

SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**Tuesday, November 26, 2024**

A Regular Meeting of the Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Committee convened on Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 7:01 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC, with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Robert Mazzarolo, Chair
Councillor Brent Asmundson, Vice Chair
Mark Ashton, Citizen Representative
Grayson Barke, Citizen Representative
Reza Berry, Citizen Representative
Linton Chokie, Citizen Representative
Silvia Cojocar, Citizen Representative
Mohammad Darabi, Citizen Representative
Edward Lau, Citizen Representative
Bonnie Razzaghi, Citizen Representative

REGRETS: Daryoush Mohammad Hassani, Citizen Representative

STAFF: Caresse Selk, Senior Manager Environment
Sarah Bird, Manager Bylaw Enforcement Operations
Jenny Tough, Manager Environmental Education and Enforcement
Shannon Hadley, Manager Solid Waste and Special Projects
Nilou Rajaei, Urban Wildlife Program Coordinator
Amalee Truong, Committee Clerk

CALL TO ORDER**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024

The Minutes of the Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Recycling and Solid Waste Management Annual Review

Manager, Solid Waste and Special Projects provided a presentation entitled “2024 Solid Waste Operations Update” that covered the following topics:

- An overview of the City’s solid waste collection and other waste management services
- An overview of the City’s solid waste management education and outreach programs
- An overview of municipal and regional solid waste management updates and highlights in 2024

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Desire to clarify the diversion rates of previous years in comparison to 2024

Edward Lau left the meeting at this time – 7:14 p.m.

- Desire for an update on the future plans for the Repair Café
- Desire for the Large Item Pick-Up Program to be extended to multi-family residences

3. Urban Wildlife Program Annual Review

Urban Wildlife Program Coordinator provided a presentation entitled “Urban Wildlife Program Update” that covered the following topics:

- An overview of the Urban Wildlife Program
- An overview of bylaws for attractant management, including enforcement, education, and outreach
- An overview of the 2023 – 2024 Urban Wildlife Program
- An overview of the 2025 Urban Wildlife Program priorities

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Desire for statistics and monitoring of the urban wildlife population in the city
- Concern that the increase in development, and in particular demolition of existing buildings, correlates with an increase of urban wildlife, especially rodents, in the city
- Desire to understand the City’s role in any response to avian flu transmission
- Desire to understand the duration of local black bear hibernation
- Desire to understand if the increased development of trails will increase the number of black bears spotted in the city

- Desire to understand how creek crossings can be made more accessible to wildlife while maintaining functionality for flood management

4. Construction Sites Impact Mitigation

Manager Bylaw Enforcement Operations provided a presentation entitled “Construction Site Impact Mitigation” that covered the following topics:

- An overview of the potential impacts of construction sites
- An overview of the City’s approach to construction impact mitigation, including proactive education and enforcement
- Next steps regarding increasing compliance at construction sites to minimize impacts to residents

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Desire to know the daily average number of complaints received by the City regarding construction sites
- Desire to further understand the bylaw enforcement process and interdepartmental collaboration

5. 2024 Work Plan Review and 2025 Work Plan Items

Manager Environmental Education and Enforcement provided a presentation entitled “SEAC 2024 Year-end Review & 2025 Work Planning” that covered the following topics:

- An overview of topics covered in the 2024 meetings
- An overview of potential 2025 work plan items
- Desire for Committee to share items to be considered in the 2025 Work Plan

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Desire for an update of the progress of the City’s various environmental strategies including the Environmental Sustainability Plan, Climate Adaptation Strategic Plan and Urban Forest Management Strategy
- Desire for a review of energy conservation strategies for lighting at City outdoor recreation facilities
- Desire for an update regarding construction development around the Coquitlam Lake Reservoir
- Desire to provide additional input to the Fraser Mills Park project
- Desire for the City to introduce initiatives that encourage developers to invest in green infrastructure that enhance stormwater management, such as rain gardens, green roofs and permeable pavement

6. Committee Members' Roundtable / Emerging Issues

The Chair invited Committee members to share information and emerging issues from their communities.

The following topics and concerns were shared:

- Number of late season salmon run from Washington to Alaska is up this year
- Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, University of British Columbia, and Simon Fraser University are currently working on solutions to 6PPD-quinone

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE – 2025

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Robert Mazzarolo, Chair

Amalee Truong, Committee Clerk