

Minutes of the Town of Qualicum Beach Select Committee on Environment Special Meeting held Thursday, November 19, 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
Michael Jessen, Alternate, Arrowsmith Watersheds Coalition Society
Guy Monty, Brant Wildlife Festival Organizers
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
Richard Crowley, Alternate, Mt. Arrowsmith Biosphere Foundation
Annette Tanner, Qualicum Beach Environment Committee Society
Faye Smith, Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers
Maureen Pilcher, Alternate, Oceanside Development & Construction Association
Roger Griffiths, Alternate, Chartwell Residents' Association
Pat Kingsford, Eaglecrest Residents' Association
Diane Dundas, Alternate, Qualicum Beach Waterfront Association
Paul Kyba, Alternate, North Qualicum Beach Homeowners' Association
Peggy Ward, Qualicum Institute

Absent: Po Wan, Qualicum Beach Chamber of Commerce
Herbert Sullivan, Qualicum Beach Residents' Association

Also Present: Staff: Paul Butler, Director of Planning
Bob Weir, Director of Engineering & Utilities
Trudy Coates, Corporate Administrator
Sue Hood, Office Assistant

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Tom Whitfield MOVED and Diane Dundas SECONDED, THAT the Select Committee on Environment adopts the November 19, 2009 Special meeting agenda.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Geoff Ball MOVED and Michele Deakin SECONDED, THAT the Select Committee on Environment approves the October 7, 2009 Inaugural meeting minutes as corrected, by striking "Inventory of Eco-Systems and How They Work" (item #7 under 2009-2010 Committee Priorities) and inserting "How do Local Ecosystem Functions affect the Community".

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - Nil

COUNCIL

Status of Recommendations to Council

November 2, 2009 Council Motions:

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.

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.

Referrals from Council – Nil

BUSINESS

Select Committee on Environment Priorities for 2009-2010

Chair Kent Becker distributed documents providing a draft: change to the Committee Terms of Reference, a draft Mission Statement and Primary Goal and Suggested Consolidation of Key Objectives of the Select Committee on Environment, based on the discussion at the last meeting and the feedback. He requested feedback at the next meeting.

Tom Whitfield MOVED that the Select Committee on Environment adopt the following seven points as priorities for 2009-2010:

1. Preservation wet lands and shorelines in and around our community
2. Promote alternative energy sources
3. Preservation of local rivers, streams which includes riparian habitats and set backs
4. Our water both quality and quantity
5. Maintain and protect current green spaces this can include initiatives such as adoption programs etc
6. We should define sustainability which includes sustainable growth
7. Sustainable forest and farming practices

MOTION FAILED DUE TO NO SECONDER

Committee members discussed making the following amendments to the above seven consolidated items as follows:

- Insert "and management" after "Preservation" in Item 1
- Insert "(regulations in place)" after "sources" in Item 2
- Insert "management and enhancement" after "Preservation" and insert "and watersheds" after "streams" in Item 3
- Strike "which includes sustainable growth" in Item 6
- Merge Items 1 and 3 to single item to read "Preservation of major ecosystems in our community"

Chair Kent Becker requested that a new list be created based on earlier discussion and circulated to Committee members prior to the next meeting. Committee members were asked to prioritize the list by assigning a priority number to each item.

A Special Meeting of the Committee will be scheduled in early January 2010 to finalize a list of potential committee priorities for recommendation to Council. Committee members requested consideration of meeting location.

ADJOURNMENT

Geoff Ball MOVED and Faye Smith 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