

Village of Telkwa Environment/Sustainability Committee – TESC

Minutes

Monday September 21, 2009, 7:00pm

Telkwa Village Office

PRESENT: Councillor Taylor Bachrach
Brenda Donas
Brenda Black
Jennifer Holmes
Colin MacLeod
Corporate Officer Kim Martinsen

1. Integrated Community Sustainability Planning (Smart Planning)

Summary: Telkwa's OCP is up for renewal. Smart Planning is a new planning initiative being promoted by the BC government which considers community planning within a sustainability framework.

TESC Res. 09-09-01 Donas / Black

TO recommend to Council that the Village of Telkwa initiate the development of an Integrated Community Sustainable Plan (Smart Plan), beginning with developing terms of reference and tendering a contract for facilitation, and that council involve TESC in the review and selection of submitted proposals. **CARRIED**

TESC Res 09-09-02 Donas / Black

TO recommend to Council that TESC come forward with a suggested process for the development throughout the term of the Plan. **CARRIED**

2. Regional District Funding for Community Recycling Initiatives

Summary: Telkwa has access to approximately \$15,600 in funds from the Regional District for local recycling initiatives. Council has referred this to our committee to discuss possible projects/priorities.

TESC Res 09-09-03 Black / Holmes

TO recommend to Council that the Regional District Funding for Community Recycling Initiatives in the amount of \$15,690 be used for the following three initiatives:

1. Community Outreach.

Hire an independent consultant to survey Telkwa residents regarding current waste disposal, recycling and energy use behaviour. Conduct community outreach activities related to the three Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) at various venues/events, including Earth Day (April 22)

2. Backyard composting: Hire an independent consultant to conduct a workshop on backyard composting, and concurrently distribute backyard composters (either at cost recovery, or free of cost) to participants.
3. Bear-proof recycling containers: Purchase two (2) Bear Proof Hide-away Double Container, Combo Refuse / Recycler cans @ \$1440 each plus concrete pad @\$220/each, shipping \$150/each plus taxes. Total Cost: \$1900.50

CARRIED

3. **Air quality**

Verbal Report given by Brenda Donas regarding the importance of protecting air quality in Telkwa.

TESC Res 09-09-04

Donas / MacLeod

To ensure future sustainability planning for Telkwa incorporates best practices for community air quality, including management of dust and smoke.

4. **GHG reduction targets and strategies (Bill 27)**

Summary: Under the Local Government (Green Communities) Statutes Amendment Act (Bill 27, 2008), local governments are required to include targets, policies and actions for the reduction of GHGi emissions in their Official Community Plans (OCPs) by May 31, 2010.

TESC Res 09-09-05

Holmes / Donas

TO recommend to Council that it direct TESC to develop draft strategies and targets to reduce community GHGs, primarily focusing on on-road transportation, which currently accounts for three quarters of Telkwa's GHG emissions. Development would include;

1. Gathering information from the community
2. Designing strategies and targets based on information gathered
3. Compiling a draft GHG reduction plan

CARRIED

See attached report regarding Education and Outreach Program to meet the Village of Telkwa's GHG Reduction Target

5. **Next Meeting - October 19th, 2009**