



## ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2013  
6:00 PM – CVRD Room 213, 175 Ingram Street

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Minutes of the regular meeting of the meeting of the ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION, held in the CVRD Boardroom, 175 Ingram Street, Duncan, on January 17, 2013 at 6:00 pm.

**PRESENT:** Director Lefebure                      Director Duncan  
                 Janna Jorgensen                      Tyler Innes  
                 Judy Stafford                      Pete Keber  
                 Sophy Roberge                      Dave Polster  
                 Larry George

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kate Miller, Manager, Environmental Policy Division  
                         Dyan Freer, Recording Secretary  
                         Roger Wiles

**REGRETS:** Director Lines

**CALL TO ORDER**                      6:00 PM

**NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIR**                      The Manager of Regional Environmental Policy called for nominations for Chair.  
   Janna Jorgensen was duly nominated.

**DECLARATION OF CHAIR FOR 2013**                      There being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed and Janna Jorgensen was declared elected by acclamation as the Chair of the Cowichan Valley Regional District Environment Commission.

**NOMINATIONS FOR CO-CHAIR**                      The Manager of Regional Environmental Policy called for nominations for Co--Chair.  
   Jon Lefebure was duly nominated.

**DECLARATION OF VICE-CHAIR FOR 2013**                      There being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed and Jon Lefebure was declared elected by acclamation as the Co-Chair of the Cowichan Valley Regional District Environment Commission.

**ASSUMPTION OF CHAIRS**                      Jon Lefebure and Janna Jorgensen assumed the seat of the Co-Chairs.

**INTRODUCTIONS**                      Introductions were made as there were newly appointed directors for 2013 present, Directors Lefebure and Duncan.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**                      **It was moved and seconded that the agenda be approved as presented with the addition of R5, an update on the City of Duncan Environment Commission, and NB1, Edible Tree Planting Program Grant.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**                      **It was moved and seconded that the minutes of December 13, 2012, Environment Commission meeting be adopted as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**DELEGATIONS**

The winners of the video contest were announced and some of the participants of the 2012 State of the Environment video contest joined the meeting. All the videos were shown and the prizes distributed to those in attendance. They were received with appreciation. A list of the winners and their prizes was distributed to the commission.

**BUSINESS ARISING  
OUT OF MINUTES  
B1****Structure and schedule of commission meetings for 2013**

Meeting schedule for the Environment Commission will change to the fourth Thursday of the month. The chairs and the manager of the Environmental Policy Division will meet to discuss overall meeting organization and schedule.

Roger Hart suggested we have a planning meeting to decide on the needs and schedules of the Environment Commission. Roger Hart will sit on the Economic Development Commission in February and a call for an Environment Commission representative to the Economic Development Commission for 2013 will be held at the next meeting.

**B2**

**Agricultural Irrigation Project update.** Kate Miller provided an update on the commission funded project to determine current and future agricultural water needs. The project is assessing groundwater and surface water usage and calculating agriculture irrigation needs based on crop type and potential.

**B3****Membership**

Dave Polster and Pete Keber have requested to be reappointed for new terms. Roger Wiles has regretfully announced that he will not continue on as a member of the Environment Commission, as have Justin Straker and Rodger Hunter.

A farewell was given to Roger Wiles with many thanks for all his work for this commission.

Advertising is underway for expressions of interest for new Environment Commission members for the 2013-2014 terms. Judy Stafford, Roger Hart and Kate Miller will sit on a review committee for the applications and present recommendations to the Board.

**B4**

Director Duncan has tickets to the upcoming Island Agricultural Show on February 1 and 2, 2013, at the Cowichan Exhibition Grounds. Commission members are encouraged to attend this worthwhile event.

**REPORTS****R1****Communications Committee – Janna Jorgensen**

The committee hasn't met this year as yet, but the branding initiative will soon be resumed. The Commission must decide on the future of the video contest for 2013. Winners have been invited to be presented to the Board in February 2013. Thank you to Janna Jorgensen for planning and chairing it so well. These videos could be used for schools or other groups as mechanisms for dialogue. How do we make them usable for others?

