



## CLIMATE ACTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting – Tuesday, January 18, 2022  
6:30 pm - BY MS TEAMS

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**Present:** Ken Ashley  
Keegan Casidy  
Jennifer Johnson  
Eleanor Gill (Chair)  
Diana Leung

Irwin Oostindie  
Lorna Pelly  
Mariko Michasiw  
Oliver Ng  
Councillor Megan Curren

**Guest:** Tim Brazier, Associate Digital Strategy & Experience, The Rebuild Hub

**Staff:** Caroline Jackson, Manager, Climate Action, Natural Systems and Biodiversity  
Adam Wright, Sustainability Planner  
Bo Ocampo, Sustainability Specialist  
Mary Jukich, Committee Clerk

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### 1. Welcome and Call to Order

Eleanor Gill called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

#### **Territorial Acknowledgement**

Eleanor Gill provided the Territorial Acknowledgement.

#### **Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved, seconded and resolved  
To adopt the agenda.

#### **Adoption of the Minutes**

Moved, seconded and resolved  
To adopt the October 26, 2021 minutes.

### 2. Solid Waste Programs Overview

Bo Ocampo, Sustainability Specialist provided a presentation of zero waste initiatives in the District, including an overview of the regulatory frameworks related to solid waste and programs and policies.

### 3. Reducing Construction and Demolition Waste

Tim Brazier, Associate Digital Strategy & Experience, The Rebuild Hub provided a presentation on reducing construction and demolition waste, with the ultimate goal to reduce the volume of construction and demolition waste ending up in landfills.

On completion of the presentation, the following comments were provided:

If there were ways to make deconstruction more mainstream and equitably accessible. Information was provided that Victoria is in the process of developing a new bylaw which

may go further than the bylaws around deconstruction and demolition in Metro Vancouver especially in terms of differentiating between re-use and recycling.

- Whether a cost analysis had been done for deconstruction of a residential site. Information was provided that the main factor is cost of the time wherein a bulldozer will take one/two days for demolition and deconstruction could take two to four weeks. The cost varies from house to house as deconstruction can be comparable depending on how much can be received for the materials.

#### **4. Break – The meeting resumed at 7:30 pm.**

#### **5. Reducing Construction and Demolition Waste (continued)**

Bo Ocampo, Sustainability Specialist provided a presentation on reducing construction and demolition waste. Some background information was provided on the construction and demolition waste in the region, benefits and challenges of regulation, and how the District plans on moving forward with construction and demolition waste reduction policy, as follows:

- potential salvage and/or recycling regulations to support the diversion of waste from landfill;
- seeking direction from Council in February to proceed with stakeholder engagement
- policy approach could include phased requirements for deconstruction based on vintage.

On conclusion of the presentation, some of the comments from the members were as follows:

- Information was requested on work around opportunities for District facilities. Staff responded that when going to tender, the District requests that all materials that are potentially recyclable be recycled from those facilities.
- Information was requested on whether there were ongoing conversations in terms of environmental health impacts and impacts that waste may have on the environment.

Through an online sharing platform, members were requested to provide preliminary feedback on how to approach consultation, and general feedback for a regulatory approach of having both recycling and salvage requirements.

#### **6. 2022 Meetings Schedule and Election of Chairs and Vice Chairs**

The following members volunteered to serve as the Chair and Vice Chairs for the upcoming meetings:

- April 12 – Low Carbon Buildings  
Mariko Michasiw – Chair

Irwin Oostindie – Vice-Chair

- July 12 – Healthy Ecosystems  
Irwin Oostindie – Chair  
Diana Leung – Vice-Chair
- September 13 – Active Transportation and Electric Vehicles  
Diana Leung – Chair  
Oliver Ng – Vice-Chair

## 7. Committee Outreach and Engagement

Members previously indicated that there was interest on potentially forming a subcommittee to work on a community outreach initiative and to engage and share some of the initiatives at the District. Some ideas put forward were engaging with the library, a speaker series, forming a panel, or a forum. The subcommittee could review topics that they wished to explore, identify speakers, or subject matter experts, and come and speak on an identified topic.

The following members volunteered to serve on the subcommittee:

Eleanor Gill  
Diana Leung  
Irwin Oostindie  
Lorna Pelly  
Mariko Michasiw  
Oliver Ng  
Councillor Megan Curren

## 8. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

During the meeting, the following information resource links were posted to chat:

[https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/waste-management/zero-waste/plastics/local\\_government\\_guide\\_to\\_plastic\\_bylaws.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/waste-management/zero-waste/plastics/local_government_guide_to_plastic_bylaws.pdf)

[Construction and Demolition Waste Reduction and Recycling Toolkit – Metro Vancouver](#)

<https://www.habitatgv.ca/rebuildhub>

<https://vancouver.ca/home-property-development/demolition-permit-with-recycling-requirements.aspx>

<https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/deconstruction-case-study-dunbar.pdf>

<https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/deconstruction-case-study-grandview-woodland.pdf>

<https://vancouver.ca/files/cov/deconstruction-case-study-riley-park.pdf>

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/19p607yPiqruuxFs6Ufp9pxvG3PXUT5\\_8/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/19p607yPiqruuxFs6Ufp9pxvG3PXUT5_8/view?usp=sharing)

<https://www.ala.org/tools/programming/climatechange>

<https://blogs.ifla.org/lpa/2021/04/06/libraires-for-climate-empowerment-inspiring-action-through-education-training-and-public-awareness/>

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