

MINUTES

City of Port Moody

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee held February 18, 2008 in the Brovold Room.

PRESENT:

Councillor Mike Clay, Chair
Tricia Bloomfield
Mike Doucet
Brandon Elliott
Rick Glumac
Kathy Heisler
Diane MacDougall
Jim Mattson
Christine Patterson
Valerie Simons

ABSENT:

Councillor Diana Dilworth, Vice Chair (regrets)
Tim Bennett (regrets)
David Ritcey (regrets)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Julie Hunter, Committee Coordinator
Julie Pavey, Manager of Parks & Environmental Services

(1) **CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor M. Clay called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

(2) **INTRODUCTIONS & ROUNDTABLE**

Committee members were introduced and the Chair welcomed new and returning members. The Committee held a roundtable discussion on members' personal goals for the Committee in 2008.

(3) **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

MOTION
EPC 08-001

THAT the agenda of the Environmental Protection Committee meeting of February 18, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

(4) **ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

MOTION
EPC 08-002

Moved, seconded and CARRIED
THAT the minutes of the Environmental Protection Committee meeting held November 20, 2007 be adopted as circulated.

(5) **BUSINESS**

2008 WORK PLAN

5.1

The Committee considered the EPC 2007 Annual Report and reviewed the section entitled "Suggested Focus Areas for Next Year".

Ms. J. Pavey presented an update on the Sustainability / Green Building Policy. It was reported that the Corporate Action Plan had been approved in June 2006 and was now being updated. Staff were requested to provide background information on sustainability to new members. Discussion ensued regarding the Sustainability Conference recently attended three City representatives (Councillors and staff), the sustainability charter framework in development leading to a sustainability plan, Council adopted CAEE energy targets for new developments, the sustainability checklist previously reviewed by the EPC, the upcoming changes to the provincial green building code, and recent updates to the tree bylaw.

Councillor M. Clay reported on the Metro Vancouver zero waste initiative, and the Zero Waste Sub-Committee. Ms. K. Heisler presented an update report on discussion held by the 2007 Zero Waste Sub-Committee. Discussion ensued regarding garbage pick-up, recycling, plastics recycling, demonstration garden, organic/green waste recycling, bi-weekly garbage collection, limiting the allowable amount of weekly garbage, recycling depot, plastic bags, public and business education on plastic bags, plastic water bottles, packaging of consumer goods, education on reducing things in landfill from spring clean-up, and encouraging people to recycle household items (e.g. by posting items on Craig's List).

Brief discussion ensued regarding Invasive plant control. It was agreed that Invasive Plant Control would be removed from the Committee's Work Plan. The Committee would be kept informed of progress on any staff initiatives related to this item.

The Committee discussed the concept of integrated trail mapping and a “pedmap” which could be a joint initiative with the Parks & Recreation Commission, the Economic, Tourism & Arts Development Committee and the Traffic Safety Committee. It was agreed that this item would be on the agenda of the next meeting.

The Committee agreed to the following items on its Work Plan for 2008:

- Sustainability
- Zero Waste Sub-Committee
- Plastic Bags. (this could include a public and business education campaign with the Economic, Tourism & Arts Development Committee).

EVERGREEN LINE
FEEDBACK 5.2

The Committee reviewed the Evergreen Line Feedback form. Discussion ensued regarding details related to the Evergreen Line including the proposed alignment, at grade versus elevated, concern regarding the feasibility of the at-grade proposal given the space limitations on the CPR right of way, density, route, station locations, Murray-Clarke Connector, concern regarding the impact on the community of dividing it with the Evergreen Line, carbon tax, and the capacity of the West Coast Express. Also discussed were concerns that people do not want Skytrain running through historic Moody Centre, and concerns that people do not want an elevated Skytrain, and concerns regarding the proposal to develop the Riverview lands.

APPOINTMENT OF
EPC 5.3
REPRESENTATIVES
TO BURRARD
THERMAL LIAISON
COMMITTEE & CITY
/ CPR COMMUNITY
ADVISORY PANEL

Councillor M. Clay presented background information on the appointment of EPC representatives to the Burrard Thermal Liaison committee and the City / CPR Community Advisory Panel. Brief discussion ensued regarding the Terms of Reference and meeting schedule of these committees.

