

Minutes of the regular meeting of the ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION held in the CVRD Boardroom, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, on December 15, 2011 at 6:00 pm.

PRESENT: Justin Straker – Co-Chair Director Giles – Co-Chair
Director Duckworth Dave Polster
Director Kent Roger Wiles
Pete Keber Judy Stafford
Chris Wood Janna Jorgensen
Tyler Innes Bruce Fraser
Sophy Roberge Roger Hart
Rodger Hunter

ALSO PRESENT: Director Duncan
Brian Dennison, General Manager, Engineering & Environment Department
Dyan Freer, Recording Secretary

REGRETS: Director Hutchins, Kevin Visscher, John Morris, Rodger Hunter, Kate Miller

Introduction of new member to the Environment Commission, Roger Hart. The Chair asked if he would accept the position of representative to the Economic Development Committee from this committee. He accepted, there being no other volunteers from the commission members and no objections.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved with a change of order moving NB1 to first item, before B1;
MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the November 17, 2011, Environment Commission meeting be adopted as presented.
MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES B1

Members term expirations – thank you to Bruce Fraser, Kevin Visscher, and Chris Wood. Chair acknowledged their time and work spent on Commission matters and presented each with a gift. New directors may be nominated from the Board for 2012 as well.

B2

It was moved and seconded that we accept the verbal report of the Communications video contest sub-committee to receive the 12 uploaded videos and approve the awarding of ten prizes.
MOTION CARRIED

7:00 pm

Janna Jorgensen and Sophy Roberge gave a brief overview of the video contest criteria and judging. More feedback will be forthcoming. Discussion ensued. Video Contest – viewing of winning videos and the presentation of prizes took place. The winning videos and names were posted on the www.12things.ca website.

- B3** Updated Commission Work Plan – J. Straker – Justin made some revisions
- It was moved and seconded to accept the work plan as presented and to plan to begin work on it in January, 2012.**

MOTION CARRIED

Justin will send out a list of the sub-committees and ask members to volunteer.

- B4** **Update on land use recommendations – J. Straker**
A handout was distributed which gave CAO's response to his enquiry to update on the Commission's request on recommendations on land use. A steering committee will be formed to review presentations and proposals from consultants in Spring 2012. Chairs suggest that a member of the Environment Commission be appointed on the steering committee – J. Straker to send this request via e-mail. General Manager, E&E will ask General Manager, Planning and Development if an Environment Commission member could be involved in developing the 'proposed approach' (Terms of Reference) for the Integrated Regional Sustainability plan prior to formation of the steering committee.

The Board approved the spending of \$30,000 to support the Agricultural Mapping Project.

- 7:00 pm** Video Contest – viewing of winning videos, presentation of prizes took place
The winner's videos and names were posted on the www.12things.ca website.

CORRESPONDENCE

- C1** Email from Peter Nix dated November 25, 2011. Justin Straker will respond to Mr. Nix.
- C2** Pesticide Survey forwarded by Roger Wiles December 13, 2011

REPORTS

- R1** **Land Committee** – no report.
- R2** **Communications Committee** – Video Contest prizes awarded
- R3** **Water Committee** – no report
- R4** **Agriculture** – Judy Stafford gave an update regarding the planned Agricultural Forum at Duncan United Church from 9 -3 pm, January 19th, 2012. J. Stafford to provide an update presentation on the activities of the CVRD Environment Commission as part of this forum.

NEW BUSINESS

- NB1** Moved to B1

NB2

2012 scheduling of meetings – do we want the third Thursday of the month to continue. We may not need monthly meetings if the sub-committees are working actively. Support to continue monthly meetings on the 3rd Thursday or each month, perhaps with July/Aug. off. To be re-visited if necessary once the 2012 workplan is underway. Suggestion to hike up Mt. Tzouhalem for our May meeting to renew our connections to the environment. Another place to visit would be the Eagle Heights Grasslands in June, and the Koksilah Old Growth forest.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

NEXT MEETING

January 19th, 2011

Chair

Recording Secretary

Dated: _____