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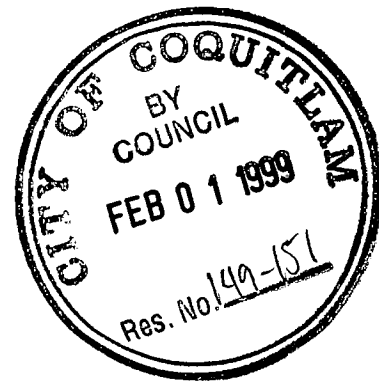


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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 25, 1999

The first Regular Meeting of the Environment Committee of Council convened on Monday, January 25, 1999 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 D. Thorne, Chair
F. Donnelly
D. Lynch
D. Howarth
D. Dewell
P. Zevit
F. Lee
J. Gola
E. Ward
I. McArthur



Staff Present: B. Elliott, General Manager Leisure & Parks Services
M. Nihls, Manager Parks & Environmental Services Division

ITEM I - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil

ITEM II - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

ITEM III - NEW BUSINESS

505-1 Introductions

Councillor Thorne welcomed all Committee Members and facilitated introductions of Committee Members and staff.

505-2 Confirmation of Committee Composition

The Committee confirmed that Ian McArthur will serve on the Committee as the representative from the Burke Mountain Naturalists Organization.

COUNCIL

ACTION:

The Committee recommends that Council authorize Committee to seek a representative from the Coquitlam River Watershed Society in lieu of a Streamkeepers Coquitlam representative.

Appd
Res 150

505-3 DRAFT Terms of Reference

Committee members discussed a draft Terms of Reference and agreed on some minor wording revisions. Staff were directed to check with the Clerk's Office to determine before the next meeting if a protocol exists related to Advisory Committee's dealing with land or legal or personnel issues and to verify the meaning of the quorum statement in the Terms of Reference.

COUNCIL

ACTION:

The Committee recommends that Council approve the Environment Committee DRAFT Terms of Reference, as amended January 25, 1999 (attached).

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ITEM IV - OTHER BUSINESS

Meeting Schedule

Next meeting date is February 22, 1999 - 6:00 p.m. Meetings will generally be on the 4th Monday of each month thereafter, unless notified otherwise by the Chair.

Environmental Policy/Vision Statement

Staff were requested to provide for the next meeting copy/examples of other City's environmental policy or environmental vision statements.

Future Agenda Items

Items to be included in future meeting agendas include:

- brainstorming/visioning exercise - environmental issues of importance to Committee Members
- priority setting



- Committee effectiveness - how advisory committees can work most effectively within the context of City Governance.

Community Energy Planning Workshop Proceedings - November 25, 1998

Councillor Thorne advised that GVRD member municipalities had participated in a regional workshop focusing on Green House Gas Management in November of 1998. Copy of proceedings will be attached to February agenda package.

ITEM V - TABLED ITEM

T-1 Information Report - Decision of B.C. Environmental Appeal Board re: Issuance of Pesticide Use Permit 108-082-98/00 issued to Canadian Pacific Railway.

M. Nihls provided a brief verbal report on the nature and content of the permit amendments recommended in the B.C. Environmental Appeal Board decision.

ITEM VI - ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the Meeting adjourned - 8:00 p.m.

CHAIR

M. Nihls
Manager Parks & Environmental Services Division

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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 22, 1999

The Meeting of the Environment Committee of Council convened on Monday, February 22, 1999 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 D. Thorne, Chair

F. Donnelly
B. Lynch
D. Howarth
D. Dewell
P. Zevit
S. Lee
J. Gola
J. Spira
E. Ward
I. McArthur
R. Cran



Staff Present:

B. Elliott, General Manager Leisure & Parks Services
M. Nihls, Manager Parks & Environmental Services Division

ITEM I - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee approved the Minutes of the Environment Committee Regular Meeting held January 25, 1999.

ITEM II - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

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ITEM III - NEW BUSINESS

1. Brainstorming/Visioning Exercise

Committee members engaged in brainstorming session with a focus on identifying statements or elements of their vision for the environment of Coquitlam (in 20 years).

(Visioning Exercise notes are attached to minutes.)

2. Priority Setting

Committee members identified important environmental issues which they intend to focus on.

From this list, Committee members established a Priority ranking of issues. (Important Environmental Issues and Priority Ranking notes are attached to minutes.)

Committee members agreed to work on developing goals for addressing the top ranked priority issues in future meetings.

3. Committee Effectiveness

Committee discussed importance of members gaining knowledge and awareness of environmental matters such as policy, watershed planning principles and agreed that an educational component should be included as part of each future agenda. The delivery of the educational component will include presentations by Committee members, staff and guests.

Reference was made to recent correspondence, sent by Council to the Province related to Burns Bog. It was suggested that the Environment Committee should be copied with all correspondence sent/received by Council which relates to environmental issues.

COUNCIL

ACTION:

The Committee recommends that Council provide copies of official correspondence sent and received by Council dealing with environmental matters/issues to the Chair of the Environment Committee.

*Agreed
Res'n #205*

4. Committee Composition

Committee members considered and unanimously approved a motion to appoint Eunice Hodge, the representative from the Coquitlam River Watershed Society, as a member of the Environment Committee.

COUNCIL

ACTION:

The Committee recommends that Council appoint Eunice Hodge, the representative from the Coquitlam River Watershed Society, to the Environment Committee.

*Approved
Res 170 # 2006*

ITEM IV - OTHER BUSINESS

Education/Awareness Presentations

An environmental education component is to form part of each regular meeting. A presentation on Principles of Watershed Planning will be made by Committee member Pamela Zevit at the March 22, 1999 meeting.

Information Sharing

Committee members discussed options for sharing information. Committee agreed that time will be allocated at end of each meeting for round the table brief announcements and updates.

Staff will arrange for providing an Information Binder at next meeting in which a hard copy of information will be stored.

Copies of the Fraser Basin Sustainability Through Responsibility (DFO) will be brought to the next meeting by Pamela Zevit.

ITEM V - TABLED ITEM

- T-1 Proceedings for Community Energy Planning Workshop Series for Greenhouse Gas Management
- T-2 Approved Terms of Reference
- T-3 City of Burnaby Draft Environment Policy OCP
- T-4 City of Richmond State of Environment Report 1998
- T-5 City of Calgary Healthy Environment Policy

ITEM VI - ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

M. Nihls
Manager Parks & Environmental
Services Division

CHAIR

WHAT IS YOUR VISION OF THE ENVIRONMENT
OF COQUITLAM IN 20 YEARS

- ◆ Cleaner Air
- ◆ Green space/Population Ration is maintained/improved
- ◆ More green space
- ◆ Balanced, sustainable living within a healthy ecosystem and watershed with defined ESA's and complete inventory of streams
- ◆ Cleaner, healthier streams
- ◆ Common Stream Stewardship Bylaw with School District 43
- ◆ Maintain wildlife populations
- ◆ Established and enforceable bylaws and regulations
- ◆ ENFORCEMENT —————> CONSEQUENCES
- ◆ A well developed, local transportation system that does not depend on the car
- ◆ Vision should focus on the physical "what does it look like"
- ◆ Must be achievable (potentially) but not easy
- ◆ Community living in harmony with nature instead of trying to dominate it
- ◆ Stronger integration of community planning in land use stewardship
- ◆ No net loss of trees
- ◆ Greater accessibility to the riverfronts
- ◆ Inventory of wildlife and plant populations
- ◆ More community awareness of environmental issues
- ◆ Functional developments that cater to pedestrians, bikes, etc. for all aspects of community life
- ◆ Impacts of industry on the environments are reduced

**IMPORTANT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES
AND PRIORITY RANKING**

The Committee Members indicated highest priorities with placements of dots beside Issue Statements.

