



# City of Port Moody

## Minutes

### Environmental Protection Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee held on Monday, October 21, 2019 in the Brovold Room.

#### Present

Councillor Amy Lubik, Chair  
Margaret Birch  
Bradley Fessenden  
Bryan Fitzpatrick  
Cathy Morton  
Gregory Pepler  
Damian Regan  
Jutta ~~Rickers-Hauserland~~ Rickers-Hauserland  
Judy Taylor-Atkinson

*Amended by resolution  
EPC19/018*

#### Absent

Councillor Meghan Lahti, Vice-Chair  
Elaine Golds  
Connie Smith (Regrets)  
Russell Stairs (Regrets)

#### In Attendance

Angela Crampton – Sustainability and Energy Specialist  
Lesley Douglas – General Manager of Environment and Parks  
Jennifer Mills – Committee Coordinator  
Laura Sampliner – Sustainability and Energy Coordinator

#### Also In Attendance

Mike Coulthard, Principal, Diamond Head Consulting Ltd.

#### 1. Call to Order

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

#### 2. Adoption of Minutes

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#### Minutes

##### 2.1 EPC19/015

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the minutes of the Environmental Protection Committee meeting held on Monday, September 16, 2019 be amended by replacing “after Victoria’s bylaw was deemed invalid by the courts, there is currently a “wait-and-see approach” to determine if municipalities could implement bylaws banning single-use plastic bags” with “Port Moody has been monitoring other jurisdictions regarding bylaws banning single-use plastic bags and reported that the City of Victoria's bylaw has been deemed invalid by the BC Court of Appeal, on the basis**

that it is a matter within the jurisdiction of the provincial government” in Item 5.2 – Single-Use Plastic Bag Update;

AND THAT the minutes of the Environmental Protection Committee meeting held on Monday, September 16, 2019 adopted as amended.

3. Unfinished Business

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4. New Business

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**Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESA) Management Strategy – Update on Mapping and Methodology**

*Amended by resolution  
EPC19/018*

4.1 The Sustainability and Energy Specialist and Mike Coulthard provided an update on the ESA Management Strategy Update and the following was noted:

- the ESA Map and DPA Guidelines are used by developers to inform their applications and by City staff to review development proposals;
- the Strategy is currently in the information gathering stage, with 95% of the mapping completed;
- 3D relief mapping using LiDAR has improved the quality and understanding of the terrain;
- the legend framework is similar to Provincial and Metro Vancouver standards;
- Richmond, Campbell River, Nanaimo, and Sechelt have been referenced for Port Moody’s plan;
- the scope of the Strategy has been expanded to include analysis of the tree canopy cover through iTree that will use comparative data to assess changes to the tree canopy hardscape;
- ~~the Natural Forest ESA will no longer use a high, medium, and low rating system in order to convey that all trees are equally valuable; the low, medium, and high rating system for ESAs will no longer be in place; all ESAs will be of equal value;~~
- the legacy and marine areas no longer meet the ESA definition due to jurisdiction changes; and
- nests, wetlands, species at risk, and invasive plants have been integrated into the map and will be considered by staff.

Mr. Coulthard left the meeting at this point and did not return.

**Energy Step Code Implementation Update**

4.2 The Sustainability and Energy Coordinator gave presentation on Climate Action Update and the following was noted:

- the Energy Step Code is a voluntary compliance in the BC Building Code that provides energy metrics for compliance;
- the Energy Step Code is only related to the building envelope;
- by 2032 building archetypes will reach the highest steps, equivalent to net zero energy ready

requirements; the City has adopted an approach to reach this by 2030; and

- the Corporate Policy will be updated to reflect progressions in requirements consistent with the adoption schedule.

EPC19/016

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the Environmental Protection Committee encourages Council to focus on the low carbon energy system solution in the Energy Step Code Corporate Rezoning Policy.**

**Action:** The Sustainability and Energy Coordinator to email the Committee with information on the Energy Step Code Training Session.

**Sustainability Report Card Update**

4.3 The Sustainability and Energy Coordinator provided an update on the Sustainability Report Card and noted the following:

- the Report Card is a tool used to evaluate the environmental, social, economic, and cultural areas of development applications;
- the Report Card is submitted with applications and reviewed by the Community Planning Advisory Committee and Council;
- the Report Card can be used as a communication tool with the development industry on the City's sustainability priorities; and
- the Report Card is being reviewed and an updated Card incorporating new information and feedback from planners and developers and an updated marking system will be released soon.

The Sustainability and Energy Coordinator left the meeting at this point and did not return.

**City Lands – Visioning Exercise**

4.4 This item was postponed to a future meeting.

5. Information

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**Bears**

5.1 Judy Taylor-Atkinson provided update on the Port Moody, Tri-Cities Bear Aware! Group:

- Bear Aware volunteers have distributed education and flyers through door-to-door campaigns;
- coordinated efforts with the City Bylaw Enforcement and Bear Aware have resulted in carts being investigated and replaced, field notes being submitted to Bylaw, and updated fine stickers being used; and
- volunteers are gathering food from local grocers, that would otherwise go to waste, for delivery to Critter Care.

6. Adjournment

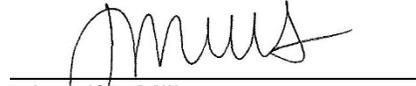
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The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:55pm.



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Councillor Amy Lubik,  
Chair



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Jennifer Mills,  
Committee Coordinator