

## 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, **May 7, 2024** at 2:30 p.m.

### PRESENT:

Councillor Sylvia Lindgren	City of Salmon Arm, Chair
Julia Beatty	Shuswap Climate Action
Janet Pattinson	Shuswap Naturalist Club
Judith Benson	Salmon Arm Bay Nature Enhancement Society (SABNES)
Pauline Waelti	Shuswap Environment Action Society (SEAS)
Luke Gubbels	Canoe Forest Products
Travis Elwood	School District No. 83
Sarah Johnson	Citizen at Large
Ken Whitehead	Citizen at Large
Ceran Caner	Alternate Citizen at Large
Jennifer Wilson	City of Salmon Arm, City Engineer
Barb Puddifant	City of Salmon Arm, Recorder

### ABSENT:

Christina Thomas	Adams Lake Indian Band
Carmen Fennell	Neskonlith Indian Band
Hermann Bruns	Citizen at Large
	Agricultural Industry

### GUESTS:

Lawren Richards  
Daniel Hughes and class

#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:33 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

Addition of Item 9. a) – Julia Beatty – Wildfire Protection Mitigation – Park Hill

Moved: Sarah Johnson

Seconded: Ken Whitehead

THAT: the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda of May 7, 2024 be approved with addition.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5. Approval of Minutes from April 2, 2024**

Moved: Pauline Waelti

Seconded: Judith Benson

THAT: the Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting of April 2, 2024 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**6. Presentations**

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

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

The working group consisting of Julia Beatty, Janet Pattinson, Judith Benson, Travis Elwood and Luke Gubbels prepared a draft pamphlet regarding the Tree Protection Bylaw as education material for the public. A final draft, pending City staff approval, will be made available to the public. The next item the working group will be focusing on is anti-idling followed by water conservation. It is anticipated that the Tree Protection Bylaw will be presented to Council at the June 10, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

**8. New Business**

**a) L. Richards - email dated April 3, 2024 - Communication, Costs and Climate Change - for information**

Lawren Richards outlined the email sent to Mayor and Council and suggested that the City take a leadership role in climate related issues and undertake an educational component to assist with community awareness. Lawren Richards requested that the City link changes/cost increases to climate change where applicable in order to bring climate change issues to the forefront. The importance of messaging was discussed by the Committee.

**b) Earth Day - update**

Julia Beatty and Jenn Wilson, City Engineer spoke regarding the success of Earth Day although Julia Beatty felt that attendance was down from last year.

**c) Shuswap Watershed Council - financial contributions**

Councillor Lindgren spoke regarding the decision of City Council to continue to participate on the Shuswap Watershed Council without making a financial contribution for the 2024/2025 fiscal year. Councillor Lindgren stressed that this decision will not have an impact on projects that the Shuswap Watershed Council has committed to for 2024. Councillor Lindgren stressed that City Council supports the work of the Shuswap Watershed Council and is looking forward to further discussion after a more equitable structure is developed.

**d) Student Voice – June 11, 2024 – Climate Related questions**

Daniel Hughes attended the meeting with members of his Politics class from Shuswap Secondary School. Students will attend the June 11, 2024 meeting of the Committee and will engage in a question and answer session and will share ideas on environmental issues.

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

**a) Wildfire Protection Mitigation – Julia Beatty – Park Hill**

Julia Beatty asked if additional public consultation will be made for the revised wildfire mitigation plan for Park Hill. Councillor Lindgren outlined the process to date and will find out if a plan for additional public information on the revised plan will be upcoming.

Kaydon, a student from Salmon Arm Secondary School, spoke regarding the possibility of student volunteers at the 2025 Earth Day and/or student involvement in firesmarting practices.

**10. Next Meeting – June 11, 2024 – no meetings in July and August**

**11. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of May 7, 2024 was adjourned.

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

“S. LINDGREN”

Councillor Sylvia Lindgren, Chair

Received for information by Council the 13th day of May, 2024.