



MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Langley City Hall – CKF Room
20399 Douglas Crescent, Langley, BC

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025 AT 6:06 P.M.

Present: Councillor Paul Albrecht, Chair
Councillor Rosemary Wallace, Vice Chair
Alyssa Purse, Member at Large
Amika Watari, Youth Representative
Ellen Hall, Senior Representative
Lisa Boughen, Member at Large
Lisa Dreves, Langley Field Naturalists
Nichole Marples, Langley Environmental Partners Society

Staff: Rachel Ollenberger, Manager of Engineering Services
Natasha Loewen, Clerk, Engineering, Parks & Environment

Absent: Mallory Palliyaguru, Member at Large, with regrets
Navneet Sandu, Member at Large, with regrets
David Pollock, Director, Engineering, Parks & Environment, with regrets
Perry Browne, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator, with regrets

The Chair acknowledged that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Katzie, Kwantlen, Matsqui and Semiahmoo First Nations.

1. AGENDA

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the JUNE 12, 2025 Agenda for the Environmental Sustainability Committee be adopted as amended relating to item 4 to include waste management at city events.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the MAY 15, 2025 Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting be adopted as amended relating to item 5.2 regarding funding.

CARRIED

3. DISCUSSION

1. Bat-Friendly Community
 - 1.1. Committee members to consider ideas to promote bat week for discussion at the July meeting such as an awareness campaign, bat friendly gardens, etc.
 - 1.2. There was discussion around suitable environments for bats, such as waterways for consuming flies and cottonwood trees for nesting.
 - 1.3. Committee members suggested providing bat friendly information pages in permit packages. Staff to discuss including the information pages with the Development Services Department.
2. Climate Action Strategy
 - 2.1. The Committee requested clarification on which items are underway by the City, so the Committee can focus their attention on new items. Staff suggested the possibility of Dena K joining a meeting to speak about the performance evaluation and reporting system to facilitate the Committee with their decisions.
 - 2.2. There was discussion around the alignment with current City initiatives and plans, and the Committee requested a consolidated list of previously issued items to facilitate with their review.
3. Increase and Preserve Tree Canopy
 - 3.1. The Committee discussed various options such as re-vegetation compensation for environmentally sensitive areas, and vouchers for residents to purchase trees.
 - 3.2. There was a request for a staff member from the Development Services department to attend a future meeting to speak to the zoning bylaw and landscape requirements, specifically north of the Nicomekl river.
 - 3.3. The Committee discussed various potential events to help promote gardening, such as Garden of the Week, Tree of the Year, etc.
 - 3.4. Committee members requested that pamphlets/posters are available at Timms Community Centre for educational purposes.
4. Waste Management at City Events
 - 4.1. There was discussion around waste management at City Events, and if there is waste segregation or garbage only.
 - 4.2. There was discussion around a previously completed waste audit.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT pursuant to the strategy in the Langley City 2023 – 2028 Strategic Plan, under section 5d, City of Langley to implement a policy that all community events require a zero waste management strategy to be submitted prior to event approval. This includes City events. Policy will include resource and budget implications.

CARRIED

4. STANDING ITEMS

1. Work Plan
 - 1.1. Council has referred the ESC Committee to research educational signage of the salmon release in the Nicomekl river for 2 – 3 locations.

- 1.2. Committee members to provide suggested locations and wording including an educational component for the signs.
2. Dog Waste
 - 2.1. The Committee requested an update for the next meeting as the waste bins are available and the pilot project has begun.

5. ROUND TABLE

1. LEPS AGM is on June 17 at Murrayville Library.
2. Committee members requested the City to provide caged baskets around the public garbage cans for recycling collection.
3. The Earth Day video was well received, and the video will be used next year to promote the event.
4. Community Day is June 14.
5. The Tree Bylaw Open House is on June 9, and the survey is open until June 30, 2025.

6. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:54 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

Certified Correct:

Director of Engineering, Parks & Env.