Ranking

1. Watershed Protection (9 dots)
 - Coquitlam River Corridor Strategy 5 dots
 - Coquitlam River Watershed Plan and its sub-watersheds 1 dot
 - Watershed Planning Template 3 dots9 dots

2. Environmental Policy for Coquitlam (7 dots)
 - Overarching Policy statement)
 - A way to measure commitment to the policy) 5 dots
 - Build in performance indicators 2 dots7 dots

3. Tree Preservation (6 dots)
 - "No Net Loss" Policy/Bylaw, Regulation, etc.
 - Great Tree Hunt

3. Water Use and Conservation (6 dots)

4. Stream Stewardship Initiatives (5 dots)
 - Increase funding for stream stewardship initiatives in the City through partnerships with NGO's for non-profits, etc. E.g. seed money (leveraging)
 - City should become more efficient at working with others
 - Committee could help bring the various agencies together, Info. Sharing

4. Create More Pedestrian Friendly Streets (5 dots)
 - Establish some goals
 - Buffers between people and cars

5. Promote Environmental Education (4 dots)
 - Outside the Committee
 - Community

5. Environmental Data Inventory (4 dots)
 - a) Policy/existing data - What is the City doing now? E.g. Daylighting - now?
Existing condition
 - b) Organize data by Issues (Physical Data)
 - c) The human players. (Community Directory of all groups/partners/industry.)

Important Environmental Issues
and Priority Ranking

5. Biodiversity Indicators Inventory (4 dots)
6. Deboville Slough Management Issues (3 dots)
 - Cranberry farms
 - Boat Club (expansion)
6. Develop a Standard for Open Space/Passive Park Per Capita (3 dots)
7. Local Air Quality Improvements (2 dots)
 - Regulations, Guidelines
7. Inventory of Major Impactors to Environment (2 dots)
 - i.e. polluters list, large scale land developments
8. Riverfront Land Acquisition (1 dot)
9. Awareness/Self Education (0 dots)
9. Propose a "Daylighting" Policy (0 dots)

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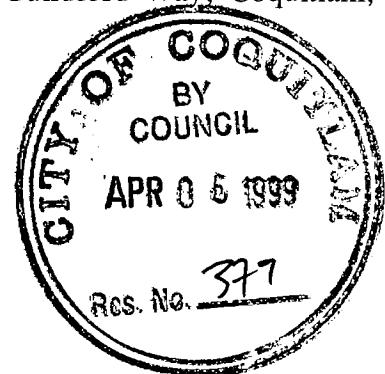


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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 22, 1999

The Meeting of the Environment Committee of Council convened on Monday, March 22, 1999 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 D. Thorne, Chair
F. Donnelly
B. Lynch
D. Howarth
D. Dewell
P. Zevit
J. Gola
J. Spira
I. McArthur
R. Cran
E. Hodge



Staff Present: B. Elliott, General Manager Leisure & Parks Services
M. Nihls, Manager Parks & Environmental Services Division

ITEM I - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee approved the Minutes of the Environment Committee Regular Meeting held February 22, 1999.

ITEM II - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Nil

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ITEM III - NEW BUSINESS

1. Committee Composition - Introduce New Member - Eunice Hodge

Councillor Thorne welcomed and introduced Eunice Hodge to committee members.

2. Education Awareness - Principles of Watershed Planning Presentation

Committee member, Ms. Pamela Zevit provided a PowerPoint slide presentation entitled "Watershed Planning for Beginners - An Ecosystem Approach". The presentation covered watershed classification coding system, living and non-living components of watersheds, the watershed as a living network, human impacts to watersheds, and the power of partnerships and collaborative efforts by governments and community in protecting and managing watersheds. (Presentation summary attached to minutes.)

3. Important Environmental Issues

Committee members reviewed the priority ranking of important issues. Suggestion that two items, a) the preservation of Riverview lands, and b) investigate feasibility of establishment of a Land Trust for acquiring/protecting Environmentally Sensitive Land should also be added to the list.

Committee decided to group priorities with common features. (Revised Priority Ranking List attached to minutes.)

4. Watershed Protection

Committee discussed a range of potential goals which could be focused on in terms of developing a Coquitlam River Corridor Strategy. It was agreed that Barry Elliott will facilitate a focused session to identify and develop succinct goals and objectives which are compatible with the Committees Terms of Reference as part of the April 26, 1999 regular meeting.

5. Information Sharing

5.1 Upcoming Events

- Symposium for Coquitlam River Watershed - "Working Toward Conservation", March 26, 27, 1999 - Douglas College
- City of Coquitlam Environment Fair, Sunday, April 18, 1999, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Colony Farm Regional Park
- Port Moody Ecological Society Fingerling Festival, May 2, 1999 at Noon's Creek Hatchery
- Hoy Creek Fry Release - May 2, 1999, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Hoy Creek Hatchery
- Pitt Poulder - Swan-e-set Proposal - Public Hearing, Saturday, March 27, 1999, 10:00 a.m. at Pitt Meadows Secondary School
- BC Rivershed Society - Annual General Meeting. Saturday, March 27, 7:00 p.m., Douglas College - Coquitlam Campus
- Household Rain Barrels Program - Coquitlam Council will be considering details re introduction of a Residential subsidized rain barrel purchase program.

5.2 Tobacco for Fighting Ozone Pollution?

Centennial student, Alice Miro, is conducting research into the efficacy of a special variety of tobacco plant for monitoring air quality, specifically ozone pollution. Ms. Miro is looking for community members to help with the research by adopting tobacco plants and observing changes in leaf surface area on the plants over the summer. For more information, contact Alice Miro at 931-6415.

ITEM IV - OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

ITEM V - TABLED ITEM

- T-1 1999 Minister's Environmental Awards Program
- T-2 Revised Environmental Committee Member List

ITEM VI - ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

M. Nihls
Manager Parks & Environmental
Services Division

CHAIR

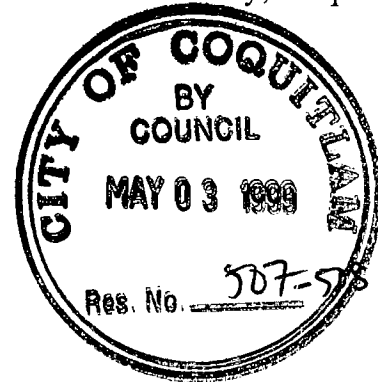


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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 26, 1999

The Meeting of the Environment Committee of Council convened on Monday, April 26, 1999 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 D. Thorne, Chair
F. Donnelly
S. Lee
D. Howarth
D. Dewell
P. Zevit
J. Gola
J. Spira
I. McArthur
E. Ward
E. Hodge



Staff Present: B. Elliott, General Manager Leisure & Parks Services
M. Nihls, Manager Parks & Environmental Services Division

ITEM I - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee approved the Minutes of the Environment Committee Regular Meeting held March 22, 1999.

