



Draft Terms of Reference Environmental Task Group

1.0 Background:

City Council recently amended the goal statement for one of the key result areas – Environment:

We continue to focus on protecting, promoting and enhancing environmental assets in the community and active in achieving the Zero Waste goals.

At the Blue Sky Session City Council proposed a number of environmental initiatives and programs for consideration and implementation. One of the ideas arising from the Blue Sky Session was the establishment of an Environmental Task Group to evaluate and recommend to City Council bylaws and policies related to the protection and enhancement of the environment.

2.0 Mandate:

The mandate of the group includes, but not limited to, prioritize, evaluate and develop a business case for the implementation of various environmental initiatives and programs such as:

- ✓ Install rain barrels for watering plants
- ✓ Promote business solid waste and recycling education program and incentives
- ✓ Create a bylaw to ban plastic bags
- ✓ Promote landscape and environmental features on boulevards by residents, businesses and developers, ie. food “security”, bee/butterfly gardens
- ✓ Promote landscape, garden and environmental ideas for multi-family home owners
- ✓ Use goats for weed control
- ✓ Install 'real' grass on boulevard
- ✓ Provide netting at storm outfalls to catch garbage
- ✓ Work with LEPS and gardening shops to educate residents on controlling invasive species
- ✓ Create an Urban Forest
- ✓ Dealing with dog waste

The group may undertake multiple initiatives. However, the group shall undertake only one initiative at a time if staff resources are required.

3.0 Composition:

3.1 Membership:

- Two voting members of City Council to be appointed by the Mayor
- One voting member from the Langley Field Naturalists
- One voting member from the Langley Environmental Partners Society
- One voting member representing youth
- One voting member from a post-secondary institution
- ~~One~~Two voting member from the community at-large

The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be members of City Council.

3.2 Staff Liaison

- One City of Langley staff to be appointed by the CAO
- Additional staff and/or consultants may be invited to provide technical advice and assistance

3.3 Affiliated Agencies:

Representative(s) from the Affiliated Agencies will be requested to provide expert advice when deemed appropriate to assist the Task Group to fulfill its mandate.

4.0 Reporting Relationship:

The Group will report to City Council through its meeting notes and by making recommendations to City Council.

5.0 Accountability:

The Group is accountable to City Council. The Group will not have the authority to give direction to staff or to commit to expenditures of funds. Action recommended by the Group must be done so by resolution to City Council and with their approval prior to implementation.

6.0 Administration:

The City of Langley will provide administrative support to the Membership to carry out the mandates of the group.

7.0 Meetings:

The Group will meet on a regular basis at the call of the Chair but not less than (4) times per year, in a facility provided by the participating partners.

A quorum shall be a majority of the total voting membership.

8.0 Terms:

The terms of the group shall cease on December 31, 2020. The terms may be extended by City Council to allow the group to fulfill its mandate.