

CITY OF SALMON ARM

Minutes of the **Environmental Advisory Committee** Meeting held in person in Room 100, at City Hall, 500 2 Avenue NE, Salmon Arm, BC and by virtual means on Tuesday, **September 10, 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 (could not participate due to technical issue)
Judith Benson	Salmon Arm Bay Nature Enhancement Society (SABNES)
Pauline Waelti	Shuswap Environment Action Society (SEAS)
Luke Gubbels	Canoe Forest Products
Richard Wale	Salmon Arm Fish & Game Club
Hermann Bruns	Agricultural Industry
Alex Johnny	Adams Lake Indian Band
Sarah Johnson	Citizen at Large
Travis Elwood	School District No. 83
Ken Whitehead	Citizen at Large
Jennifer Wilson	City of Salmon Arm, City Engineer
Chris Larson	City of Salmon Arm, Senior Planner
Barb Puddifant	City of Salmon Arm, Recorder
Michelle Evans-Bunkis	City of Salmon

ABSENT:

Christina Thomas	Neskonlith Indian Band
Carmen Fennell	Citizen at Large

GUESTS:

Chelie Elsom	Canoe Forest Products
Emily Murphy	Shuswap Climate Action
Erin Stodola	

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:32 p.m.

2. Introductions and Welcome

Julia Beatty entered the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

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 8.f) – Pileated Woods update and Item 8.g) – Little Mountain update

Moved: Richard Wale

Seconded: Luke Gubbels

THAT: the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda of September 10 2024 be approved with addition.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Approval of Minutes from June 11, 2024

Moved: Pauline Waelti

Seconded: Julia Beatty

THAT: the Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting of June 11, 2024 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Presentations

7. Old Business/Arising from Minutes

a) Education Plan for 2024 - working group update

The working group did not meet over the summer and moving forward will now be focusing on anti-idling and water conservation campaigns. The information brochures for the Tree Protection Bylaw No. 4637 initiated by the Committee are available at City Hall.

Janet Pattinson left the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

Travis Elwood left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

8. New Business

a) Community GHG Emission Reduction targets - OCP

Chris Larson provided an update on the draft of the City's Official Community Plan and outlined the process moving forward for public engagement. The Committee discussed GHG Emission reduction requirements and targets and how community targets are to be determined. The Committee provided comments and City staff were available for questions.

b) Draft RFP for the Climate Action Plan

Jenn Wilson provided an overview of the draft Request for Proposals for the Climate Resiliency Plan contingent upon receiving the Disaster Risk Reduction grant. The grant announcement is expected on September 30, 2024. If the City is successful, the Request for Proposals will be available to qualified proponents in October. Jenn Wilson and Chris Larson were available for questions from the Committee.

c) Public Works Xeriscaping project update

Jenn Wilson provided an update on the xeriscaping project at the City's Public Works facility. The plan for this project will be brought back to the Committee for input and comment and planting will take place in spring of 2025.

f) Pileated Woods - update

Luke Gubbels spoke regarding his involvement in the professional working group established at Council's direction. This working group is working toward a strategic plan for the removal of danger trees in Pileated Woods. A plan of action will be determined and provided to Council for consideration.

g) Little Mountain Park - update

Councillor Lindgren provided an update on tree removal at Little Mountain Park and that the contractor for the City will be removing debris.

d) City lighting - Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw No. 4293 - Section 8

Deferred to next meeting

e) Licensing for domestic cats

Deferred to next meeting

9. Other Business & / or Roundtable Updates

10. Next Meeting - October 1, 2024

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of September 10, 2024 was adjourned.

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

"Sylvia Lindgren"

Councillor Sylvia Lindgren, Chair

Received for information by Council the 15th day of October, 2024.