ITEM II - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Committee Chair reminded Committee members of following upcoming events:

1. Port Moody Ecological Society Fingerling Festival, May 2, 1999 - Noons Creek Hatchery.
2. Hoy Creek Fry Release - May 2, 1999, 9:00 a.m.
3. Household Composter and Rainbarrel Program:

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Composters and rainbarrels to be on sale on May 15, 1999 at Poirier Street Sport Centre Parking Lot (by the Recycling Depot).

ITEM III - NEW BUSINESS

1. Watershed Protection: Discussion of Committee Goals and Action Plan

- B. Elliott (General Manager Leisure & Parks Services) provided committee members with copies of:
 - a) Committee Terms of Reference;
 - b) excerpt of article, "Taking Action to Improve Environmental Quality" to guide the groups discussion related to developing an Action Plan for the Coquitlam River Corridor Strategy.
- Committee members discussed the distinction between creating an Action Plan for the Environment Committee (action steps that individual and groups of committee members will take) related to an overall strategy, as opposed to recommending that Council and/or others take certain actions.
- A number of action steps were proposed by committee members and recorded on flip chart sheets.
- Some committee members suggested it would be helpful to receive information on existing policies related to watercourse protection and documentation on the history of Coquitlam Watershed prior to finalizing action steps.
- M. Nihls advised that Douglas College Institute of Urban Ecology recently received a grant to produce a Coquitlam River Watershed Almanac. The Almanac documents a lot of historical information and current initiatives relative to the Coquitlam River and is expected to be complete within 2-3 weeks. Committee requested that copies of the Coquitlam River Almanac, the City of Coquitlam 1997 Annual Report and a listing of existing OCP statements, bylaws and polices that relate to watercourse protection, be provided for the next meeting.
- Committee members agreed to resume work in finalizing the Action Steps at the next meeting, and to start work on developing Implementation Strategy for carrying out the Action Plan.

2. Liaison between City Council and Community on Environmental Issues

Committee discussed their mandate as it relates to the role of providing a liaison between Council and the Community at large. It was agreed that a positive step in communicating the liaison role of the Environment Committee could result from Council officially inviting established stewardship groups to contact the Environment Committee Secretary or Chair when wishing to advance environmental information or issues.

COUNCIL

ACTION: The Committee recommends that Council send a letter to Community Environment Stewardship Groups advising of the existence of the Environment Committee, its liaison role with Council and inviting such groups to contact the Environment Committee Secretary or Chair if interested in forwarding or presenting information, concerns or issues of environmental importance.

3. Information Sharing

3.1 Upcoming Events

- GVRD Watershed Management Forum: Managing and protecting Greater Vancouver's watersheds - Capilano, Seymour, Coquitlam. Saturday, May 15, 1999 9:00-4:00 Robson Square, Vancouver.
- Coquitlam River Forum: May 7, 1999 (10:45-2:45 p.m.) at Minnekada Middle School. Series of short presentations with a purpose of exposing grade 8 students to wide range of perspectives that people have of Coquitlam River.
- "Watershed Stewardship" Community Workshop'99 - May 14, 15, 16 at Little Campbell Hatchery Site. Hosted by Nicomckl Enhancement Society and Semiahmoo Fish and Game Club.
- Brunette Basin Task Group: Submission to GVRD Liquid Waste Management Plan June 10, 1999 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Bill Copeland Arena, Burnaby.
- Annual General Meeting of CRWS: scheduled for May 20, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. at Pinetree High School.

- Hoy Creek Hatchery Clean Up: D. Dewell reported that Brownie and Girl Guide groups will be assisting streamkeeper volunteers in cleaning the hatchery. Date: May 9, 1999 at 9:00 a.m.

3.2 Land Trust Information

F. Donnelly has located information and a contact name. Will bring additional information to next meeting.

3.3 BC Rivershed Society

F. Donnelly reported that the B.C. Rivershed Society recently participated in the Coquitlam Environment Fair and the Kayquitlam First Nations Earth Week events.

3.4 Coquitlam River Watershed Society

- Hedge reported that she and L. Girvan of the Hoy/Scott Streamkeepers recently toured school children from Eagle Ridge School and observed both chum and coho fry in Scott Creek.
- CRWS Symposium was held March 25/26 at Douglas College.

3.5 Watershed Mapping

M. Nihls reported that a grant submission has been made to Fisheries Renewal BC - Salmon Renewal Program by the Coquitlam River Watershed Society to collect, input and analyze detailed mapping of selected watercourses in the north-east Coquitlam River watershed. Partners in the grant submission include Douglas College, City of Coquitlam, DFO, MELP, and North Fraser Salmon Assistance Project.

3.6 Water Exports

J. Spira circulated a brochure published by the Council of Canadians related to NAFTA rules governing the export of Canadian Freshwater.

ITEM IV - OTHER BUSINESS

1. Committee Members interested in filling the role of Deputy Chair if/when required should contact M. Nihls before the next meeting.
2. Nature Scape Recognition

D. Dewell brought forward a request on behalf of a community resident asking if the Environment Committee would support a request for offering meeting room space and certificates of recognition for a Nature Scape Group, if such a group was to form.

Staff advised that: formal community groups are able to book a meeting room in City facilities once per year for Annual General Meetings, but fees apply at the community group rates for regular meetings; that the Coquitlam Gardening Club and City staff are currently incorporating a category for recognition of natural landscapes as part of the 1999 Community Beautification Program.

Committee requested that D. Dewell relay this information to the community resident.

ITEM V - ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Next meeting date: Thursday, May 27, 1999 - 6:30 p.m.

M. Nihls
Manager Parks & Environmental
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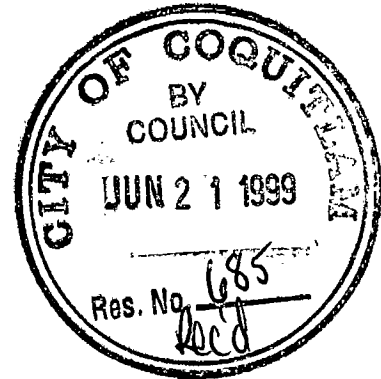


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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 27, 1999

The Meeting of the Environment Committee of Council convened on Thursday, May 27, 1999 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, B.C. with the following persons present:

Committee Members Present: Councillor D. Thorne, Chair
F. Donnelly
D. Dewell
P. Zevit
J. Gola
J. Spira
I. McArthur
E. Ward
E. Hodge



Staff Present: B. Elliott, General Manager Leisure & Parks Services
M. Nihls, Manager Parks & Environmental Services Division

ITEM I - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee approved the Minutes of the Environment Committee Regular Meeting held April 26, 1999.

ITEM II - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Letters to Community Environment Stewardship Group

Mayor's Office mailed letter of invitation and Terms of Reference to Stewardship Group contacts on May 15, 1999.

2. Land Trust Information

F. Donnelly summarized pertinent information related to land trusts. General discussion followed regarding the benefit of trusts for protecting or acquiring environmentally sensitive lands. (Information package attached to minutes.)

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7/26/99

3 Water Exports

J. Spira commented on the environmental implications associated with potential exports of Canadian freshwater related to NAFTA agreement.