MOTION
EPC 08-003

Moved, seconded and CARRIED
THAT Mike Doucet be appointed as the Environmental Protection Committee representative on the Burrard Thermal Liaison Committee.

MOTION
EPC 08-004

Moved, seconded and CARRIED
THAT Valerie Simons be appointed as the Environmental Protection Committee representative on the City / CPR Community Advisory Panel.

SUBCOMMITTEE
APPOINTMENTS

5.4 Ms. K. Heisler presented a summary report on the Zero Waste Sub-Committee and previous discussion from the 2007 Zero Waste Sub-Committee. Discussion ensued regarding details related to the Sub-Committee. The following individuals offered to participate on the Sub-Committee

- Kathy Heisler
- Diane MacDougall
- Tricia Bloomfield
- Mike Doucet
- Brandon Elliott
- Rick Glumac
- Kathy Heisler
- Diane MacDougall
- Jim Mattson
- Christine Patterson
- Valerie Simons
- Councillor Mike Clay
- staff when available (Julie Pavey, Brigitte Pronovost, Ron Higo)

It was agreed that the Sub-Committee would schedule its own meetings, staff would provide information including waste audit and material from the GVRD as required, etc. The Sub-Committee would present its recommendations to the Environmental Protection Committee who in turn would review and forward recommendations on Zero Waste to Council.

NEXT MEETING

5.5 It was suggested that the following items be on the agenda of the Committee's next meeting:

- Sustainability Framework
- Green Building Policy
- Pedmap.

(6) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee held on February 18, 2008 was adjourned at 9:18 pm.

The next meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee is scheduled for March 17, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

Councillor M. Clay, Chair

J. Hunter, Committee Coordinator

CITY OF PORT MOODY

MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee Meeting held March 17, 2008, in the Brovold Room, 3rd Floor, Civic Complex

PRESENT:

Councillor Mike Clay, Chair
Councillor Diana Dilworth, Vice-Chair
Timothy Bennett (7:10PM)
Mike Doucet
Brandon Elliott
Rick Glumac (7:15PM)
Kathy Heisler
Diane MacDougall
Jim Mattson
David Ritcey (7:05PM)
Valerie Simons

ABSENT:

Tricia Bloomfield (regrets)
Christine Patterson (regrets)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ron Higo, Director of Community Services
Sylvia Nedila, Committee Coordinator
Julie Pavey, Manager of Parks & Environmental Services
Gaetan Royer, City Manager

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Councillor M. Clay called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. In the interim before quorum was reached, Item 4.1 Business, was commenced.

(2) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION
EPC 08-005

Moved, seconded and CARRIED
THAT the Agenda of the Environmental Protection Committee meeting held March 17, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

(3) ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was noted that Item 5.4, Subcommittee Appointments, Ms. Kathy Heisler and Ms. Diane MacDougall were listed twice.

MOTION
EPC 08-006

Moved, seconded and CARRIED
THAT the Minutes of the Environmental Protection Committee meeting held February 18, 2008 be adopted as amended.

METRO
VANCOUVER ZERO
WASTE INITIATIVE –
POWERPOINT
PRESENTATION
(M. CLAY)

(4)
4.1

Councillor M. Clay explained that the powerpoint presentation he was using indicated a Coquitlam logo, but that the Zero Waste Challenge is also applicable to Port Moody. In May 26, 2006, the GVS&DD Board unanimously endorsed the recommendation for a Zero Waste Challenge and new waste reduction goals. The initiative is an approach to optimize the efficiency of waste diversion activities, i.e., composting and recycling, in coordination with disposal, which includes various waste-to-energy technologies. The Zero Waste proponents view “waste” as a resource.

The video presentation commenced with a presentation of Goals, Trends in Waste Management, 1994-2006 Steps to Zero Waste (what is involved?); City guidelines (which could be put in place as important tools, i.e., limiting amount of recyclables in curbside collection), EPR Programs in B.C., E-waste in place (to finance reclamation to re-use electronic products); Composition of Waste Disposed; Composition of Disposed Waste by Sector graphs; Recycling & Disposal Rates by Sector (regionwide).

