

## CITY OF SALMON ARM

Minutes of the **Environmental Advisory Committee** Meeting held in person in Council Chambers at City Hall and by virtual means on Tuesday, **April 2, 2024** at 2:30 p.m.

### **PRESENT:**

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| Councillor Sylvia Lindgren | City of Salmon Arm, Chair                          |
| Julia Beatty               | Shuswap Climate Action                             |
| Janet Pattinson            | Shuswap Naturalist Club                            |
| Janet Aitken               | Salmon Arm Bay Nature Enhancement Society (SABNES) |
| Pauline Waelti             | Shuswap Environment Action Society (SEAS)          |
| Travis Elwood              | School District No. 83                             |
| Carmen Fennell             | Citizen at Large                                   |
| Ceran Caner                | Alternate Citizen at Large                         |
| Jennifer Wilson            | City of Salmon Arm, City Engineer                  |
| Gary Buxton                | Director of Planning & Community Service           |
| Barb Puddifant             | City of Salmon Arm, Recorder                       |

### **ABSENT:**

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| Christina Thomas | Adams Lake Indian Band |
| Sarah Johnson    | Neskonlith Indian Band |
| Luke Gubbels     | Citizen at Large       |
| Hermann Bruns    | Canoe Forest Products  |
| Ken Whitehead    | Agricultural Industry  |
|                  | Citizen at Large       |

### **GUESTS:**

Louis Thomas  
Chelie Elsom  
Monique Pharand  
Christie Watson

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 p.m.

### **2. Introductions and Welcome**

### **3. 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.*

### **4. Approval/changes/additions to Agenda**

Add Item 8 c) – Tree Protection Bylaw update

Moved: Janet Aitken

Seconded: Pauline Waelti

THAT: the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda of April 2, 2024 be approved with addition.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5. Approval of Minutes from March 5, 2024**

Moved: Janet Pattinson

Seconded: Carmen Fennell

THAT: the Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting of March 5, 2024 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**6. Presentations**

**a) Louis Thomas, Neskonlith Band – Grant application – bringing back indigenous plants**

Louis Thomas spoke regarding the successful grant application through the Ministry of Agricultural to bring back indigenous plants and to revitalize land through indigenous, drought tolerant plants. Christie Watson, Executive Director of the Salmon Arm Arts Centre & Art Gallery spoke regarding the series of videos that the Art Centre will be facilitating featuring Louis Thomas. The Committee discussed the importance of awareness, education and knowledge sharing.

**7. Old Business/Arising from Minutes**

**c) Tree Protection Bylaw update**

Gary Buxton outlined the substantive changes to the draft Bylaw since the Committee was updated at the February 6, 2024 meeting. The Bylaw will be available for an additional update/review at the May 7, 2024 EAC Meeting and will then be presented to Council for review.

**a) Education Plan for 2024 – working group update**

The working group consisting of Julia Beatty, Janet Pattinson, Judith Benson, Travis Elwood and Luke Gubbels will continue to meet and will bring an update to the Committee at the next meeting. Councillor Lindgren has discussed educational messaging with City staff.

**b) Mobile Air Monitoring Laboratory – update – for information**

Email of March 7, 2024 from Gavin King, Air Quality Meteorologist providing an update on monitoring proposal.

**8. New Business**

**9. Other Business & / or Roundtable Updates**

**a) Extreme Weather and Event Planning Risks in Canada – for information**

Jenn Wilson provided an update on the grant application process. The application has been submitted for Risk Mapping, Risk Assessments and Mitigation Planning as well as Non-Structural Activities such as land use planning and community education.

**10. Next Meeting – May 7, 2024**

**11. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of April 2, 2024 was adjourned.

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

  
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Councillor Sylvia Lindgren, Chair

Received for information by Council the 8 day of April, 2024.