ITEM III - NEW BUSINESS

1. Review Draft Action Plan: Coquitlam River Corridor Strategy

Committee members reviewed and discussed Draft Action Plan. Members agreed to add steps related to:

- consensus building (minimum 75% majority requirement for committee decisions);
- involve the community and other appropriate outside group in developing a Coquitlam River Corridor Strategy;
- compile a library for storage of relevant regulatory and historical information related to Coquitlam River
- contact School District 43 and request list of teacher contacts involved with environmental education and programs;
- invite City of Port Coquitlam Environment Committee representative to attend a meeting in September to discuss and share information related to a Coquitlam River Corridor Strategy.
- Members agreed to delete Action 5.3 related to establishment of free speakers bureau.

2. Develop Implementation Strategy for Action Plan

Deferred to next meeting

3. Information Sharing

3.1 Upcoming Events

- Pacific Salmon Foundation Auction Thursday, July 8, 1999 - 7:00 - 9:00 pm at Evergreen Cultural Centre. Proceeds to Pacific Salmon Foundation. Organized and hosted by Hoy/Scott Streamkeepers.
- Pitt River Area Watershed Network (PRAWN) hosting public meeting related to proposed gravel mining in Upper Pitt River watershed Friday, June 11, 1999 - 7:30pm at Maple Ridge Municipal Complex (old Library)

- Burke-Pinecone Hike - Burke Mountain Naturalists hosting Backside of Burke Mountain hike for members and new members on Saturday, June 12.
Carpool being organized from Toys R Us Park & Ride 8:00 am. Return at 4:00 pm. For more info, contact Ian McArthur at 464-9255.
- Colony Farm Park Association - hosting a Strawberry Social on Sunday, June 27 - 1:00pm - 3:00pm. For more information, contact Karen Beckenbach at 939-2204.
- North Vancouver Outdoor School - hosting Open House on Sunday, June 6 at Brackendale 10:30 - 3:00 p.m.
- Minnekhada Regional Park - Open House - GVRD staff presenting capital improvement plans and new park management and operation initiatives and inviting comments on Tuesday, June 01, 6:00 - 9:30 p.m. at Best Western Inn, Lougheed Hwy./Coast Meridian Road, Port Coquitlam.
- Rivershed Society of BC Events - Fraser River Cruise - Sunday, May 30. Spirit of the Salmon Swim - September 24, 1999 starting at Maquabeak Park.
- Watershed Stewardship Conference - Saturday, June 12, 1999 - 8:00 - 4:45p.m. at Surrey School District 36 Conference Centre. Hosted by BC Watershed Stewardship Alliance, Urban Salmon Habitat Program and Stoney Creek Environment Committee

3.2 Stream Stewardship Group Initiatives/Updates

- Coquitlam River Watershed Society (CRWS) - held Annual General Meeting on Thursday, May 20th. Board of Directors elected (7).
- Hoy/Scott Streamkeepers - received presentation by Coquitlam River Watershed Society members at the May 19th regular meeting. Presentation focused on history of CRWS, current directions and objectives of group.
 - hosting Pacific Salmon Foundation Auction on July 08 at Evergreen Cultural Centre.
 - received delegation from two residents expressing concerns about work methods employed by contractors performing tree and vegetation removal for BC Hydro on BC Hydro right-of-way along Scott Creek - south of Barnet Hwy. They have been in direct contact with BC Hydro administration and are awaiting a response.
- Como Watershed Group - have produced 1997/1998 Annual Report. The report documents and provides details of achievements, enhancement activities, public outreach, financial statements and

future initiatives. (Table of Contents attached to minutes) Copy of Annual Report will be filed in Environment Committee Library.

Requests by Como Watershed Group for information from the new landowner regarding proposed Francophone School Development in the Como Watershed, adjacent to Millside School have not resulted in a response.

- BC Watershed Stewardship Alliance - This provincial group is interested in working with reps of Community Stream Stewardship groups to develop a 'Needs Assessment for Watershed Management'. Propose to work with reps to provide support and information in developing capacity among stewardship groups to explore organizational needs and watershed needs. Interested groups should contact Mike Romaine 261-3554

3.3. Upper Pitt River Gravel Mining Proposal

- Number of concerned individuals have formed Pitt River Area Watershed Network Group (PRAWN) to lobby the Provincial Government to conduct a full environmental review of the proposed gravel mining project. Group is also advocating the need for a Land Use Plan for the Pitt River Watershed.
- F. Donnelly is aware of the group. He advised committee members of support which has been provided by Mayor Kingsbury who paddled alongside him during his Pitt River Swim in 1998, which was conducted to raise awareness of need for Land Use Plan. Also acknowledged support of Mayor and Council in passing a resolution supporting the need for a Land Use Plan. This resolution has been forwarded to the Lower Mainland Municipal Association and will be forwarded to the UBCM Conference for consideration in October 1999.

3.4. Native Plant Initiatives

- Plant Salvage Program - Greystone Properties Ltd., Port Moody, This program is the result of a request by BMN member, Elaine Golds, who advocated making native wetland plant species growing on land to be developed by Greystone Properties available to stewardship groups. Como Watershed Group and Port Moody Ecological Society have already participated in the plant salvage program.
Interested groups should contact Susan Wilkens (895-7621) or Aynslie Ogden (895-7627) of Pottinger Gaherty Environmental Consultants Ltd.

- T. Buck Suzuki Community Riparian Nursery - This non-profit registered society has partnered with Community Fisheries Development Centre, Tree Plan Canada, City of Surrey Parks, local soil companies, Interfor Forest Company and others to start a seedling nursery. Interested groups can contact T. Buck Riparian Nursery Coordinator (604) 596-7440.
- Millennium Tree Planting Program - District of North Vancouver is coordinating a program for interested lower mainland municipalities. Objective is to utilize volunteer for planting of 1,000,000 seedlings in the lower mainland in the year 2000

ITEM IV - OTHER BUSINESS

- Meeting Agenda Content/Format
F. Donnelly suggested a number of agenda times for future meetings. Insufficient time for discussion. Carried forward to June meeting.
- Deputy Chair
Barry Lynch has volunteered to serve as Deputy Chair in the absence of the Chair. As Councilor Thorne will be absent in June, the meeting will be chaired by Deputy Chair.
- Summer Meeting Schedule
There will not be a meeting in August 1999.

ITEM V - ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Next meeting date: Monday, June 28, 1999 at 6:00 p.m.

M. Nihls
Manager Parks & Environmental
Services Division

CHAIR

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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 28, 1999

The Meeting of the Environment Committee of Council convened on Thursday, June 28, 1999 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: F. Donnelly
D. Dewell
P. Zevit
J. Spira
I. McArthur
E. Ward
E. Hodge
R. Cran
D. Howarth



Staff Present: B. Elliott, General Manager Leisure & Parks Services
M. Nihls, Manager Parks & Environmental Services Division
J. Wilkie, Manager Corporate Planning

Note: In the absence of the Chair and Acting Chair, P. Zevit volunteered to chair the meeting.

ITEM I - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Committee members requested three minor changes to be reflected in the minutes.

The Committee approved the Minutes, as amended, of the Environment Committee Regular Meeting held May 27, 1999.

