

Minutes of the Town of Qualicum Beach Select Committee on Environment Inaugural Meeting held Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chamber, Municipal Office, 660 Primrose Street, Qualicum Beach, BC

Present: Councillor Kent Becker, Chair
Gerda Christensen, Arrowsmith Watersheds Coalition Society
Tom Whitfield, Brown Property Preservation Society
Sandy Robinson, Friends of French Creek Conservation Society
Ceri Peacey, Hamilton Marsh Committee of the Friends of French Creek Conservation Society
Michele Deakin, Mid-Vancouver Island Habitat Enhancement Society
Geoff Ball, Milner Gardens & Woodlands, VIU
Holly Clermont, Mt. Arrowsmith Biosphere Foundation
Annette Tanner, Qualicum Beach Environment Committee Society
Faye Smith, Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers
Po Wan, Qualicum Beach Chamber of Commerce
Nigel Cavanagh, Oceanside Development & Construction Association
Herbert Sullivan, Qualicum Beach Residents' Association
Dorothy Hofs, Chartwell Residents' Association
Pat Kingsford, Eaglecrest Residents' Association
Cathy Francis, Qualicum Beach Waterfront Association
Paul Kyba, Alternate, North Qualicum Beach Homeowners' Association
Peggy Ward, Qualicum Institute

Absent: Guy Monty, Brant Wildlife Festival organizers

Also Present: Alternate Members: Michael Jessen, Arrowsmith Watersheds Coalition Society
(in Gallery) Lynn Tomlinson, Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers
Maureen Pilcher, Oceanside Development & Construction Assoc.
David Golson, Qualicum Beach Residents' Association

Also Present: Staff: Mark Brown, CAO (partial attendance)
Toni Botelho, Parks Foreman (partial attendance)
Paul Butler, Director of Planning
Trudy Coates, Corporate Administrator
Bob Weir, Director of Engineering & Utilities
Sue Hood, Office Assistant

INTRODUCTIONS

Around the table introductions were made by Committee members, alternates and staff.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Tom Whitfield MOVED and Faye Smith SECONDED, THAT the Select Committee on Environment adopts the October 7, 2009 Inaugural meeting agenda with the addition of Terms of Reference.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - Nil

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - Nil

COUNCIL

Status of Recommendations to Council – Nil

Referrals from Council – Nil

BUSINESS

The Committee reviewed the agenda preparation, meeting processes, roles and resource manual.

Terms of Reference

Paul Kyba MOVED and Holly Clermont SECONDED, THAT the Select Committee on Environment recommends to Council THAT Council considers appointing a representative from First Nations to participate on the Select Committee on Environment.

MOTION FAILED

Paul Kyba MOVED and Holly Clermont SECONDED, THAT the Select Committee on Environment recommends to Council THAT Council amends the Select Committee on Environment Terms of Reference to appoint a representative from Youth to participate on the Select Committee on Environment.

CARRIED

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Requirements

Tom Whitfield MOVED and Geoff Ball SECONDED WHEREAS, under section 77 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* a local public body must:

- (a) designate a person or group of persons as the Head of the local public body for the purposes of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*;
- (b) may authorize any person to perform any duty or exercise any function under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* of the person or group of persons designated as the Head of the local public body;
- (c) may set any fees the local public body requires to be paid under section 75 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*;

AND WHEREAS, Schedule 1 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* defines a local public body as meaning a local government body and defines a local government body as meaning any Board, Committee, or Commission or other body that is created or owned by a municipality and all members or officers of which are appointed or chosen by or under the authority of that body;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Select Committee on Environment designates the Town of Qualicum Beach Freedom of Information Committee as the Head for the purposes of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*;
2. The Select Committee on Environment authorizes the Town of Qualicum Beach Deputy Corporate Administrator, and in the absence of the Deputy Corporate Administrator, the Corporate Administrator to act as Coordinator and to perform the duties or exercise the functions of the Head under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* as set out in the Town of Qualicum Beach Freedom of Information Bylaw No. 548, 1994.

CARRIED

Pesticide Regulation

Herbert Sullivan MOVED and Nigel Cavanagh SECONDED, THAT the Select Committee on Environment recommends to Council THAT Council encourages the Regional District of Nanaimo to expedite completion of the draft pesticide regulation bylaw under development by the RDN's Regional Pesticide Program group for adoption by municipalities in the region; AND FURTHER THAT Council instructs Town staff review the draft pesticide regulation bylaw and those in use in other municipalities, and bring forward a draft Town of Qualicum Beach Pesticide Regulation Bylaw for Council consideration.

CARRIED

Sustainability Plan and Official Community Plan Review

The Director of Planning:

- provided details of the September 17, 2009 Sustainability Plan and OCP Review Public Meeting;
- requested individual Committee members to complete and submit the Workbook (Questionnaire) to Town Hall; and
- invited members to attend the next Sustainability Plan and OCP Review Workshops December 1 and 8, 2009 at the Civic Centre at 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

2009-2010 Committee Priorities

The Committee discussed potential Committee priorities for 2009-2010, including:

1. Covenants on Environmentally Sensitive Lands
2. Public Transportation
3. Water Quality – including Preservation of Catchment Areas for Wells
4. Water Quantity
5. Limits on Growth
6. Defining Sustainability
7. Inventory of Eco-Systems and How They Work
8. Wetland Protection
9. Shorelines – Healthy/Tourism
10. Relationship between Local Economy and the Environment
11. Illegal Dumping – Cleanliness
12. Maintenance of Green Space – Enjoyment
13. Densification of Qualicum Beach Core
14. Alternative Energy – Public Facilities
15. Little Qualicum River – Adjacent Lands Preservation
16. Increasing and Maintaining Existing Landscape Areas through Adoption Program
17. Expansion of Town Boundary
18. Expansion of Town Boundary to Protect Hamilton Marsh
19. Encouragement of Conservation
20. Create a Mission Statement
21. Carrying Capacity of Eco-System
22. Peak Oil
23. Climate Change
24. Focus Group – Possible Participation

A Special Meeting of the Committee will be scheduled within the next 5-6 weeks to sort and list potential committee priorities for recommendation to Council. The Chair requested committee members to submit any new suggestions by e-mail to: tcoates@qualicumbeach.com.

ADJOURNMENT

Pat Kingsford MOVED and Peggy Ward SECONDED, THAT the Select Committee on Environment adjourns the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber

Councillor Kent Becker, Chair