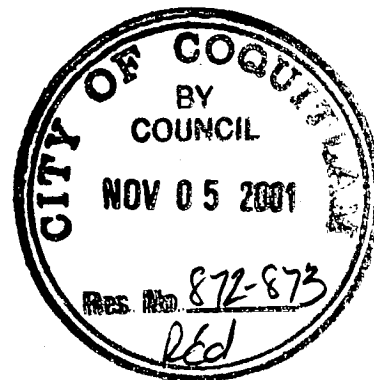
A Regular Meeting of the Environment Committee convened on Monday, October 22, 2001 at 6:05 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC with the following persons present:

Committee Members Present: Councillor L. Hollington, Chair
 Cooke-Aronetz, Shae
 Donnelly, Fin
 Fankboner, Maggie
 Rodger, George
 Zevit, Pamela

Committee Members Absent: Hodge, Eunice
 Matahlija, Tony
 McArthur, Ian

Guests: I. Robertson, Robertson Environmental Services

Staff Present: M. Nihls, Manager Parks and Open Spaces
 E. Chu, Manager Development Services
 J. Sulmona, Manager Community Planning
 L. Tate, Planner 2
 S. Dal Santo, Environmental Services Coordinator
 K. Lore, Committee Clerk



ITEM I - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee approved the Minutes of the Environment Committee Regular Meeting held September 10, 2001.

ITEM II - APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee approved the Agenda for the October 22, 2001 Regular Meeting.

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ITEM III - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil.

ITEM IV - NEW BUSINESS

513-1 Environmental Policy in the City Wide OCP

The Manager Community Planning and Planner 2 were present at the Meeting to provide an overview of the City Wide Official Community Plan (CW OCP). Their presentation included information regarding:

- The Public Open Houses
- Context of the CW OCP
- Area Plans and their relation to the new CW OCP
- Proposed Themes of the CW OCP
- “Healthy Environment” as a theme of particular importance to the Environment Committee and the issues related to this theme that need to be focused on (i.e. Air Quality, Climate Change and Energy; Noise; Green Open Spaces, etc.)
- Green Open Spaces – Natural Areas
- Green Open Spaces – Parks, Trails and Open Spaces

A copy of the presentation was provided to Committee Members and is attached hereto to form a part of these Minutes.

Committee Members were given an opportunity to comment and/or ask questions related to the CW OCP. The following comments and suggestions were made:

- The issue of reconciling infrastructure or utilities issues with the environment (i.e. stormwater management) should be addressed in the CW OCP.
- A Genuine Progress Index (i.e. a Healthy Communities indicator) should be used by the City and referred to in the CW OCP.
- It should be implicitly stated in the CW OCP that the City will lead by example through environmental policy and bylaws – that the City will be moving towards policy and practices that reflect a more up to date view of the environment.
- The GVRD’s *Livable Region Strategic Plan* as it relates to a “Healthy Environment” should be mentioned in the CW OCP for context purposes.
- There should be a specific referral to Watershed Management under “Water Resources.”

The Manager Community Planning provided the Committee with an overview of the Environmentally Sensitive Area Study, as prepared by Robinson Environmental Services. His presentation included information regarding:

- Study goals
- How the Study was done
- What the Study means for specific sites
- Proposed Responses
- What has been done so far
- What happens next with the Study – the Committee was advised that the City will seek input as part of the CW OCP process on how to move forward on the following “Proposed Options:”
 - 1) Extend coverage of the Tree Cutting Permit Bylaw Map to those areas identified in the ESA.
 - 2) Establish Priority Management Areas for the ESA, focusing attention on Medium and High ESAs.

The Committee was advised that only those portions of actual *physical development* on residential, commercial and industrial properties were excluded from the Study, not the entire property.

Committee Members were given an opportunity to comment and/or ask questions related to the ESA Study. The following comments and suggestions were made:

- Small forested areas should not be rated “low sensitivity” as they are often the “gateway” to larger natural areas.
- There is a desire to deal with existing conditions - *pre-development*.
- There needs to be the ability to address longer term issues and restorative issues.

513-2 Coquitlam River Crossing

The Manager Community Planning provided an update on the *Coquitlam River Crossing Feasibility Study*. His presentation included information regarding:

- Status of the Study:
 - input has been received on the Terms of Reference from the City of Port Coquitlam, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection.
 - work was started in October 2000
 - an inventory of features has been compiled
 - currently in the process of defining what the functions and options are – the “Functional Design.”
- Objectives of the Study (i.e. to assess matters identified at the crossings)

The Committee was advised that public input regarding the location of the crossings was provided as part of the Northeast OCP process and that public input at this stage, subject to Council consideration, would be sought to identify technical, financial, social, environmental and other related project impacts.

The Manager Community Planning clarified that any crossings sought for the Riverwalk Development would be *in addition* to the 2 Crossings authorized in the Northeast Coquitlam OCP. He noted that the Riverwalk Development Agreement is clear in this regard and that copies of the Agreement are available upon request.