ITEM II - APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee approved the Agenda of the Environment Committee Regular Meeting of June 28, 1999.

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ITEM III - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Committee reviewed draft letter to Schoolboard Chair, advising of the existence of Environment Committee and requesting names of school teachers and schoolboard staff involved with school district environmental programs.

Staff will arrange for letter to be sent.

ITEM IV - NEW BUSINESS

1. Coquitlam River - Endangered River Designation Report

General discussion of the report among Committee members focused on: clarification of definition of terms - point and non-point source of pollution; potential measures that gravel mining operators might take to prevent sediment from leaving the pits and entering the river; existence of documented data which correlates deleterious material in the river with salmon abundance and health; questions about specific mitigation solutions which could be pursued contingent on various levels of funding being made available; can the pollution damage to the river be quantified in monetary terms; suggestion that the City require access to maintenance records from the gravel pits related to sediment detention ponds; questions about the environmental costs associated with gravel extraction and the need to compare these costs with the economic spin-offs generated by gravel extraction; jurisdictional 'passing the buck' regarding what level of government is ultimately and primarily responsible for regulating the impacts of gravel mining on the Coquitlam River; what steps can be recommended to Council to deal with the impacts of gravel specifically as well as other urban development impacts; a suggestion to review published articles which provide frameworks or models for sustainability; the urban development impacts on the Coquitlam River have been understated; park development projects (ie. Sportsfields) on the upper Hoy/Scott watershed (Crown Park) are inappropriate; Northeast Coquitlam OCP amendment proposes development in areas which are too sensitive to accommodate development; dialogue regarding what amount of growth and design/regulatory aspects of managing growth are sustainable; and, planning for growth should begin with an assessment of the population and environmental carrying capacity of the Coquitlam River Watershed.

COUNCIL ACTION That Council initiate or establish a multi-jurisdictional task force to deal with the issue of aggregate mining impacts on the Coquitlam River Watershed.

See
Res 799

2. Finalize Draft Action Plan: Coquitlam River Corridor Strategy

Some samples of existing watershed plans, posters (Millstone Greenway Vision, Creating the Brunette Watershed Management Plan) were referred to which might help the Committee with ideas to articulate and communicate the finalized Coquitlam River Corridor Strategy.

Committee decided to defer discussion and actions on this item to the July 26, 1999 meeting.

3. Land Trusts Discussion

Agenda attachments, information on conservation easements and information related to the Environment Fund component of the Coquitlam Foundation provided a framework for discussion of potential opportunities associated with forming a land trust. Committee members agreed that a land trust should be administered by a non-profit society, at arms length from the City.

COUNCIL ACTION That Council endorse the idea of the formation of a locally managed non-profit land trust for the protection of environmentally sensitive lands in Coquitlam.

COUNCIL ACTION That Council instruct staff to undertake the preparation of an Environmentally Sensitive Area Study for areas in Coquitlam which have not been previously assessed.

4. Proposed Meeting Agenda Items

F. Donnelly clarified that he wished Committee to consider a modified framework for structuring, organizing and reporting on the activities of the Committee. Revised framework to be typed and brought forward to the July 26, 1999 meeting.

5. Information Sharing

5.1 Coquitlam River Watershed Society (CRWS) - E. Hodge reported that she recently attended a meeting of the City of Port Coquitlam Environment Committee. She commented on the Councillor/citizen composition of the Committee and the nature of agenda items typically dealt with.

See Res'n
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5.2 Upcoming Events

- Hoy/Scott Streamkeepers - D. Dewell reminded members of the upcoming auction at Evergreen Cultural Centre - July 9, 1999. \$10 Admission - All proceeds to go to Pacific Salmon Foundation.

5.3 Minnehada Park Association - E. Ward advised that Minnehada Regional Park has initiated a process to form a community based park association

5.4 NAFTA Fresh Water Exports - A resolution was passed at the recent Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference.

5.5 Como Watershed Group - P. Zevit reported that June 1998 newsletter is out (copy in Environment Committee Information Binder). A fish kill occurred recently on Booth Creek. Improperly installed sanitary sewer connection suspected to be the cause. CWG has recently received correspondence from owners of francophone school site related to future development plans.

ITEM V - OTHER BUSINESS

1. Delegation by North Fraser Salmon Assistance Project (NFSAP)

Tony Matahlija appeared at the meeting and requested an opportunity to address the Committee on the types of habitat restoration and related projects that the NFSAP is involved in. NFSAP leverages funds from various granting agencies to compliment core funding provided by federal government for retraining under-employed commercial fishers. Program/projects to date have included involvement with building of Hoy Creek and Mossum Creek hatcheries, numerous riparian plantings, trail construction and stream mapping.

2. Protocol for Guests Attending Regular Meetings

Committee discussed whether guests or members of the public attending meetings should be allowed to participate in discussion of agenda items. Agreed that this item will be brought forward as an agenda item for July 26, 1999 meeting

ITEM V - ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Next meeting date: Monday, July 26, 1999 at 6:00 p.m.

M. Nihls
Manager Parks & Environmental
Services Division

CHAIR

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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 26, 1999

The Meeting of the Environment Committee of Council convened on Monday, July 26, 1999 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 D. Thorne, Chair
F. Donnelly
D. Dewell
P. Zevit
I. McArthur
E. Ward
E. Hodge
R. Cran
J. Gola
B. Lynch



Staff Present: M. Nihls, Manager Parks & Environmental Services Division

ITEM I - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee approved the minutes of the Environment Committee Regular Meeting held June 28, 1999.

ITEM II - APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee approved the Agenda of the Environment Committee Regular Meeting of July 26, 1999.

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ITEM III - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Committee members discussed the following Action Items referred to Council on July 19, 1999.

1. That Council initiate or establish a multi-jurisdictional task force to deal with the issue of aggregate mining impacts of the Coquitlam River Watershed.
 - This motion deferred, pending more information being made available related to a proposed partnership between Douglas College Institute of Urban Ecology and Gravel Industry and City of Coquitlam.
2. That Council endorse the ideal of the formation of a locally managed non-profit land trust for the protection of environmentally sensitive lands in Coquitlam.
 - This motion was approved by Council. Committee members moved and approved the formation of a Land Trust Sub-Committee to work out details of a Land Trust Model and to arrange to present a proposal to the Coquitlam Foundation. Sub-Committee composed of F. Donnelly (Chair), B. Lynch, J. Gola and M. Nihls (Staff Support).
3. That Council instruct staff to undertake the preparation of an environmentally sensitive area study for areas in Coquitlam which have not been previously assessed.
 - This motion was referred back to staff to bring forward a budget estimate and scope of work for consideration as part of 2000 Budget Process.

ITEM IV - NEW BUSINESS

1. Draft Action Plan: Coquitlam River Corridor Strategy

Committee discussed the need to use maps which show public and private ownership of lands along the river and to identify issues relevant to upper river, mid river and lower river.

Staff Action - Staff to ensure that wall mounted maps and or overheads are available at all meetings. Copies of City creek map will be provided for all Committee members.

Brainstorming session on defining issues and actions required for lower, mid and upper river will be the focus of September 27 meeting.

2. Proposed Framework for Environment Committee

Committee members reviewed and discussed framework.

Committee agreed to use the framework as a guide for year end reporting of actions and accomplishments.

