



Minutes

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Community Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting

to be held via Zoom
Wednesday, February 17, 2021
at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chris Allen (*Chair*)
Amelia Boulton
Anne Hargrave
Lyndie Hill
Margaret Holm
Nicolas Stulberg
Randy Boras
Tracy Van Raes

Council Liaison: Julius Bloomfield, Councillor

Staff: Kristen Dixon, General Manager of Infrastructure
David Kassian, Community Sustainability Coordinator
Ken Kunka, Deputy Director Development Services
Alysa Wardley, Legislative Assistant

Regrets: Philip Hawkes

Guest(s): Katya Irwin, Word Count Consulting
Lori Goldman
Lynn Walford

1. **Call to Order**

The Community Sustainability Advisory Committee was called to order by the Chair at 9:02 a.m.

Lyndie Hill, Voting Member joined the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Sustainability Advisory Committee adopt the agenda for the meeting held on February 17, 2021 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

3.1 Minutes of January 20, 2021 Community Sustainability Advisory Committee

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Sustainability Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the January 20, 2021 meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **New Business**

4.1 HELP Statistics Update – David Kassian, Community Sustainability Coordinator

The Community Sustainability Coordinator provided the Committee with the statistics from the Home Energy Loan Program. Statistics are based on the EnerGuide ranking and assessments, and a request was input by the City for EnerGuide assessments in order to get a better representation of all energy statistics.

The floor was opened to Committee members for questions and comments. Feedback predominantly revolved around methods to improve energy census information and increasing Home Energy Loan Program use.

4.2 Bylaw Change Updates, Solar Ready and Step1 Energy Code – Ken Kunka, Deputy Director Development Services

The Deputy Director of Development Services gave the Committee an update on proposed Step Code changes and Solar Ready provisions for New Builds. Step 3 will be a mandatory requirement for all Step 9 buildings moving forward into 2021. Certified Energy Advisor verification will be required to verify that the buildings are up to the codes stipulated. Requirements for solar ready properties will help builders to better plan where solar panels can be installed.

The floor was opened to the Committee for questions and comments. Members at Large inquired about education and information provided to the community for rebates and financial incentives. Request to elaborate on the Solar Ready bylaw changes, confirmed that the purpose of the changes is to ensure that conditions for the panels and conduits are specified for builders as well as inspections. The deputy will follow up with external meters for solar panels. Feedback from installers for Net Metering has stated that the process in the City of Penticton is twice the time as other areas relying on FortisBC. There have also been reports of ongoing issues with the bylaw requirement for the solar disconnect to be located adjacent to the meter.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Sustainability Advisory Committee recommends Council support the proposed Building Bylaw Amendments, including:

- Housekeeping amendments to eliminate the dates related to Step Code implementation in the current bylaws that are now passed,
- Adjust the 5% building permit refund from Step 3 or greater to Step 4 or greater, and
- Implement Solar Ready requirements for new residential construction.

AND THAT the Community Sustainability Advisory Committee request staff report back with a comprehensive review of the solar panel permitting process and costs, including net metering costs.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.3 Build Green Program, Request for Recommendations to Promote – Ken Kunka, Deputy Director Development Services

The Deputy Director of Development Services requested feedback from the Committee for Green Building recommendations. The floor was opened to Committee Members for suggestions, Voting Members who are a part of 'First Things First Okanagan' proposed a similar model to the City of Vernon's ambassador program.

4.4 Community Energy & Emissions Plan – Ken Kunka, Deputy Director Development Services

The Deputy Director of Development Services gave an overview of the Community energy and emission plan. Engagement timelines for consultancy work was predicted as coming forth in April 2021 when they will be presented to the Committee.

5. **Next Meeting**

The next Community Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held on March 17, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.

6. **Public Question Period**

7. **Adjournment**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Community Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting held on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Certified Correct:



Alys Wardley
Legislative Assistant