Following the presentation, extensive discussion and a question and answer period followed regarding reviews of yearly solid waste figures (Years 2005-2007 going down per capita), PoMo’s business curbside pickup and incentive programs, school involvement, private/contractor pickup contracts, transfer station assessments and tipping costs, disincentives, Zero Waste Bylaw revisions, creation of business/ database/City guidelines/parameters, logo/pledge approach as outlined in “Fostering Sustainable Behaviour” publication, Environmental Award incentives and potential involvement of ETAD and Subcommittees to formulate pilot program and feedback. A suggestion was made to challenge PoCo and other NE Sector municipalities as an awareness initiative through neighbouring municipalities, for the purpose of not only promoting additional diversion as a regional perspective, but also an incentive campaign for PoMo residents. It was then:

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MOTION
EPC 08-007

Moved, seconded and CARRIED
THAT the Environmental Protection Committee recommend that Council authorize staff to review implications of a Solid Waste Reduction Community challenge.

Mr. G. Royer left the meeting at 8:10PM.

STATISTICAL DATA, 4.2
PORT MOODY
SOLID WASTE –
POWERPOINT
PRESENTATION –
M. CLAY

The statistical figures for Port Moody's Solid Waste program were reviewed. It was noted that the figures indicating 5,868 households within the City should be updated to reflect 9-10,000 households, including multi-family. Trends indicated 40% to 45% recycling diversion rates from landfill for the years 2004-2007 and 737 kg to 695 kg for solid waste (includes spring clean-up) between 2005 to 2007, which indicated a downward trend. Municipal comparisons between Port Moody and Port Coquitlam were presented and discussed. Coquitlam figures not available at this time.

ORGANIC 4.3
COMPOSTING AND
CURBSIDE
COLLECTION –
POWERPOINT
PRESENTATION
AND DISCUSSION –
M. CLAY

Councillor M. Clay led the Committee through the various details of the presentation:

- Compost: aerobically decomposed remnants of organic matter.
- Composting: aerobic decomposition of biodegradable organic matter, producing compost.
- Organic composting: composting recycles or "downcycles" organic household and yard waste and manures into extremely useful humus-like, soil end-product.

Composting is practiced under virtual government mandate in many western countries. Curbside organic collection is being introduced in a number of communities across North America including Regional District of Nanaimo and PoCo's pilot program which transfers organic waste to a Delta site (relatively inexpensive, produces high quality compost).

An extensive discussion, question and answer period followed including topics of:

- In-Vessel composting (water-injected, container with lid, 15-20-days turnaround time, contains odour, portable, containerized operations) implemented at City of Hutchinson, Minn.
- Squamish and Whistler organic operations
- UBC - food wastes from 50,000 population treated through in-vessel composter
- Maple Ridge site final stages (?)
- GVRD's Whidby Island operation (?)

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- Finnish program – digester type of composter with no odours
- Malmo, Sweden (focusing on ecologically sustainable urban infrastructure), Malmo Mayor's presentation at 2006 FCM conference which includes provisions for residential organic waste to central collection system;
- Halifax program – curbside residential green bin
- Holland program - composted material from sewage treatment plants used in lawn fertilizer
- City of Vancouver's 20 year success rate with worm composting through subsidized bins
- Port Moody - incorporation of organic composting with yard waste
- Port Moody's proposed sticker system (residents to be provided with small food waste bags as incentive to remove plastic bags from the system). A biodegradable plastic bag lined with cellulite was distributed on table (Bag to Earth, leak proof, odour proof, totally biodegradable and compostable).
- GVRD Waste Disposal bans

Mr. Ron Higo advised that a staff report to Council is in process regarding solid waste collection options.

Following further discussion, it was:

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Environmental Protection Committee recommend that Council impose a City ban on plastic bags in favour of paper or labelled containers for yard waste disposal.