3. Protocol for Guests or Delegations Attending Regular Meetings

Committee discussed protocol procedures for guests and members of general public attending Environment Committee Meetings. Committee agreed to the following protocol:

1. That guests should always prearrange with Committee Chair or Secretary to appear as delegation on the Environment Committee Agenda.
2. That participation by guests or delegation should be limited to the Agenda topic to which they were invited to address.
3. Members of the public are welcome to observe and listen to discussion of Committee business by Committee members, but should not participate in discussion of Committee business.

4. Environment Committee Library

Committee reviewed Library Index and provided direction to staff that they prefer to have sign out privileges of Library information limited to Committee members and staff.

Staff will develop and present Library sign-out procedures at the September 27 meeting.

5. Information Sharing

5.1 Hoy/Scott Streamkeepers Auction: Auction held on July 08, 1999. Approximately \$2,000 raised, proceeds to go towards Pacific Salmon Foundation.

- E. Hodge reported that she has compiled a self-guided, nature walk brochure for a section of the Hoy Creek trail.

5.2 Coquitlam River Watershed Society (CRWS) conducted a pot-luck brainstorming service for members recently. Fun evening. Members developed a Action Plan to guide efforts, and activities of CRWS.

5.3 Rivershed Society of B.C. - F. Donnelly reported on upcoming events

- Fraser 2000 & Spirit of the Salmon Swim - F. Donnelly will swim length of the Fraser River during the period August 28 - September 24, 2000.
- 3rd Annual Spirit of the Salmon Swim September 24 - 28, 1999. F. Donnelly to swim 60 kms from Maquabeek Park, around Point Grey in Vancouver and finish at Granville Island. Event includes Salmon Swim Paddle sponsorship program for Youth.

5.4 Coquitlam River Watershed Almanac - M. Nihls distributed copies of recently printed Almanacs to all Committee members present.

5.5 Como Watershed Group (CWG)

- P. Zevit reported on progress to date with communication between CWG and Francophone School Site adjacent Booth Creek.
- P. Zevit will be giving a tour of Como Lake Park habitat area and Colony Farm riparian nursery as part of Communities in Bloom Tour (August 10).
- Recently submitted proposals to City staff for in-stream and habitat enhancement projects.
- Copies of: Urban Watershed Management Planning for the Brunette Basin, and BC Freshwater Fish Field Reports for small, large lakes, and rivers were distributed to Committee members.

ITEM V - OTHER BUSINESS

Environment Education/Conservation Centre

- General discussion of the merits of establishing an Interpretive Centre somewhere in the City and potential locations that have been proposed, i.e. Nature House at Mundy Park, Interpretive Centre at Colony Farm.

- Letter from Hoy/Scott Streamkeepers re: Shopping Carts

Committee reviewed letter suggesting that City draft a bylaw requiring all merchants to supply shopping cards equipped with deposit hardware. Committee member D. Dewell asked to check back with Hoy/Scott Streamkeeper on details related to precise locations of carts being dumped in streams; frequency of occurrence, and vendor identification of carts, and report results at September 27 meeting.

- Stoney Creek Integrated Watershed Management Strategy

Michael Nihls provided Committee members with a brief verbal report of Council Actions related to the strategy.

ITEM VI - ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Next meeting date: Monday, September 27, 1999

M. Nihls
Manager Parks & Environmental
Services Division

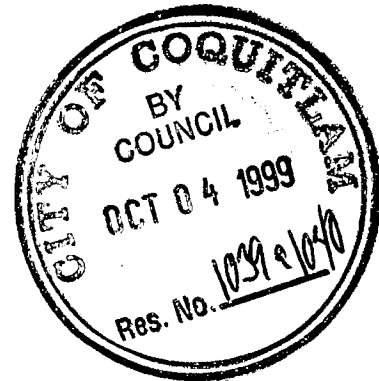
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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 27, 1999

The Meeting of the Environment Committee of Council convened on Monday, September 27, 1999 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 D. Thorne, Chair
F. Donnelly
D. Dewell
P. Zevit
I. McArthur
E. Hodge
S. Lee
J. Spira
J. Gola



Staff Present: M. Nihls, Manager Parks & Environmental Services Division
B. Elliott, General Manager Leisure & Parks Services

Guests: Councillor Mike Gates, City of Port Coquitlam -
Environment Committee
Dr. Val Shaeffer - Douglas College Institute of Urban Ecology

ITEM I - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee approved the minutes, as amended of the Environment Committee Regular Meeting held July 26, 1999.

ITEM II - APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee approved the Agenda of the Environment Committee Regular Meeting of September 27, 1999.

ITEM III - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

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ITEM IV - NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion with Port Moody & Port Coquitlam Environment Committee Representatives

Councillor Mike Gates provided an overview of Port Coquitlam's Environment Committee Structure and Composition. The Environment Committee is a standing Committee with two Council members taking recommendations forward to the whole of Council. The Port Coquitlam Environment Committee receives delegations from interest groups representing environmental issues/matters from both within and outside Port Coquitlam. The Committee also has matters referred by Mayor and Council in cases where information or advice is required pertaining to environmental impacts or considerations. A report is then prepared and a recommendation forwarded to Council to guide them in making decisions. Councillor Gates indicated that Port Coquitlam's Environment Committee would welcome the opportunity to collaborate with Coquitlam's Environment Committee in preparation of a Coquitlam River Corridor Strategy.

2. Douglas College/Gravel Pit Operations Partnership – Dr. Val Schaeffer

Dr. Val Schaeffer appeared as a delegate and presented an overview of the Douglas College and Pit Owners Partnership Terms of Reference. (Copy attached to minutes). Short term goals to be pursued in the next year include research and data collection related to water quality, point and non-point sources of sediment, habitat restoration initiatives on pit sites and lands adjacent the pits; preparation of an educational video and hosting of a symposium in Spring 2000 with a focus on preserving environmental quality and habitat restoration associated with aggregate mining in urban areas. Long term goals include exploring feasibility of developing a model for habitat restoration on other gravel mining pits in the province; exploring affiliations with broader environmental initiatives, such as the Georgia Basin Ecosystem Initiative and working with BC Hydro to manage water flows in the Coquitlam River – Communications for the partnership will be the responsibility of the Chairs of the Project Management Committee.

Dr. Schaeffer responded to a number of questions from Committee members related to details associated with the partnership objectives and proposed projects. It was noted that the Terms of Reference do not specifically identify that turbidity measurements will be taken and analyzed. Dr. Schaeffer clarified that turbidity monitoring will be done at points upstream and down stream from the pits, but not in the streams located in the pits or discharging from the pits.

Committee members discussed the Douglas College/Gravel Pit Operations partnership. There was agreement among Committee members that the scope of the partnership is very narrow and will not adequately address the objective of establishing a multi-jurisdictional task force to deal with the issue of aggregate mining impacts in the Coquitlam River Watershed.

**COUNCIL
ACTION**

That Council initiate or establish a multi-jurisdictional task force, including representation from organizations such as Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Energy and Mines, Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam Environment Committees and support staff and other appropriate aggregate industry and community representatives, to deal with the issue of aggregate mining impacts on the Coquitlam River Watershed.