- R2** **ePlan Subcommittee Update** – Kate Miller  
The subcommittee met and worked with the consultant and there is a draft ePlan prepared. First phase should be completed by mid-February and the subcommittee will review and provide feedback.
- R3** **Agricultural Advisory Committee** – no meeting since last update – next meeting is on January 22, 2013.
- R4** **Economic Development Commission update** - Roger Hart announced that the Economic Development Commission (EDC) is planning a meeting of the entire EDC Commission to more broadly look at how it can be more effective; this might be something that the Environment Commission may also want to consider doing.
- R5** **City of Duncan Environment Commission update** – just getting started – urban forestry strategy to be discussed as well as the integrated sustainability plan will be finalized soon. Planning their 2013 strategy next week.
- CORRESPONDENCE** none
- INFORMATION** Pilot project will begin this year in Chemainus to pick up organic waste from the school to make it a Zero Waste School.
- IN1** None
- NEW BUSINESS**
- NB1** **Edible Tree Planting Program Grant** – available across Canada to beautify our neighbourhood. A link will be provided to look at this for any interested groups.
- NB2** **February 28 Agenda** – The Environmental Strategy (ePlan) – Budget and recommendations for the work plan for 2013 will be on next agenda, as well as recycling report, solid waste plan report and an update from the Solid Waste and Recycling department.
- NB3** The Board approved the recommendation from last meeting **‘that they include, as a priority in the Corporate Strategic Plan, the actions attached to the Corporate Greenhouse Gas and Inventory & Emissions Reduction Plan.’**
- ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm
- NEXT MEETING** February 28, 2013

## Dyan Freer

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**From:** Shannon Carlow  
**Sent:** February-20-13 4:03 PM  
**To:** Dyan Freer  
**Subject:** FW: Online Form Submittal: Request to Appear as a Delegation  
**Attachments:** Delegation Somenos Marsh Wildlife Society.pdf

Hi Dyan,

Attached is the PDF for your agenda package.

Cheers,  
Shannon

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**From:** [noreply@civicplus.com](mailto:noreply@civicplus.com) [<mailto:noreply@civicplus.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 20, 2013 3:51 PM  
**To:** Shannon Carlow  
**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: Request to Appear as a Delegation

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## Request to Appear as a Delegation

### **Note: Board meetings start at 6:30 pm**

#### **Meeting Information**

Request to Address:

☐ CVRD Board

☒ Committee

If Committee, specify the Committee here:

Environment

Meeting Date: 02/28/2013

Meeting Time: 6pm

#### **Applicant Information**

Applicant Name: Paul Fletcher

Representing: Somenos Marsh Wildlife Society

(Name of organization if applicable)

As: President

(Capacity / Office)

Number Attending: 1

#### **Applicant Contact Information**

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Applicant City: Duncan

Applicant Telephone: 250 732-0462

Applicant Fax:

Applicant Email: [info@somenosmarsh.com](mailto:info@somenosmarsh.com)

#### **Presentation Topic and Nature of Request:**

**Presentation of our new 5 year strategic plan and Wetland Restoration project for the Somenos wetlands**

The following form was submitted via your website: Request to Appear as a Delegation

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**R1**

**STAFF REPORT**  
**ENVIRONMENT COMMISSION**  
**OF FEBRUARY 28, 2013**

**DATE:** February 21, 2013

File No. 0230-20-CVWIA

**FROM:** Ilse Sarady, Environmental Technologist, Engineering & Environmental Services

**SUBJECT:** Cowichan Valley Waste Industry Association

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**Recommendation/Action:**

That the Cowichan Valley Waste Industry Association's interest in advancing their cause is best served by being invited to participate in a Solid Waste Industry Liaison Group, and that their members be encouraged to apply for upcoming positions on the Environment Commission.

**Relation to the Corporate Strategic Plan:**

This initiative will keep solid waste stakeholders proactively informed of matters concerning solid waste.

**Financial Implications:** *(Reviewed by Finance Division: \_\_\_\_\_)*

No significant costs beyond meeting costs are anticipated.