MOTION
EPC 08-008

WASTE TO ENERGY 4.4
PRESENTATION,
PLASCO ENERGY
PLASMA
TECHNOLOGY AND
REVIEW OF SITE
TOUR – M. CLAY

Councillor M. Clay provided extensive information regarding a tour of the Plasco demonstration plant in Ottawa, Ont. who are offering a system to general municipalities which refines gases produced during waste conversion to produce industry-leading low emissions. Plasco's business model introduced plans to build and run the plant, to receive dividends from tipping fees and to collect revenues for electricity from hydro. At this time, Plasco claims that they are the only known company involved with this form of waste to energy technology.

Extensive discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons, including a question and answer period.

Further information is available on their website at
www.plascoenergygroup.com

(5) **FOR INFORMATION**

Ms. Julie Pavey provided information regarding the Burrard Inlet Environmental Action Program; and two upcoming sessions looking at environmental indicators for Burrard Inlet to be held on April 8 & 9th, 2008. Further information will be posted on the City's website and forwarded to all members.

(6) **ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee held March 17, 2008 was adjourned at 9:28 PM.

The next regular meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee is scheduled for Monday, March 21st, 2008, Brovold Room.

Councillor M. Clay, Chair

S. Nedila, Committee
Coordinator

CITY OF PORT MOODY

MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee held April 21, 2008 in the Brovold Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillor Mike Clay, Chair
Councillor Diana Dilworth, Vice Chair
Timothy Bennett
Tricia Bloomfield
Kathy Heisler
Diane MacDougall
Jim Mattson
Christine Patterson
David Ritcey
Valerie Simons

ABSENT:

Brandon Elliott (regrets)
Gray Giovanetti (regrets)
Rick Glumac (regrets)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Ron Higo, Director of Community Services
Julie Hunter, Committee Co-ordinator
Julie Pavey, Manager of Parks & Environmental Services

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Councillor M. Clay called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

(2) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Item 5.3 "Climate Change Workshop of Families" was added to the agenda.

MOTION

Moved, seconded and CARRIED
THAT the agenda of the Environmental Protection Committee meeting held April 21, 2008 be adopted as amended.

(3) ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The previous minutes were corrected to indicate that the next meeting was scheduled for April 21.

MOTION

Moved, seconded and CARRIED
THAT the Minutes of the Environmental Protection Committee held March 17, 2008 be adopted as amended.

(4) BUSINESS

PRESENTATION:
FOSTERING
SUSTAINABLE
BEHAVIOUR –
COMMUNITY BASED
SOCIAL MARKETING

4.1 Presentation – “Fostering Sustainable Behaviour – Community Based Social Marketing”, J. Pavey, Manager of Parks & Environmental Services. An article entitled “Community-Based Social Marketing” by Doug McKenzie-Mohr was circulated on-table.

Discussion ensued regarding the following topics:

- Climate change
- public education
- potential for sales / distribution of low flow showerheads, composters, lightbulbs, recycling boxes, paper yard waste bags, etc
- GVRD curbside organic recycling program
- the need for a biodegradable alternative to plastic garbage bags
- waste to energy
- the suggestion that the committee could communicate with residents via strata councils and work with one showcase strata council to illustrate a sustainability success story.

INTEGRATED
PEDESTRIAN MAP

4.2 This item was deferred to the next meeting.

ZERO WASTE SUB-
COMMITTEE
REPORT ON APRIL 3
MEETING

4.3 Councillor M. Clay presented a brief update on the Zero Waste Sub-Committee and advised that he would contact the Sub-Committee by e-mail to schedule the next meeting.

ENVIRONMENTAL
AWARD PROGRAM
PROMOTION

4.4

Material related to the Environmental Award was circulated on-table. Ms. J. Pavey presented an update. It was agreed that the deadline for nominations would be changed to September 30 and that the Committee would review the nominations at its meeting in October. Discussion ensued and it was agreed that the Environmental Award would be promoted as follows:

- in the local schools
- community organizations
- stakeholder groups
- Fingerling Festival
- City website

The Committee was to refine the promotion plan at its next meeting. It was agreed that Mr. J. Mattson and Ms. C. Patterson would contact the schools and Ms. K. Heisler would contact Port Moody Secondary School.

(5)

INFORMATION

FINGERLING
FESTIVAL

5.1

The Fingerling Festival is scheduled for May 3, 2008, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm at the Noons Creek Hatchery. Committee members were invited to volunteer or to attend the event with their family and friends.