513-3 Community Charter

P. Zevit, Committee Member, provided the Committee with copies of the report of the Minister of State for Community Charter entitled “Community Charter: A Discussion Paper” a copy of which is attached hereto and forms a part of these Minutes. She noted that Phase 2 of the process will be most relevant to the Committee in that it deals with issues related to the environment, such as land use planning. She advised that this phase will be addressed later in the process.

Copies of the following reports were also circulated to the Committee and are attached hereto to form a part of these Minutes:

- “Community Charter Consultation – Phase 1: Some Selected Highlights of the Proposed Community Charter for Initial Discussion Purposes”
- “The Provincial Land Use Charter”

513-4 Environmental Awards Program

This item was deferred to the next Regular Meeting of the Committee.

ITEM V – OTHER BUSINESS

Watershed Wise Program - Proposal

P. Zevit circulated copies of a Proposal for the “Watershed Wise Program”, the purpose of which is to access funding from the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund 2001 to develop an environmental awareness and education program for the City of Coquitlam. A copy of the Proposal is attached hereto and forms a part of these Minutes.

- T-2 Letter from the T. Buck Suzuki Foundation re. the Effects of Sewage on
the Long Term Health of the Marine Ecosystem
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COUNCIL ACTION **The Committee recommends that:**

Council encourage the GVRD, through its Liquid Waste Management Plan, to include a defined upgrading schedule for Iona and Lions Gate Sewage Treatment Plants, and a reasonable and firm timeframe whereby Combined Sewage Outfalls such as Clark Drive would be eliminated.

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ITEM VI – TABLED ITEMS

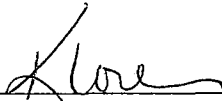
- T-1 Environment Committee Issues – Brainstorming Summary – July 23, 2001
Committee Meeting
- T-2 Letter from T. Buck Suzuki Environmental Foundation dated August 27,
2001 re. Effects of Sewage on Long-Term Health of the Marine
Ecosystem
- T-3 Memo to the City Manager from the General Manager Planning and
Development Services re. *Streamside Protection Regulations* (Growth
Management Committee, Item 501-1)
- T-4 Letter to Councillor Hollington dated September 24, 2001 re. Coordinated
Project Review in Burrard Inlet and the Fraser River Estuary
- T-5 Invitation to attend October 9, 2001 briefing with Marlene Jennings, MP,
on the implications for municipalities re. the SCC Hudson decision on
limiting pesticide use.

VII – NEXT MEETING DATE

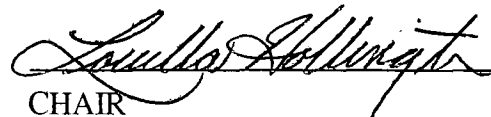
The next Meeting is scheduled for November 26, 2001.

VIII – ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.



Kerri Lore
Committee Clerk


CHAIR

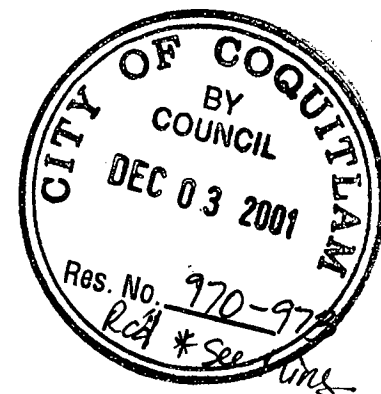


ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 26, 2001

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A Regular Meeting of the Environment Committee convened on Monday, November 26, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC with the following persons present:

Committee Members Present: Councillor L. Hollington, Chair
Donnelly, Finbarr
Fankboner, Maggie
Hodge, Eunice
Matahlija, Tony
McArthur, Ian
Rodger, George
Zevit, Pamela



Committee Members Absent: Cooke-Aronetz, Shae

Guests: G. Vlassopoulos, Smart Choices
E. Golds
M. Griffin } Burke Mountain Naturalists
C. Togham }

Staff Present: S. Dal Santo, Environmental Services Coordinator
K. Lore, Committee Clerk

ITEM I - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee approved the Minutes of the Environment Committee Regular Meeting held October 22, 2001.

ITEM II - APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee approved the Agenda for the November 26, 2001 Regular Meeting with the addition of two items:

- 513-6 Pesticide Use in BC Municipalities
- 513-7 Genuine Progress Index

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ITEM III - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil.

ITEM IV - NEW BUSINESS

513-1 Presentation: The DeBoville Slough

Ms. E. Golds, Mr. M. Griffin and Ms. C. Togham, Burke Mountain Naturalists, were present at the Meeting to provide a presentation on the Deboville Slough. Their presentation included information regarding:

- History of Deboville Slough
- Current use of Deboville Slough
- Current ecological concerns
- Vision for the Future

Ms. Gold noted that the Burke Mountain Naturalists would like to work with the City to foster an appreciation of the Deboville Slough and the wildlife habitat that exists there and would like to see a City sponsored workshop involving all of the stakeholders to discuss and explore issues and best management practices.