**Background:**

The CVRD was approached in the fall of 2012 by a select group of waste haulers and processors referencing themselves as the newly formed Cowichan Valley Waste Industry Association ('CVWIA'). They requested that the CVRD improve the dialogue and consultation with "key stakeholders" on CVRD's current and proposed solid waste initiatives and programs, and that this be done by:

1. forming a solid waste advisory committee ('SWAC') to allow the CVWIA to "be part of the information gathering that Board relies on in their decision making";
2. amending the Environmental Commission's Terms of Reference ('TOR') to require the inclusion of 3-4 representatives from the private industry and business at large for the purpose of monitoring the implementation of the Solid Waste Management Plan ('SWMP'); and,
3. forming a waste industry liaison working group to allow for an open forum/discussion on waste matters.

On January 23, 2013 staff put forward a report to the Engineering and Environmental Service Committee ('E&ESC') recommending that a Solid Waste Advisory Committee (or sub-committee to the E&ESC) consisting of representatives from the CVRD Board, the Environmental Commission and the CVWIA be formed. The E&ESC discussed the issue and voiced concern over formation of yet another committee and asked staff to consult and return with options. They resolved that:

- the draft TOR be provided to the stakeholder group for comment prior to being brought before the Committee;
- that the TOR and staff presentation be brought before the Environmental Commission for comment; and,
- that staff look at consideration of providing industry comment to an existing committee.

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As a result of this direction, staff are seeking comment on the following options:

**Option 1**

Invite CVWIA members onto the current **Solid Waste Management Sub-Committee** of the Environment Commission. The Solid Waste Management Sub-Committee works to inform and advise the Environment Commission on its Solid Waste Management Plan Monitoring responsibilities. An expanded Solid Waste Management Sub-committee membership could consist of:

- 3 Environmental Commission representatives;
- 3 Board representatives; and,
- 3 CVWIA representatives.

The Sub-Committee would:

- fulfill the CVWIA's SWMP monitoring request;
- allow all Sub-committee members to meet with staff to discuss upcoming issues and concerns pertaining to regional solid waste management; and,
- ensure that private solid waste management interests are balanced with the interest of the CVRD Board and the Environmental Commission.

**Option 2**

Create a separate **Solid Waste Advisory (sub) Committee** under the **Engineering and Environmental Service Committee**. The Solid Waste Advisory Committee membership would be similar to the membership in Option 1 with the exception of an additional CVWIA representative and a CVRD staff member. This structure would:

- allow the committee to review and comment on solid waste initiatives and programs during their development and implementation;
- keep the SWMP monitoring role separate (with the Environmental Commission);
- allow all recommendations from the SWAC to be put forward to the E&ESC; and
- ensure that private solid waste management interests are fairly balanced with the interests of the CVRD Board and the Environmental Commission.

**Option 3**

Create a **Solid Waste Industry Liaison Group**, similar to the Capital Regional Districts' Industry Liaison Group. (The CRD has moved away from the larger industry-based committee structure due to the time and resources required). The industry liaison group would meet on an "as needed basis" over lunch and would also be open to other solid waste industry stakeholders e.g. non-profit groups or agencies, stewardship organizations, local governments, etc. as well as Board/Council members. This structure would:

- be co-ordinated by staff and be able to meet on short notice or as needed;
- allow easy access and open dialogue and consultation on any and all solid waste issues;
- allow staff to 'report out' in staff reports on such discussions and consultations to reflect CVWIA views or concerns;
- function as a 'first-step' in addressing CVWIA concerns over communication and if required, could evolve into a sub-committee at a later date;
- attendees can choose to present individually, as a specific sector or as a cross-industry group on any issue they feel needs to be addressed by staff, and/or also then present to the E&ESC, the CVRD Board or the Environmental Commission as a delegation at any time if the issue needs to go further.

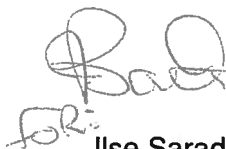
**Discussion:**

The addition of non-elected members to any sub-committee would require a more formalized approach to discussions i.e. current meetings with the Environment Commission sub-committee would now require the same agenda procedure, minutes, etc. as a regular committee of the Board. Although more resource intensive than liaison group meetings, resources could be reallocated if required.

Staff support the concept of more open dialogue with all aspects of the local waste management industry and have initiated the process of informal liaison group meetings simply to begin those discussions prior to any defined direction.