LIVING WITH BEARS
IN PORT MOODY

5.2

A flyer advertising the “Living with Black Bears in Port Moody” event scheduled for April 30, 2008 at 7:00 pm in the Inlet Theatre was circulated on-table.

CLIMATE CHANGE
WORKSHOP FOR
FAMILIES

5.3

A flyer advertising the “Climate Change Workshop for Families” scheduled for April 26, 2008 at 1:00 pm at St. Laurence Anglican Church was circulated on-table.

(6)

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee held April 21, 2008 was adjourned at 9:18 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee is to be scheduled.

Councillor M. Clay, Chair

J. Hunter, Committee
Coordinator

CITY OF PORT MOODY

MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee held May 29, 2008 in the Brovold Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillor Mike Clay, Chair
Timothy Bennett
Brandon Elliott
Rick Glumac
Kathy Heisler
Diane MacDougall
Jim Mattson
Christine Patterson
David Ritcey

ABSENT:

Councillor Diana Dilworth, Vice Chair (regrets)
Tricia Bloomfield (regrets)
Valerie Simons (regrets)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Bill Granger, Acting Manager of Parks & Environmental Services
Julie Hunter, Committee Co-ordinator

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Councillor M. Clay called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

(2) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION

Moved, seconded and CARRIED
THAT the agenda of the Environmental Protection Committee meeting held May 29, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

(3) ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

Moved, seconded and CARRIED
THAT the minutes of the Environmental Protection Committee held April 21, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

(4) OLD BUSINESS

SPRING CLEANUP
WEEK

4.1

Councillor M. Clay presented background information on the proposed elimination of spring clean-up week. Committee members were invited to list their questions in order that Mr. R. Higo could address them at the next meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the following points:

- the concern that should an opportunity to discard sofas, water heaters, etc not be provided, they may be dumped
- against some items that some residents put out for disposal during spring cleanup week
- the rate of participation
- discarded items that could be re-used
- a city-wide garage sale or “free-cycle” to reduce the amount of material that is disposed into to the landfill
- possible elimination of the program and redirection of budget funds to initiatives such as a recycling center
- commercial alternatives such as “1-800-got-junk”
- thrift stores for items in good condition

Committee consensus was that spring cleanup week should be discontinued, but the Committee would wait for the presentation from Mr. Higo at the next meeting and consider alternatives before making any recommendations to Council. Discussion ensued regarding possible alternatives to spring clean up week. Committee members raised questions on:

- location of existing recycling depots, including those for paint, batteries, electronics, etc
- estimated cost of spring clean up week and potential budget funds that could be redirected to alternatives should the program be discontinued
- potential downsides to canceling the spring clean up program
- programs in other municipalities
- feedback from of other municipalities that may have recently cancelled spring clean up week.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD AND COMMERCIAL MARKETING 4.2 A flyer prepared by Councillor M. Clay entitled “City of Port Moody – Environmental Award - are you a friend of the Environment?” was circulated on-table. Councillor Clay presented an overview of the flyer. Committee members were invited to e-mail Councillor Clay with comments on the flyer and it was suggested that a different version could be created to target specific audiences. The Committee considered ways to publicize the awards including the following:

- local schools
- City website
- Focus newsletter
- notice in City mail-outs (tax notice, etc)
- EPC table at Golden Spike Days
- business fair.

MOTION Moved, seconded and CARRIED
THAT the City increase the number and visibility of recycling bins in high traffic areas and any point of sale / vending machine in the recreation center and all other civic facilities.

MOUNTAIN BIKE TASK FORCE DRAFT REPORT 4.3 The Committee considered the draft Mountain Biking Task Force Report. Councillor M. Clay presented background information on the Task Force and an overview of the Report. Committee members were invited to provide feedback on the draft Report and discussion ensued regarding the following points:

- stakeholder groups
- removal of unsafe structures by City staff
- the need for trail maps
- the impact to trails from development on the north shore.

MOTION Moved, seconded and CARRIED
THAT the Mountain Biking Task Force draft report be endorsed.

