



## CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting – Tuesday, July 12, 2022  
6:30 pm - BY MS TEAMS

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- Present:** Ken Ashley, Keegan Casidy, Eleanor Gill, Jennifer Johnson, Diana Leung, Mariko Michasiw, Oliver Ng, Irwin Oostindie, Councillor Megan Curren
- Regrets:** Lorna Pelly
- Guests:** Cheeying Ho, Whistler Centre for Sustainability  
Alison Campbell, Manager, Community Connections
- Staff:** Caroline Jackson, Manager, Climate Action, Natural Systems and Biodiversity;  
Adam Wright, Sustainability Planner; Bo Ocampo, Sustainability Specialist;  
Richard Boase, Section Manager, Environment (Operations)  
Mary Jukich, Committee Clerk
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## 1. Welcome and Call to Order

Irwin Oostindie called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

### **Territorial Acknowledgement**

Irwin Oostindie provided the Territorial Acknowledgement.

### **Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved by Ken Ashley, seconded by Cllr Curren and resolved  
To adopt the agenda.

### **Adoption of the Minutes**

Moved by Eleanor Gill, seconded by Oliver Ng and resolved  
To adopt the minutes.

## 2. Committee Outreach Partnership with North Vancouver District Public Library

Previous discussions with the North Vancouver District Public Library included collaboration with existing Storytime events, the library possibly hosting a repair café, and the idea of a potential speaker event in September.

Committee members discussed possible dates and determined that it may be beneficial to schedule a speaker event on September 21, 2022 to avoid any possible conflicts with events around National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (September 30, 2020). In addition, the following suggestions and comments were provided:

- The event could be a good opportunity to work with representatives from local First Nations, and that the First Nations be approached to determine interest around a joint event.
- It may be beneficial to keep the topic local, specifically with the Tsleil-Waututh Nation stewardship initiatives in the watershed and local mitigation and climate action.
- Panel discussions are effective in breaking down complex issues and having more than one person speaking can provide flexibility.
- The Panel could consist of possibly two or three Indigenous youth representatives and a moderator.
- Plan for a hybrid event, given COVID-19.
- Consider inviting Charlie Carrie from the North Shore News as a moderator.

Committee members indicated their agreement with a speaker's panel of possibly three young people, with an emphasis on Indigenous youth who can speak on pressing issues around climate change.

**Action: Irwin Oostindie will coordinate with Allison Campbell regarding a potential speaker event for September.**

## 3. Biodiversity Strategy – Overview and Vision Discussion

Caroline Jackson introduced a framework for a Biodiversity Strategy being developed by the District, including information on the role of local government and example policies and

programs to enhance biodiversity. The District is now at the initiation phase of developing a Biodiversity Strategy which includes planning, defining the scope and goals, and identifying key stakeholders. Members provided feedback on the following questions through an online engagement platform:

- What does Biodiversity mean to you?
  - The Committee emphasized multi-stakeholder collaboration, supportive policy and funding, and integrating Indigenous knowledge as key aspects of protecting and restoring natural areas and native plant and animal species.
- Who needs to be involved?
  - The Committee identified key stakeholders such as: Landowners, youth, Tsleil-Waututh and Squamish Nations, Port of Vancouver, DNV Parks and Planning staff, Industry experts, Capilano University, all levels of government, North Shore municipalities, educational institutions, the school district, local non-profit and conservation organizations, businesses, community members, and gardeners.
- What needs to be included in our biodiversity strategy and what are some initiatives or leading ideas you're aware of that could be considered?
  - The Committee suggested using data, policy, incentives, and grants to encourage community gardens, green infrastructure, pollinator spaces, and to enhance wetland, riparian, and forest areas. The Committee also suggested implementing limits on herbicides, pesticides, artificial turf, impervious surfaces, and gas-powered lawn care equipment.

Notes were recorded on the online platform and will be considered as the strategy is developed.

#### **4. Break**

The meeting resumed at 8:08 pm.

#### **5. Tree Policies Presentation**

Richard Boase, Section Manager, Environment (Operations) provided a presentation on recent amendments to tree protection policies on private property in the District of North Vancouver. In 2021, a Council workshop was held to discuss potential policy approaches to reduce the loss of mature trees. Council also requested amendments to existing tree protection bylaws for large diameter trees on private property. Those bylaw changes were passed by Council and will come into effect after July 18 2022. Council also reviewed potential incentive approaches including a private property tree retention incentive program.

#### **6. Committee Roundtable**

Members were invited to provide updates by email.

#### **7. Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.