

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, **November 5, 2024** at 2:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Councillor Sylvia Lindgren	City of Salmon Arm
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)
Hermann Bruns	Agricultural Industry
Ken Whitehead	Citizen at Large
Sarah Johnson	Citizen at Large
Rob Niewenhuizen	City of Salmon Arm
Michelle Evans-Bunkis	City of Salmon Arm, Recorder

ABSENT:

Richard Wale	Salmon Arm Fish & Game Club
Emily Murphy	Canoe Forest Products
Carmen Fennell	Citizen at Large
Alex Johnny	Adams Lake Indian Band
Travis Elwood	School District No. 83
Christina Thomas	Neskonlith Indian Band

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.

5. Approval/changes/additions to Agenda

Addition of item 7c) Pet Licensing Update.

Moved: Sarah Johnson

Seconded: Judith Benson

THAT: the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda of November 5, 2024 be approved with an addition.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Approval of Minutes from October 1, 2024

Moved: Julia Beatty

Seconded: Pauline Waelti

THAT: the Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting of October 1, 2024 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Hermann Bruns joined the meeting at 2:38p.m.

6. Presentations

No presentations

7. Old Business/Arising from Minutes

a) City Lighting – Subdivision and Development Servicing Bylaw No 4293-Section 8

Rob Niewenhuizen confirmed that all City owned streetlights have been changed to LED bulbs, which are night-sky compliant (industry standard). Shielded lights are now standard in Salmon Arm. The lights along the Trans-Canada Highway are owned and maintained by the province, but are also being changed to LED bulbs. The city does not have jurisdiction over lights on privately owned properties (car dealerships, for example), and lighting changes would require zoning bylaw updates. Rob noted that most of the new builds in Salmon Arm are putting in LED lights.

Committee members suggested the Wharf as a possible location for motion sensors. Rob noted that the lights were installed in 2009 as part of a risk management endeavor following consultations with the RCMP and insurance providers.

Moved: Janet Pattinson

Seconded: Julia Beatty

THAT: the Environmental Advisory Committee recommend that Council investigate the opportunity for installing motion detection sensors to the lighting at the end of the Wharf, and other sensitive areas.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Educational Plan for 2024 – Working Group Update

The sub-committee met on October 10, 2024. Notes from this meeting are included for review. Suggestions included facilitating workshops, creating pamphlets and connecting with local businesses/provincial offices to collaborate. Potential partnerships were identified for future educational opportunities.

Janet Pattinson will schedule another meeting of the sub-committee to draft options for the EAC to consider at the next meeting, including three options that could be actioned in 2025, and additional options to be considered in the future.

c) Update regarding pet licensing bylaw

The minutes from the EAC meeting on October 1, 2024, includes a motion carried that the committee will recommend Council considers an amendment to bylaw #2398 to include cats and other domestic animals.

Hermann Bruns left the meeting at 3:31p.m.

8. New Business

a) Meeting date/time change

Sylvia Lindgren requested a change in regular meeting times going forward. Rather than meeting from 2:30-4:00, it was suggested that the group meets from 2:15-3:45.

No concerns were raised from those present. Michelle Evans-Bunkis will email the entire group to request feedback. An update will be included in the next meeting.

9. Other Business & / or Roundtable Updates

Julia Beatty – A workshop is scheduled on November 14 in Vernon on retrofitting and environmental upgrades for homes. Julia will be facilitating a *Climate Action in the Shuswap* presentation tonight in collaboration with the Salmon Arm Naturalist Club.

Judith Benson – SABNES will continue fundraising for boardwalk updates. New information from their engineers suggest that steel posts are necessary (instead of wood posts) due to ground instability. The project has been put on hold until more funds can be raised.

Pauline Waelti – Will forward information to the group regarding an upcoming movie screening on the forestry industry.

Ken Whitehead – Pileated Woods has been re-opened following the maintenance closure.

Janet Pattinson – Reminder that meetings of the Salmon Arm Naturalist Club are open to the public. More information is available on their website.

10. Next Meeting – December 3, 2024

11. Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

"Sylvia Lindgren"
Councillor Sylvia Lindgren, Chair

Received for information by Council the 25 day of November, 2024.