UPDATE FROM
SUBCOMMITTEE ON
ZERO WASTE

4.4

Ms. K. Heisler presented an update report from the Zero Waste Sub-Committee. It was noted that the Sub-Committee was in the process of fact-finding. Discussion ensued regarding the following points:

- zero waste initiatives in Seattle and San Francisco
- reduction of construction waste at local developments
- LEED certification
- Initiatives in other municipalities
- banning plastic bags.

Councillor M. Clay read aloud a draft recommendation for discussion at the next Zero Waste Sub-Committee meeting. It was anticipated that the Sub-Committee would present its recommendation to the EPC at the June 16 meeting.

(Mr. B. Elliott left the meeting at 9:16 pm.)

(5)

NEW BUSINESS

PED MAP PROJECT

5.1

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

(6)

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee held May 29, 2008 was adjourned at 9:22 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee is scheduled for June 16, 2008.

Councillor M. Clay, Chair

J. Hunter, Committee
Coordinator

CITY OF PORT MOODY

MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE

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PRESENT:

Councillor Mike Clay, Chair
Brandon Elliott
Rick Glumac
Jim Mattson
Christine Patterson
David Ritcey
Valerie Simons

ABSENT:

Councillor Diana Dilworth, Vice Chair (regrets)
Timothy Bennett (regrets)
Kathy Heisler (regrets)
Diane MacDougall (regrets)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Elaine Golds, Port Moody Ecological Society / Burke Mountain
Naturalists
Bill Granger, Manager of Parks & Environmental Services
Julie Hunter, Committee Coordinator
Bob Parsons, Project Manager

(1) CALL TO ORDER

Councillor M. Clay called the meeting to order at 7:23 pm.

(2) ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION

Moved, seconded and CARRIED
THAT the agenda of the Environmental Protection Committee meeting held July 21, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

(3) ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

Moved, seconded and CARRIED
THAT the minutes of the Environmental Protection Committee held May 29, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

Discussion arising from the previous minutes included:

- Mountain Biking Task Force report received by Council
- EPC recommendation regarding increasing the number and visibility of recycling bins in civic facilities
- mixing of garbage into recycling bins in the parks

(4) BUSINESS

FOLLOW UP ON
GOLDEN SPIKE
DAYS

4.1 A document entitled "EPC – Golden Spike Days Survey Results" was circulated on-table. Councillor M. Clay presented a follow-up report on the Environmental Protection Committee display materials, survey and public feedback from the Golden Spike Days. The Committee held a random draw to determine the EPC Golden Spike Days prize winners.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- comments and feedback received from the public at Golden Spike Days
- recycling and garbage.

ENVIRONMENTAL
AWARDS

4.2 The Committee discussed the City of Port Moody Environmental Awards. Discussion points included:

- ways of involving children and teens in the program via the schools
- possible candidates for the Environmental Awards.

It was agreed that Mr. J. Mattson and Ms. C. Patterson would visit the local schools in September.

FEASIBILITY OF A
WASTE TO ENERGY
FACILITY AT
BARNET HWY
LANDFILL SITE

4.4

Councillor M. Clay presented background information on the City's plan to undertake a feasibility study on a waste to energy facility at the Barnet Highway landfill site. Mr. B. Parsons conducted a powerpoint presentation entitled "Barnet Highway Landfill Waste Conversion Facility". A printout of the presentation was circulated on-table. Committee members asked questions and discussion ensued regarding the following points:

- timelines for completing the feasibility study
- the task assigned to the EPC working group.

Councillor Clay invited committee members to volunteer on the EPC Working Group. The following individuals agreed to participate:

- Mr. R. Glumac
- Mr. J. Mattson
- Ms. C. Patterson
- R. D. Ritcey
- Ms. V. Simons
- Councillor M. Clay.

It was agreed that the first meeting of the EPC Working Group would be scheduled for the following week on a date to be confirmed.

(Mr. B. Parsons left the meeting at 9:00 pm.)

EPC ZERO WASTE
SUB-COMMITTEE

4.3

The Committee discussed recommendations developed by the EPC Zero Waste Sub-Committee. Discussion points included the following:

- reducing waste before considering waste to energy
- organic compost collection
- the concern that a waste to energy facility would pollute the airshed.

