



COMMITTEE REPORT

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject **Environmental Sustainability Committee –
2022 Work Plan**

File #: 5200.00

Doc #:

From: Councillor Rosemary Wallace, Chair

Date: April 19, 2022

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council approve the Environmental Sustainability Committees 2022 work plan as follows:

- Plan and implement Annual Earth Day Event.
- Review single use product bans for possible City bylaw.
- Discuss and develop environmental recognition programs for individuals and businesses.
- Educational Sustainability Messaging: develop a poster campaign for environmental sustainability such as single use plastics, dog waste and 2022 as the Year of the Garden.
- Research and discuss tree preservation ideas with the goal towards supporting the city to move towards tree protection and managing its urban forest.

SUMMARY:

In accordance with section 4.1 of the Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESC) Terms of Reference, the ESC is required to develop an annual work plan, to be approved by Council, that aligns with the goals of Council's current strategic plan.

At it's April 14, 2022 meeting the ESC approved the following work plan:

- Plan and implement Annual Earth Day Event.
 - This year is planned for April 23
- Review single use product bans for possible City bylaw.
 - Many BC municipalities have implemented or are considering a bylaw to ban distribution or sales of single use products such as plastic bags,

straws, coffee cups, etc. The ESC plans to research the pros and cons of this for consideration.

- Discuss and develop environmental recognition programs for individuals and businesses.
 - There are many businesses and individuals who are doing a great job protecting the environment. Developing a recognition program would help support and encourage and inform the public who these entities/individuals are.
- Educational Sustainability Messaging: develop a poster campaign for environmental sustainability such as single use plastics, dog waste and 2022 as the Year of the Garden.
 - This is similar to the Crime Prevention Committees poster campaign but with an environmental focus for the purpose of educating and informing the public.
- Research and discuss tree preservation ideas with the goal towards supporting the city to move towards tree protection and managing its urban forest.
 - Many local municipalities, including Surrey and the Township of Langley, have tree protection bylaws. The ESC will research and discuss possible tree protection within the City of Langley. The city has an approved 2022 capital budget to complete an Urban Forest Management Plan which will include tree inventory on City lands and right of ways. The ESC information will support this work.

It is noted that any actions recommended by the ESC related to the work plan will be submitted to Council for approval prior to implementation.

Respectfully Submitted,



Councillor Rosemary Wallace
Chair