

CITY OF SALMON ARM

Minutes of the **Environmental Advisory Committee** Meeting held by virtual means on Friday, **July 9, 2021** at 2:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillor Sylvia Lindgren
Julia Beatty
Janet Pattinson
Carmen Fennell
Luke Gubbels
Barrie Voth
Warren Bell
Barb Puddifant

City of Salmon Arm, Chair
Citizen at Large
Shuswap Naturalist Club
Citizen at Large
Canoe Forest Products
Agricultural Industry
WA:TER
City of Salmon Arm, Recorder

ABSENT:

Amy Vallarino
Pauline Waelti
Christina Thomas
Janet Aitken

Adams Lake Indian Band
Salmon Arm Fish and Game Club
Citizen at Large
Shuswap Environmental Action Society (SEAS)
Neskonlith Indian Band
Salmon Arm Bay Nature Enhancement Society (SABNES)

GUESTS:

The meeting was called to order at 2:53 p.m.

1. **Introductions and Welcome**

2. **Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory**

We acknowledge that we are gathering here on the traditional territory of the Secwepemc people, with whom we share these lands and where we live and work together.

3. **Approval/changes/additions to Agenda**

The Agenda for the July 9, 2021 Environmental Advisory Committee as circulated was approved by general consensus of the Committee Members.

4. **Approval of Minutes from May 21, 2021 and June 11, 2021**

Moved: Warren Bell

Seconded: Carmen Fennell

THAT: the Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting of May 21, 2021 be approved as amended.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Approval of Minutes from May 21, 2021 and June 11, 2021 - continued

Moved: Warren Bell

Seconded: Julia Beatty

THAT: the Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting of June 11, 2021 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Presentations

6. Old Business/Arising from Minutes

a) CEEP Working Group update

Councillor Lindgren spoke regarding the hiring process for Climate Action Coordinators at both the City of Revelstoke and the City of Golden including the length of contract offered and the funding sources for the position.

b) Climate Action update

The effects of Climate Change were discussed by the Committee Members including recent forest fires, flooding and heat waves and the effects this has on all life forms and food sources.

7. New Business

a) Notice of Motion to Council

Councillor Lindgren provided an overview of a proposed Notice of Motion to Council as follows:

WHEREAS the urgency of climate change has been acknowledged by the Federal and Provincial Governments and actions to support adaptation and climate resilience are underway;

AND WHEREAS the City of Salmon Arm declared a climate emergency on September 9, 2019;

AND WHEREAS the City has moved towards its climate goals by engaging the Community Energy Association to produce an emissions assessment and has joined FCM's milestone program, achieving Milestone One of Five;

AND WHEREAS the City of Salmon Arm has been recognized by the province as a climate leader since 2019 and has moved towards reduction

7. New Business - continued

b) Notice of Motion to Council - continued

targets set in the Official Community Plan, significantly dropping GHG emissions since 2018;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Salmon Arm seek and commit funding in the 2022 Budget to hire a climate action coordinator on a contract basis to lead initiatives that will move the City towards subsequent FCM Milestones through a one year pilot project; with those efforts focusing on community-wide and corporate GHG emission reductions, programing, monitoring, reporting, coordination and associated grant writing/applications.

Councillor Lindgren provided an overview of the process of this Notice of Motion at Council. The Notice of Motion is scheduled for the July 12, 2021 Regular Council Meeting and will be proposed at the July 26, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

c) Eco Fair/Eduction

The Committee discussed hosting an eco fair at the Salmon Arm Fall Fair and potentially partnering with Shuswap Climate Action and various other community organizations. Councillor Lindgren will contact Salmon Arm and Shuswap Lake Agricultural Association to discuss.

8. Other Business & / or Roundtable Updates

Councillor Lindgren spoke regarding the possibility of the City's use of electric vehicles and the potential for installing charging stations at City Hall.

9. Next Meeting - TBD

10. Adjournment

Moved: Warren Bell

Seconded: Luke Gubbels

THAT: the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of July 9, 2021 be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The virtual meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

"S. LINDGREN"
Councillor Sylvia Lindgren, Chair

Received for information by Council the 26 day of July, 2021.