



MEETING MINUTES

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Committee:	Climate Change Action Committee		
Date:	June 23, 2016	Call to Order Time:	3:04pm

Attendees:

Jeff Bateman, Chair	P	Dan Skidmore (left at 3:15 pm)	G
Councillor Ebony Logins	A	Mark Ziegler	G
Brent Blackhall, Staff	P	Michael Tacon	A
Gabryel Joseph, Staff	A		
Laura Hooper, Staff	P		
Steve Sorensen, Staff	P		
Katherine Lesyshen, Staff	P		

P-Present, A-Absent, G-Guest

Approval of the Agenda:		Moved	√	Carried	√
Amendments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion of Advanced Gasification moved to beginning of meeting Addition of Tom Hackney, BC Sustainable Energy Association 				
Approval of Minutes:	March 17, 2016	Moved	√	Carried	√
Amendments					

Agenda Topic:	Discussion of proposed projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced Gasification of Waste
Presenter:	Dan Skidmore
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dan Skidmore provided an overview of opportunities for Advanced Gasification of Waste as a follow-up to the April 25 council presentation by Pivotal IRM's Graeme Bethell. The current volume of waste per day in Sooke is 2 tonnes and the smallest available gasification plant requires 8 tonnes per day. While the "jury is still out" on the impacts of gasification plants, there is future potential. A number of concerns would need to be addressed, including location of infrastructure, environmental impacts, volume, feedstock supply, etc.

Agenda Topic:	BC Sustainable Energy Association – Tom Hackney <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The BC Sustainable Energy Association's senior policy director Tom Hackney made a presentation to the Committee which included information on the following:

- The BCSEA's Victoria Chapter has launched a south island campaign with the goal of 100% renewable energy by 2050.
- Saanich has approved municipal funding for a BCSEA report on how the District can take step-by-step actions to achieve this goal. Funds cover a detailed report and public town hall consultation with Saanich residents and staff.
- The City of Victoria is now considering following Saanich's lead while also staying focused on its recent "state of the environment" report.
- Nine hundred people (including 75 from Sooke) have signed a newly launched "Say Yes to Renewable Energy Now" petition that urges south island municipalities to "join the global movement for 100 percent renewable cities."
- BCSEA hopes to make a presentation at UBCM this fall.

Action:

- Once Mr. Hackney's Saanich feasibility study is complete later this year, the committee suggested the BCSEA Victoria Chapter present its proposal to District of Sooke Council/COW.

Agenda Topic:	Discussion of proposed projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities for local yard waste composting facilities/programs
Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No advancement of this issue following council directive of March 29 • Changes to Parks operations may open up additional options for District-run yard and waste collection. 	

Agenda Topic:	Discussion of proposed projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities for commercial composting facility
Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of last fall's presentation to council by Net Zero Waste regarding a regional compost facility located in Sooke • Might the District operate its own compost facility to handle yard waste, kitchen scraps and bio-solids? Advantages: 1. Significant public savings would result from not having to transport these wastes elsewhere; 2. Residents could purchase a ready supply of organic made-in-Sooke compost for garden and farm use. • An estimated 2-6 acres would be required for such a facility • Funding for study and/or a business plan would also be required 	
<p>Motion: J. Bateman To recommend that Council allocate funding in the 2017 – 2020 Five Year Financial Plan to develop a feasibility study for a municipally run commercial compost facility utilising bio-solids and yard waste. CARRIED</p>	

Agenda Topic:	Discussion of proposed projects:			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RFP for Alternate Energy Solutions 			
Discussion:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of an energy audit for the municipal hall will be required before a determination of best alternate energy solutions is possible. Bring forward to subsequent meeting. 				

Agenda Topic:	Other Business			
Discussion:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invite Veridian Energy's Steve Unger to present for information at September 15th meeting regarding Alternate Energy Solutions for the municipal hall Discussion of current provincial, federal and private-sector grant opportunities for Electric Vehicles and related infrastructure as well as Clean Energy projects, re-greening projects, oil to heat-pump incentive programs and others. Transition Sooke is planning an EcoHome tour in the fall that will showcase energy efficient private homes, Harbourside Cohousing and the T'Sou-ke Nation solar project. 				
Action: J. Bateman to forward generic solar-readiness bylaws from Natural Resources Canada to K. Lesyshen.				

Next Meeting:	September 15, 2016 at 3pm				
Adjournment Time:	4:52 pm	Moved	√	Carried	√

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