The CVWIA does wish to have more of a voice at the CVRD and be able to recommend and even vote on issues. In reality, only Board members have the final vote on any issue, but recommendations and presentations to the Board come from committees, commissions, staff, individuals, stakeholders groups, special interest groups and delegations. CVWIA's interests, and the CVRD's, are well served by having them more involved in ongoing discussions affecting their industry. The specific venue for those discussions is somewhat secondary, but is certainly needed.


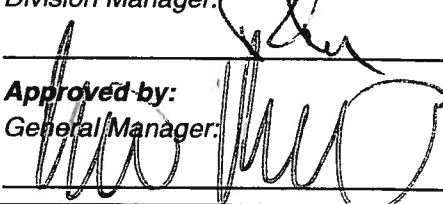
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**From:** Peter Spohn <spohn@telus.net>  
**Sent:** January-23-13 11:51 AM  
**To:** 12things@cvrdenviro.com  
**Subject:** Feedback from the 12things.ca website; Peter Spohn (Grandfather Heron)

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Dear Sustainability Team,

Thank you for your friendly and informative website and the development of your twelve great ideas. During the last few months I have had an epiphany about the pressing reality of climate change. You also probably noticed that three conservative bodies, The World Bank, The U.S. National Research Council and the National Climate Assessment published their grave concerns about climate change and are calling for immediate action before average global temperatures rise 4 degrees before the end of this century. To get an understanding of this we mustn't imagine our dear valley four degrees warmer we must imagine all of our children and grandchildren trying to cope with a raised internal body temperature of 102.6!

Since my epiphany I have started riding my bicycle to town, even in the January weather. I have to say I am really enjoying a raised level of fitness. (I am 61 years old.) Last summer my wife and I spent three weeks in Denmark where thousands of people of all ages ride their bikes to and from work. Our town isn't as flat as Aarhus and Copenhagen but it's not that hilly either. Furthermore the weather here is warmer. I keep thinking if they can do it so can we.

I would like to see a C.V.R.D. program that encourages bike riding and the establishment of bike lanes on our streets and to the Duncan Mall. It should have some zest to it to appeal to our youth. Our local businesses could also get involved by offering random acts of generosity to customers who come to their stores to shop on their bikes. The Dart system is also a good idea yet bike riding is an even better one as it encourages fitness as well as a lower carbon footprint.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Spohn  
(alias Grandfather Heron)

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**Subject:**

FW: News Release: EPA Provides Tools for Sustainable Communities

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

February 6, 2013

## **EPA Provides Tools for Sustainable Communities**

*Smart growth policies can help achieve environmental justice goals*

**WASHINGTON** – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today released a first-of-its kind report showing how low-income, minority and tribal communities can apply smart growth land use and development strategies to create healthy communities, spur economic growth and protect the environment.

The Creating Equitable, Healthy, and Sustainable Communities report describes how low-income, minority, and tribal communities can employ smart growth strategies to clean up and reinvest in existing neighborhoods; provide affordable housing and transportation; and improve access to jobs, parks and stores. The report also provides smart growth practitioners with concrete ideas on how they can better meet the needs of low-income residents as they promote development or redevelopment in underserved communities.

"The way communities are designed and built has an important influence on public health, the quality of our air and water, and economic vitality," said Michael Goo, associate administrator for EPA's Office of Policy. "EPA hopes this report will help smart growth and environmental justice advocates work together more effectively to achieve the best results possible for communities."

"Historically, environmental justice and smart growth have been viewed as separate interests, yet communities across the U.S. are showing that they are actually complementary," said Lisa Garcia, associate assistant administrator for EPA's Office of Environmental Justice. "Combining these principles and focusing on equitable development can help community-based organizations, local planners, and other stakeholders achieve healthy and sustainable communities for all Americans, regardless of race, ethnicity, or economic status."

The report also features case studies on seven communities across the country that have used the strategies described in the report. These strategies include:

- designing safe streets for all users
- cleaning and reusing contaminated properties
- reducing exposure to facilities with potential environmental concerns
- fixing existing infrastructure before investing in new projects
- preserving affordable housing

The Creating Equitable, Healthy, and Sustainable Communities report was developed by EPA's Office of Environmental Justice and Office of Sustainable Communities.

More information about the  
report: [http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/equitable\\_development\\_report.htm](http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/equitable_development_report.htm)

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