

Village of Telkwa Environmental Sustainability Committee (TESC)

Minutes

Wednesday, June 10, 2009, 7:00pm

Telkwa Village Office

Present: Taylor Bachrach, Councillor
Jennifer Holmes
Brenda Donas
Brenda Black
John Emerson
Colin MacLeod
Kim Martinsen, Corporate Officer

1. Overview of committee structure and procedures
 - One year term, maximum 6 members, one Councillor, one staff (staff is a non-voting member)
 - Follows Council Procedure Bylaw 589
 - All committee meetings are open to the public – minutes recorded and published on agenda
 - Committee acts as a whole
 - Recommendation are put forward by committee to Council for approval
2. Overview of current VOT initiatives, provincial context for sustainability

VOT

- Water capacity issue discussed – further development requires a second reservoir for fire flow
- Upgrades to old existing water lines on Hwy 16 begins this year – necessary for increased water capacity (some existing lines are 50 years old and dilapidating)
- Funding put aside for Official Community Plan (OCP) – currently up for renewal
- Village facilities recently participated in the BC Hydro light exchange
- Council and staff met with Joan Chess a Sustainability Facilitator, Jennifer Nichols, Communications Resource Coordinator, Smart Planning for Communities, Fraser Basin Council

PROVINCE

- Climate Action Charter – (see timeline attached from Live Smart BC)
 - BC communities commit to carbon neutrality by 2012
 - BC Green House Gas Emission (GHG) targets established in OCP- 2010

- This applies to all provincial public sector operations, including government ministries and agencies, schools, colleges, universities, health authorities and Crown corporation
 - Carbon neutrality involves measuring the greenhouse gas emissions that come from government operations such as buildings and fleet vehicles and then reducing those emissions to net zero
- Smart Planning – Economic, Environmental, Social
3. Facilitated discussion: Committee name/Terms of Reference (including setting regular meeting times)

Discussion was held regarding the role of the committee. It was emphasized that the committee desire is to take a proactive role under its terms of reference as well as providing research and review services for Council.

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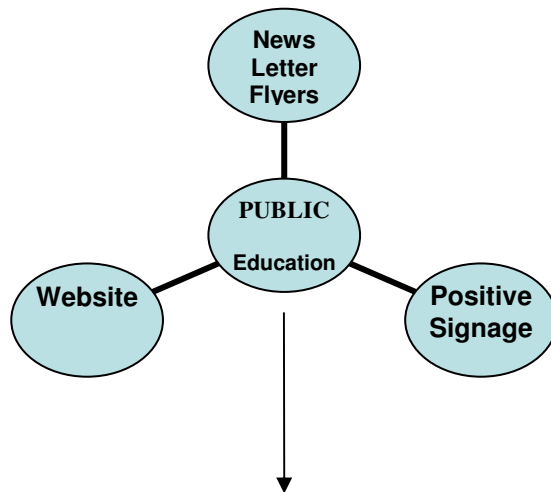
Meeting Dates: Third Monday of each month

Terms of Reference: attached

4. Selection of Committee Chairperson

The appointment of the committee chair will be deferred to the next meeting. Councillor Bachrach will be interim chair.

5. Facilitated discussion: Relevant issues and priorities for 2009



All priorities require Public Education

WATER CONSERVATION

Cost of energy for pumping, treating water, fuel to bring chemicals
Regulatory presence
Possible Metering
Stewardship Ethics - Low flow toilets and shower head - Water **barrel** programs
& rain capture

ENERGY

GHG targets
Homeowner incentives, top up rebates, back yard composter program
Renewable energy – solar power, wind power
Promote energy efficiency programs
Spotlight innovation from community

TRANSPORTATION

Promote public transit
Carpooling – sharing the daily commute, designated parking area, car sharing,
advertise contacts on website
Enhanced bus schedule, family passes
Promote cycling – signage on Hwy (share the road), paint the lines on Hwy
Extend walking trails – addition of public washrooms
Community based surveys – What are your barriers?

AIR QUALITY

Woodstove exchange
Burn-it-right education
Idle free zones
Website links on Telkwa.com – air quality, flood level advisory
Particulates – road dust

WASTE

Promote recycling, lobby for options
Composting – backyard, community
Local Food production / consumption
Education around pesticide and other toxins used
Positive Signage
Wood Chipping?

OTHER - Bear Smart

Occasionally a member of the committee will contribute an educational article for the newsletter. July Newsletter: Brenda Donas - Water Conservation Tips

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

1. To approve the attached Terms of Reference for the Telkwa Environmental Sustainability Committee (TESC)
2. To approve the occasional contribution of educational articles from the TESC to the Village newsletter.

Adjournment – 9:00 PM

Next meeting: Monday, July 20th, 2009.