MOTION

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

THAT the City implement curbside collection and composting of organic waste effective with the implementation of in-house collection service.

MOTION

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

THAT the City take a leadership role in reducing solid waste through a review of all facilities and events to reduce packaging and disposable utensils such as styrofoam.

(5) **ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee held July 21, 2008 was adjourned at 9:43 pm.

The next regular meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee is scheduled for September 15, 2008.

Councillor M. Clay, Chair

J. Hunter, Committee
Coordinator

CITY OF PORT MOODY

MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee held September 15, 2008 in the Brovold Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillor Mike Clay, Chair
Councillor Diana Dilworth, Vice Chair
Timothy Bennett
Brandon Elliott
Rick Glumac
Kathy Heisler
Diane MacDougall
Jim Mattson
Christine Patterson
David Ritcey
Valerie Simons

IN ATTENDANCE:

Bill Granger, Manager of Parks & Environmental Services
Julie Hunter, Committee Coordinator

(1) **CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor M. Clay called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

(2) **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION

Moved, seconded and CARRIED
THAT the agenda of the Environmental Protection Committee meeting held September 15, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

(3) **ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

A typographical error was corrected on page 3.

MOTION

Moved, seconded and CARRIED
THAT the minutes of the Environmental Protection Committee held July 21, 2008 be adopted as amended.

(4) BUSINESS

SCHOOL
OUTREACH /
ENVIRONMENTAL
AWARD

4.1 /
4.3

The Committee discussed its plans for school outreach. It was agreed that Ms. C. Patterson and Mr. J. Mattson would visit the local schools to explore environmental initiatives underway at the schools, deliver the Environmental Awards brochures and information on the City's various environmental programs.

The Committee reviewed the draft Environmental Award brochure. It was noted that the deadline for nominations had been extended to October 31, 2008.

ANTI-IDLING
UPDATE

4.2

Mr. B. Granger presented an update on the City's anti-idling initiative and reported that there was anti-idling signage at the following locations throughout city:

- Glenayre Elementary
- Art Wilkinson Park
- Glenayre Community Centre
- Kyle Centre
- City Hall
- Library
- Recreation Centre
- Heritage Mountain Community Centre
- Pleasantside Elementary
- Murray Street railway crossing

Mr. Granger reported on:

- anti idling driver training of the works yard fleet drivers
- signs are available to anyone who wants them
- a request received from a strata council at Klahanie for signs near the coffee shop
- draft bylaw available from the GVRD.

Discussion ensued regarding distribution of anti-idling pamphlets, and involving the Parents Advisory Councils at local schools. The Committee suggested that anti-idling signs should be located at the West Coast Express parking lot, Rocky Point, and the loading zone in front of Thrifty's. Mr. B. Granger was to follow up with TransLink regarding signage at West Coast Express and Mr. J. Mattson and Ms. C. Patterson were to deliver anti-idling brochures to the schools.

MOTION

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

THAT the City of Port Moody become a member of Idle Free BC.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD	4.3	Discussion was covered under item 4.1.
2009 COMMITTEE APPLICATIONS	4.4	Ms. J. Hunter reported on the 2009 committee application process and invited individuals to apply online at the City website. The deadline for applications is October 31, 2008. Councillor M. Clay presented background information on the appointment process and timelines for 2009 committee startup. He also commented on possible work for the EPC in the future.
UPDATE ON COUNCIL RESPONSE TO EPC RESOLUTIONS	4.5	Councillor M. Clay reported that Council had endorsed all three recommendations made by the EPC and updated the Committee on organic waste recycling. Discussion ensued regarding recycling in multi-family residences and it was suggested that one strata council could be selected to work with the city as a pilot project.
ADDITIONAL RESOLUTIONS FROM ZERO WASTE SUB-COMMITTEE	4.6	The Committee discussed the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dedicating the city landfill site as park • recycling depots • plastic bag ban – to be revisited in the future • recycling of construction waste.
	(5)	<u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>
OTHER	5.1	The Committee discussed the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cave-in into Suter Brook on the Onni site • broken water main at the Mosaic site • recent high accumulation of fecal coliform in Suter Brook – Mr. J. Mattson would take measurements and contact Mr. Granger if the levels are still high • work to be completed by Polygon on the Pigeon Creek watercourse • mapping of creeks – Mr. Granger was to e-mail maps to the Committee members for reference • impacts of tree removal and development on the water quality and levels in Noons Creek and Mossom Creek • the Plasco waste to energy proposal and the Task Force process.