3. Draft Action Plan: Coquitlam River Corridor Strategy

City of Coquitlam Watercourse maps were provided to all Committee members. The merits of retaining a facilitator to assist the Committee with developing a process for brainstorming issues and an action plan for the Coquitlam River Corridor Strategy was discussed.

Staff will arrange for a facilitator to attend the regular Environment Committee meeting on October 25, 1999. A tentative date of October 30 or November 06 is being considered as a date for a Coquitlam River Corridor Strategy Retreat for Committee members.

4. Environment Committee Library

The Manager of Parks & Environmental Services provided a verbal report of location and procedures for signing out materials from the Environment Committee Library.

5. Information Sharing

5.1 Hoy/Scott Streamkeepers: Planning underway for Salmon Come Home Event, November 7, 1999 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Hoy Creek Hatchery.

5.2 Coquitlam River Walk: I. McArthur reported that the Burke Mountain Naturalists and Coquitlam River Watershed Society hosted a river walk on September 26, 1999 as part of B.C. Rivers Day celebrations. Brochure outlining history of river was provided to the approximately 50 or 60 participants.

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- 5.3 B.C. Rivershed Society: F. Donnelly reported that the Feast, held at Pinetree Community Centre on September 19, 1999 was very successful. Spirit of the Salmon Swim (3rd annual) was held September 24 – 26, 1999.
- 5.4 Coquitlam River Watershed Society: E. Hodge provided verbal overview of activities highlighted in the CRWS newsletter "The Watershed Works", dated August 1999.
- 5.5 Como Watershed Group: P. Zevit reported that Como Watershed Group is now registered as a non-profit society under the B.C. Society's Act. Fall 1999 newsletter is attached to minutes.
- 6.5 TreeFest: J. Spira reported that Rogers Cable T.V. broadcast a feature on the Riverview lands, which was filmed during TreeFest, on September 27, 1999.

ITEM V - OTHER BUSINESS

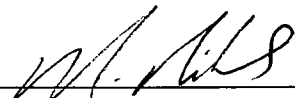
Littering of Streams/Open Space Adjacent School Grounds

D. Dewell noted that an increase in litter around streams adjacent some school sites have been observed. Committee Chair requested that further details be provided at next meeting in order to help the Committee determine if letters encouraging student clean-up activities should be sent out.

ITEM VI - ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Next meeting date: Monday, October 25, 1999



M. Nihls
Manager Parks & Environmental
Services Division

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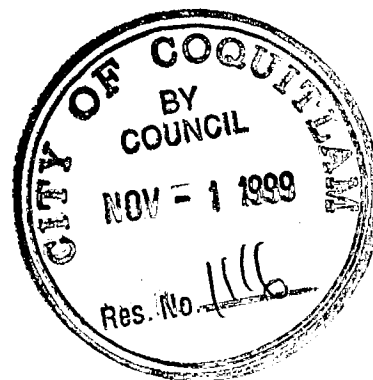


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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 25, 1999

The Meeting of the Environment Committee of Council convened on Monday, October 25, 1999 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 D. Thorne, Chair
D. Dewell
P. Zevit
I. McArthur
E. Hodge
J. Spira
E. Ward
D. Howarth
R. Cran
B. Lynch



Staff Present: M. Nihls, Manager Parks & Environmental Services Division
B. Elliott, General Manager Leisure & Parks Services

Guests: Julia Gardner, Dovetail Consulting Ltd.

ITEM I - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee approved the minutes of the Environment Committee Regular meeting held September 27, 1999.

ITEM II - APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee approved the Agenda of the Environment Committee Regular Meeting of October 25, 1999.

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ITEM III - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

ITEM IV - NEW BUSINESS

1. Coquitlam River Task Force

The Chair provided a brief summary of comments and suggestions provided by Leisure & Parks, Environment and Cultural Services Committee related to the Draft Terms of Reference. The General Manager Leisure & Parks Services outlined some of the time and resources implications that could be associated with the task force, depending on the scope of the mandate involved.

A Draft Mandate was developed and approved unanimously by Committee Members.

Staff were directed by the Committee chair to incorporate input on other elements of the Draft Terms of Reference and to present the Draft at an upcoming Environment Committee workshop on November 6, 1999 for further discussion and review.

2. Coquitlam River Corridor Strategy – Introduction to Dovetail Consulting

Julia Gardner of Dovetail Consulting was introduced to Committee members. She outlined her understanding of the Committee's expectations related to developing a process framework to guide the Committee in developing a Coquitlam River Corridor Strategy. Committee members concurred with a preliminary workshop agenda as proposed by Dovetail Consulting.

Workshop will be held at City Hall on Saturday, November 6, 1999; 9:00 to 3:30 p.m. Julia Gardner will be contacting a number of Committee Members prior to the workshop to discuss and further develop the agenda topic themes.

3. Draft Watercourse Protection Strategy – North East Sector Stream Stewardship Committee

The Committee Chair commented on the attendance and general nature of questions and comments received at the Public Information meeting held October 19, 1999 at Glenayre Community Centre. Some committee members expressed a desire to discuss the Draft Watercourse Strategy in

more detail. Staff will provide a presentation highlighting the key components of the Draft Strategy at the next regular meeting.

4. Information Sharing

4.1 Salmon Come Home: Hoy/Scott Creek Streamkeepers, in partnership with City of Coquitlam are hosting this event.

Date: November 7, 1999
Location: Hoy Creek Hatchery
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

4.2 Vandalism to Interpretive Signage along Hoy Creek Trail:

A letter was sent by Hoy/Scott Streamkeepers to Pinetree Secondary School asking that school request students to act responsibly in terms of curtailing vandalism and littering along the Hoy Creek trail and hatchery.

4.3 World Trade Organization Conference – Seattle, Washington – November 29 – December 4, 1999

135 member nations will be convening in Seattle, Washington. A number of teach-ins and demonstrations related to NAFTA policy on fresh water exports and other international resource management issues will take place.

4.4 Burke Mountain Naturalists:

Regular Monthly Meeting on November 9, 1999 at Como Lake United Church will feature a presentation on Bat populations at Colony Farm and Minnekada Regional Parks.

4.5 Harrison Eagle Festival

This annual Festival, featuring guided tours to observe and count bald eagles will be held on Saturday, November 27, 1999 and Sunday, November 28, 1999

4.6 Como Watershed Group:

P. Zevit provided copies of the following documents for inclusion in the Environment Committee Information Binder:

- a) Citizen's Forum on Population Explosion in Lower Mainland – October 2, 1999 – Sponsored by the Lower Mainland Sustainable Population Group
- b) Surviving Success: An interview with the Nature Conservancy's John Sawhill
- c) Creating Better Urban Watershed Protection Plans

Annual General Meeting of CWC will be Thursday, November 4, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. Location: McGee Room at Poirier Community Centre.

4.7 "Green" Subdivision Saves Trees in North Vancouver

Vancouver Sun article, August 12, 1999 profiling innovative subdivision design of tall narrow houses built in clusters close to street. This design is intended to help facilitate retention of native trees in rear yards.

4.8 Zero Impact Ordinance – Lacey, WA.

City of Lacey, WA has recently passed a Municipal ordinance with the objective of maximizing tree retention during development by providing for administrative variances to roads, storm drainage and other subdivision servicing standards.

