

Minutes of the Town of Qualicum Beach Select Committee on Environment Regular Meeting held Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chamber, Municipal Office, 660 Primrose Street, Qualicum Beach, BC

Present: Councillor Barry Avis, Appointed Acting Chair
Keeley Campbell, At-Large Representative of Youth
Michael Jessen, Alternate, Arrowsmith Watersheds Coalition Society
Tim Clermont, Alternate, 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, Vancouver Island University
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

Absent: Holly Clermont, Mt. Arrowsmith Biosphere Foundation
Joanne Hill, North Qualicum Beach Homeowners' Association
Peggy Ward, Qualicum Institute

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Geoff Ball MOVED and Michael Jessen SECONDED, THAT the Select Committee on Environment adopts the June 2, 2010 Regular meeting agenda.

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Cathy Francis MOVED and Faye Smith SECONDED, THAT the Select Committee on Environment approves the February 3, 2010 Regular meeting minutes.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - Nil

COUNCIL

The Corporate Administrator introduced the following for information.

Council Motions - For Information

May 3, 2010 Council Motion:

THAT Council amends the Select Committee on Environment Terms of Reference under Member at Large by: inserting "and Ballenas Secondary High School" under clause (c).

THAT Council amends the Select Committee on Environment Terms of Reference under COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE by:

- striking "appointed by Council" and inserting "appointed by Council, with preference given to residents of the Town of Qualicum Beach"
- striking after the word "Youth" the words "who is a resident of Qualicum Beach".

THAT Council appoints Keeley Campbell as the member of the Select Committee on Environment representing Youth as a member at large.

THAT Council appoints Councillor Avis as the alternate chair for the June 2, 2010 Select Committee on Environment meeting to be held at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Status of Recommendations to Council

February 8, 2010 Council Motion:

THAT the Town of Qualicum Beach responds, and encourages citizens to respond, by the BC government's February 15, 2010 deadline for input on the use and sale of cosmetic chemical pesticides, by supporting the Canadian Cancer Society's call for new legislation that:

- Prohibits the use, sale and retail display of chemical pesticides for lawns, gardens, and non-agricultural landscaping;
- Allows exemptions only to protect public health;
- Provides for public education about the ban and alternatives to chemical pesticides;
- Includes effective mechanisms for enforcement;
- Does not include Integrated Pest Management (IPM), or the use of pesticides 'as a last resort' to deal with weeds and insects; and
- Is passed in 2010 and fully implemented within the first two years of the government's current mandate.

March 8, 2010 Council Motion:

WHEREAS there is a large body of documented evidence on the negative impact to the environment by coal mining, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT Council send a letter to the Honourable Blair Lekstrom, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources expressing the following concerns about the Compliance Coal Corporation's proposed Raven Underground Coal Mine Project near the communities of Union Bay, Buckley Bay, Fanny Bay and Deep Bay:

- as detailed in Bruce Fleming-Smith's letter of October 28, 2009;
- water used in mining and where it goes;
- greenhouse gas emissions;
- source of energy;
- effect on groundwater;
- form of transportation; and
- governmental approval process;

AND FURTHER THAT the Town of Qualicum Beach requests copies of the licence applications; standing in the approval process; and meaningful consultation; AND FURTHER THAT Council instructs staff to write to other municipalities in the region asking them to do the same.

THAT Council approves the amended Select Committee on Environment Terms of Reference, including the Mission Statement.

THAT Council endorses the priorities and objectives for the Select Committee on Environment identified in the "Key Issues Identified by the Select Committee on Environment" dated for reference Amended February 3, 2010.

Referrals from Council – Nil

BUSINESS

Team Watersmart Literature Package

The Director of Engineering & Utilities introduced the Regional District of Nanaimo Team Watersmart Program and provided an information package to Committee members.

Pesticide Use Bylaw No. 650, 2010

The Corporate Administrator introduced the draft Pesticide Brochure and draft Pesticide Use Bylaw No. 650, 2010 to be considered by Council on June 14, 2010.

Po Wan MOVED and Ceri Peacey SECONDED, THAT the Select Committee on Environment recommends to Council THAT the Qualicum Beach Memorial Golf Course and the Qualicum Beach Lawn Bowling Club not be excluded from the draft Pesticide Use Bylaw No. 650, 2010.

CARRIED

Sandy Robinson MOVED and Tom Whitfield SECONDED, THAT the Select Committee on Environment recommends THAT the bylaw entitled "Town of Qualicum Beach Pesticide Use Bylaw No. 650, 2010" be introduced and read a first time as amended by striking in Definitions Section 2, Items (7) (a) Lawn Bowling Club and (b) Qualicum Beach Memorial Golf Course, and re-numbering (7) (c) Eaglecrest Golf Course 17th Fairway to (7) (a).

CARRIED

Cathy Francis left the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Little Qualicum River Watershed Plan: A Feasibility Study

Committee members discussed the Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers' Study paper. Further discussion of the Plan will be addressed at the next meeting of the Committee.

Michelle Deakin MOVED and Herbert Sullivan SECONDED, THAT the Select Committee on Environment recommends to Council THAT Council supports the concept of a Little Qualicum River Watershed Plan and that at the next Select Committee on Environment the Committee discuss further recommendations.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Tom Clermont MOVED and Faye Smith SECONDED, THAT the Select Committee on Environment adjourns the meeting.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Councillor Barry Avis, Acting Chair

Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, October 6, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.