(6) **ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee held September 15, 2008 was adjourned at 9:28 pm.

Councillor M. Clay, Chair

J. Hunter, Committee
Coordinator

CITY OF PORT MOODY

MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee held November 17, 2008 in the Brovold Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillor Mike Clay, Chair
Councillor Diana Dilworth, Vice Chair
Timothy Bennett
Brandon Elliott
Rick Glumac
Kathy Heisler
Diane MacDougall
Jim Mattson
Christine Patterson
David Ritcey
Valerie Simons

IN ATTENDANCE:

Bill Granger, Manager of Parks & Environmental Services
Julie Hunter, Committee Coordinator
Jamie Kaminski, Happy Stan's

(1) **CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor M. Clay called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

(2) **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Item 4.1 Recycling Council of BC was removed as the guest speaker was not present at the meeting.

MOTION

Moved, seconded and CARRIED
THAT the agenda of the Environmental Protection Committee meeting held November 17, 2008 be adopted as amended.

(3) **ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

MOTION

Moved, seconded and CARRIED
THAT the minutes of the Environmental Protection Committee held September 15, 2008 be adopted as circulated.

(4) BUSINESS

HAPPY STAN'S –
RECYCLING
CENTRE

4.1 Mr. J. Kaminski of Happy Stan's recycling facility in Port Coquitlam conducted a presentation on recycling centre implementation and challenges. Committee members asked questions for clarification. Discussion ensued regarding composters, recycling of organic material, recycling in multi family residences and single family homes, possible impacts of the current economic downturn on recycling, limitations of "single-stream" recycling, spring cleanup, encouraging re-use of household items by organizing a city-wide garage sale, and details regarding potentially establishing a recycling collection depot in Port Moody. It was suggested that the Committee could tour recycling depots and develop recommendations to Council regarding a recycling collection depot in Port Moody. It was agreed that this item would be on the Committee's agenda early in the new year. It was also agreed that Councillor M. Clay would e-mail the Recycling Council of BC's presentation to the Committee and that Mr. B. MacDonald would be invited to attend a Committee meeting early in the new year.

(Mr. J. Kaminski left the meeting at 8:09 p.m.)

2008
ENVIRONMENTAL
AWARD
NOMINATIONS

4.2 The Committee moved In Camera at 8:24 p.m. to discuss nominations for the 2008 Environmental Awards. The regular meeting resumed at 8:35 p.m.

2008 EPC ANNUAL
REPORT

4.3

The draft 2008 Environmental Protection Committee Annual Report was circulated on-table. Councillor M. Clay presented a detailed review of the draft.

It was agreed that the following items would be added to the section "Suggested Focus Areas for Next Year":

- Worm composting or other alternatives to curbside organic pickup for multi family
- look into recycling depot
- education and awareness on new garbage and recycling system
- composting
- upstream watershed
- tree removal bylaw review [effectiveness]
- school outreach – presentation to science staff and/or parents advisory council.

Discussion ensued regarding recycling of kitchen waste and the letter that had been issued by the City to residents regarding the new curbside collection program.

MOTION

Moved, seconded and CARRIED

THAT the 2008 Environmental Protection Committee Annual Report be approved for submission to Council as amended.

(5)

OTHER BUSINESS

PORT MOODY
ECOLOGICAL
SOCIETY UPDATE

5.1

Mr. J. Mattson reported the local hatcheries had had one of the best salmon return years ever this year.

CIVIC
APPRECIATION
DINNER

5.2

Councillor M. Clay reminded committee members about the annual Civic Appreciation Dinner scheduled for January 17, 2009.

(6) **ADJOURNMENT**

The regular meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee held November 17, 2008 was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Councillor M. Clay, Chair

J. Hunter, Committee
Coordinator