4.9 Land Trust Sub Committee

Manager Parks & Environmental Services reported on the progress of the Sub Committee in their task of researching the feasibility of establishing a local Land Trust.

ITEM V - OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM VI TABLED ITEM

ITEM VI - ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next meeting date: Monday, November 29, 1999.



M. Nihls
Manager Parks & Environmental
Services Division

CHAIR

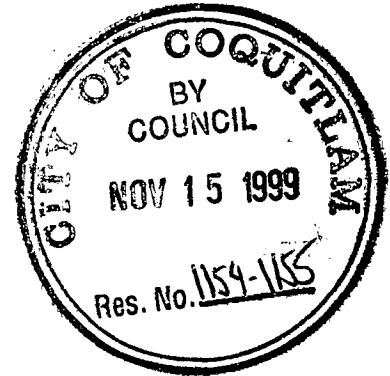


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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 6, 1999

A Special Meeting of the Environment Committee of Council convened on Saturday, November 6, 1999 at 12:30 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, City Hall, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, B.C., with the following persons present:

Committee Members Present: Councillor D. Thorne, Chair
F. Donnelly
D. Dewell
P. Zevit
I. McArthur
E. Hodge
S. Lee
J. Spira
J. Gola
D. Howarth
E. Ward



Staff Present: M. Nihls, Manager Parks & Environmental Services Division
B. Elliott, General Manager Leisure & Parks Services

Guests: Julia Gardner – Dovetail Consulting Ltd.

ITEM IV - NEW BUSINESS

The chair of the Environment Committee convened a special meeting of the Environment Committee on Saturday, November 6, 1999 at 12:30 p.m. The purpose of the special meeting was to review and finalize the draft Terms of Reference for the Coquitlam River Task Force. Committee members unanimously approved the attached Terms of Reference and moved that they be forwarded to Council for approval.

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ACTION

*Agreed
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That Council approve the Draft Terms of Reference for the Coquitlam River Task Force.

ITEM VI - ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the special meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.



M. Nihls
Manager Parks & Environmental
Services Division

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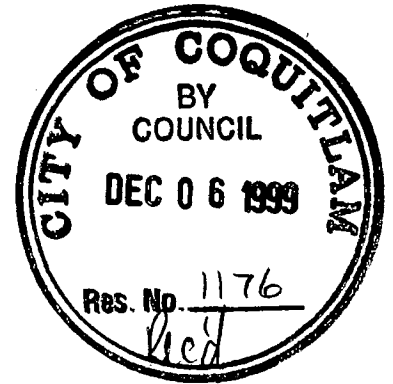
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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 29, 1999

The Meeting of the Environment Committee of Council convened on Monday, November 29, 1999 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 D. Thorne, Chair
F. Donnelly
D. Dewell
P. Zevit
I. McArthur
E. Hodge
D. Howarth
J. Spira
J. Gola
B. Lynch



Staff Present: M. Nihls, Manager Parks & Environmental Services Division
B. Elliott, General Manager Leisure & Parks Services

ITEM I - MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee approved the minutes, as amended of the Environment Committee Regular Meeting held October 25, 1999.

ITEM II - APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Committee approved the Agenda of the Environment Committee Regular Meeting of November 29, 1999.

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ITEM III - BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

ITEM IV - NEW BUSINESS

1. Coquitlam River Task Force

Committee members reviewed the draft letter of invitation and suggested minor revisions. The Committee suggested that a copy of the letters be sent to the respective Minister of the senior agencies and to the Mayor of Port Coquitlam.

A letter of invitation will be sent to each of the gravel pit operators located adjacent to the Coquitlam River.

The Committee nominated F. Donnelly to represent the Environment Committee on the Task Force. The Committee moved that the Chair of the Environment Committee would be the appropriate Council member to chair the Task Force.

**COUNCIL
ACTION**

That the Mayor appoint the Chair of the Environment Committee to act as chair person of the Coquitlam River Task Force.

2. Coquitlam River Corridor Strategy – Verbal Report on Status of Dovetail Consulting Ltd.'s Report

Staff circulated a rough draft of the Coquitlam River Corridor Strategy. Committee members were requested to review the Draft prior to the January 2000 meeting.

3. Draft Watercourse Protection Strategy – North East Sector Stream Stewardship Committee

Staff presented an overview of the main components of the Draft Watercourse Protection Strategy and provided an update on the next steps involved in refining the strategy.

The final strategy will be taken back to each respective Council in the Northeast Sector for consideration and adoption.

4. Environment Committee – Agenda Time Allocations

Committee approved the proposed regular agenda time allocations. It was agreed that the Vision and Planning functions would be put on the regular agenda semi-annually.

5. Environment Committee – Revised Framework

The committee discussed and approved revised framework, subject to, retitling the heading, 'Action Plan' to "Standard Agenda Topics."

6. Environment Committee – Priority Area Categories

The committee discussed and approved the proposal to group environment issues/topics into broad categories.

7. Environment Committee – Draft Annual Report

The Committee discussed the draft report. Staff were directed to modify the draft by adding statements outlining work still to be completed under each of the Committee's priority areas. A revised draft will be brought back to the January 24, 2000 meeting.

8. Tree Retention

Staff advised that the issue of Tree Retention would be included in the regular agenda of the January 24, 2000 meeting.

9. Information Sharing

9.1 Coquitlam River Watershed Society

E. Hodge provided an update on the BC Hydro Water Use Plan process. The next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 1999.

9.2 Douglas College Coquitlam Gravel Pit Operations Partnership

M. Nihls provided an update on activities being undertaken by the partnership, including planning for a Gravel Symposium in Spring 2000, and production of "Greening the Gravel" video.

9.3 Outgoing Environment Committee Members

Councillor Thorne thanked members, Jan Gola and Joan Spira for their contributions and involvement with the Environment Committee during 1999.

9.4 Como Water Shed Society

P. Zevit reported that the Como Watershed Society members have recently completed stream side plantings in lower reaches of the watershed.

9.5 Hoy/Scott Streamkeepers

D. Dewell reported on plans to construct a rearing trough at the Hoy Creek hatchery.

9.6 Burke Mountain Naturalists

I. MacArthur reported that the next Burke Mountain Naturalists meeting is scheduled for December 14, 1999 at Como Lake United Church. There will be an assortment of environmental gifts for sale and a slide show presentation of the Upper Pitt River.

9.7 BC Rivershed Society

F. Donnelly reported that the Rivershed Society has recently completed a tour of the Fraser River communities to encourage participation/support for the Year 2000 Fraser River Swim.

ITEM V - OTHER BUSINESS

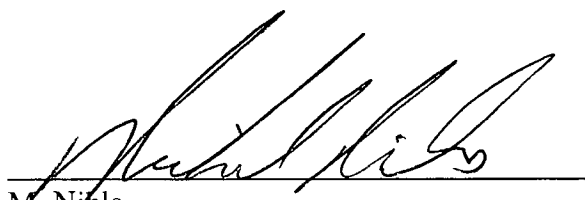
1. Water Metering

Committee member F. Donnelly enquired if the City is contemplating introduction of residential water meters. The Chair advised that the City Operations Department would be forwarding a report to Council on this matter in the future.

ITEM VI - ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Next meeting date: Monday, January 24, 2000.



M. Nihls
Manager Parks & Environmental
Services Division

CHAIR