**COUNCIL
ACTION**

The Committee recommends:

That Council support the Burke Mountain Naturalists "Vision for the Future":

- 1) A clearer public understanding of the responsibilities of various levels of government
- 2) Interpretive Signage
- 3) Landowner contact program to promote awareness of biological values of the Slough
- ✓*4) Development of a stakeholder group – "Slough-Keepers" through an initial workshop, to bring together local residents, boat club members, farmers, naturalists, recreation-users, Hyde Creek Streamkeepers & government
- 5) Modifications of north-side pump house to allow fish access
- 6) Acquisition of significant wetlands especially on south side
- 7) Appropriate management for increased recreational use. There is a need for washroom facilities, parking and planting.
- 8) Ensure proposed Fremont Connector will not damage habitat values of Slough.

RES. NO. 971-973
RES. AMENDED
* SEE COUNCIL MIN.

513-2 Presentation: Smart Choices Update

Mr. G. Vlassopoulos, Program Manager, Smart Choices, was present at the Meeting to provide an update on the Smart Choices Project. His presentation included information regarding:

- Defining eCommunity
- eCommunity Benefits
- eCommunity Characteristics
- Communities of Interest
- Current status of the Project

The Committee was given an opportunity to comment and/or ask questions.

513-3 Coquitlam River Aggregate Task Force Final Report and Action Plan

The Environmental Services Coordinator provided an overview of the Coquitlam River Aggregate Task Force *Final Report and Action Plan*. She advised that the Task Force will meet again in June 2002 to assess progress of the implementation phase of the *Action Plan*.

The Committee thanked Mr. Donnelly for serving on the Task Force.

513-4 Environmental Awards Program

The Environmental Services Coordinator provided an overview of various local government's environmental award programs (City of Vancouver, City of Burnaby, City of Port Moody).

Discussion ensued relative to the logistics of adopting an environmental awards program. It was agreed that a sub-committee should be struck to administer the program.

Staff were directed to bring to a future meeting of the Committee further information on how Coquitlam could implement an environmental awards program and a recommendation that an Environmental Award Program Sub-Committee be struck.

513-5 Environment Committee 2001 Progress and Accomplishments

The Chair provided an overview of the Environment Committee "2001 Progress Report."

Discussion ensued relative to the Environment Committee Priority Action Item List. It was agreed that the List should be reviewed again in 2002.

513-6 Pesticide Use in B.C. Municipalities

Discussion ensued relative to the municipality of Hudson's restrictions on the use of pesticides within their community. Staff advised that the restrictions do not involve a *complete ban* on the use of pesticides and that there is a caveat in Hudson's bylaw that is not noted in the Health Action Network Society's "Letter to the Editor."

Staff were directed to bring copies of the municipality of Hudson's bylaw to a future Meeting of the Committee for review and further discussion of this item.

513-7 Genuine Progress Index

F. Donnelly provided an overview of the Genuine Progress Index (GPI), a new measure of sustainable development and well being.

Staff noted that the City-Wide Official Community Plan may not be the most appropriate place for the GPI but that the City will be undertaking a Community Sustainability Monitoring program to which the GPI could be forwarded for consideration.

The following Notice of Motion was presented by F. Donnelly and seconded for consideration at the next Regular Meeting of the Committee:

"That the Environment Committee recommend that the City adopt the Genuine Progress Index as its official measure of community livability, placing it in the Community Sustainability Monitoring program."

ITEM V – OTHER BUSINESS

- T-1 “City of Coquitlam Tree Cutting Permit Amendment Bylaw No. 3472, 2001”
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The Committee was advised that Council adopted “Tree Cutting Permit Amendment Bylaw No. 3472, 2001” at their Regular Meeting held November 19, 2001.

Discussion ensued relative to whether or not a “Certified Landscape Architect” would possess the appropriate knowledge and skill needed to make assessments as required by the Bylaw. P. Zevit advised that she would forward further information regarding this matter to City staff.

- T-3 Report of General Manager Planning and Development dated 2001 November 16 entitled “Coquitlam River Watershed Atlas – Process and Suggested City Support”
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The Environmental Services Coordinator provided an overview of the Report of the General Manager Planning and Development Services dated 2001 November 16 entitled “Coquitlam River Watershed Atlas – Process and Suggested City Support” and advised that Council adopted the recommendations contained within the report at their Regular Meeting held November 19, 2001.

Burrard Inlet Environmental Management Plan – Open House and Public Forum

The Committee was advised that there would be an Open House and Public Forum on the Burrard Inlet Environmental Management Plan on December 11th at SFU Harbour Centre from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. (Open House) and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (Public Forum).

ITEM VI – TABLED ITEMS

- T-1 City of Coquitlam Tree Cutting Permit Amendment Bylaw No. 3472, 2001
T-2 FREMP invitation to attend Public Forum on Monitoring the Estuary Management Plan
T-3 Report of General Manager Planning and Development dated 2001 November 16 – “Coquitlam River Watershed Atlas – Process and Suggested City Support.”

VII – NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Meeting will be scheduled at the call of the Chair.

VIII – ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

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Kerri Lore
Committee Clerk

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CHAIR