

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday 3rd March, 2010

Time: 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

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Place: OL 127

ATTENDANCE:

Present:

N. Reisle; R. Reid; J. Van Hamme; P. Powers; D. Parkes; P. Tsigaris; D. Crespin-Mueller; B. Klohn; S. Purdy; L. Tabata; T. Owen

Regrets: J. Murray; B. Christianson; J. Sparks; G. Hayes

Notetaker: S. Jackson

Guests: B. Scott; J. Maskell

1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

P. Powers in the Chair. The meeting was called to order at 4:37 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On motion duly made, it was *RESOLVED* to approve the agenda as circulated.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

On motion duly made, it was *RESOLVED* to approve the minutes as circulated.

S. Jackson

4. MATTERS ARISING:

- **Report on what system is being installed in the House of Learning (hand dryers or paper towel dispensers)**
Washrooms that don't have doors will have air dryers, but no paper towels. Washrooms that have doors will have both paper towels and air dryers. Copper and brass door handles are anti-microbial, but prohibitively expensive. Most research around this is based on a hospital environment, and was felt to be "overkill" for an educational setting. It was also felt that users would not change their behaviour with the introduction of copper handles. There is a resistance on the part of users to only having air dryers.
- **Robin to follow up with Culinary Arts, to see if their left-over food can be part of the food recycling initiative**

Culinary Arts serves leftover food to their students first, so they can taste what they make. Trimmings/composting material is also diverted to a local pig farm. If TRU gets a Sustainable Food Garden off the ground, then this could also be part of the food recycling/composting initiative.

- **Transportation Demand Management Plan (Tom/Les to talk to C. Neufeld re. funding)**

Specifications for RFP: Tom, Warren and Les have all reviewed the language for the RFP. It has also been reviewed by the Purchasing Department. It was felt that March 29th is an achievable date to post the RFP. Concerns included:

- It is unknown if this is a \$20,000 or \$40,000 project, so it is also unknown how much time to allow for this project.
- We made a commitment to involve the City of Kamloops, so this might slow down the process. It is hoped that the City of Kamloops will fund part of this initiative.
- If we do this now, it will be summertime when the initiative gets underway and nobody will be around. Suggestion: Could post the RFP now with a completion date of November 1st, rather than September 1st. We could award the contract in April/May, some parts will get done over the summer and the metrics part will get done in the fall.
- Tom/Les to bring an update to next meeting. Agenda item for April meeting.

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- **Annual Report to Board of Governors/Senate**

S. Jackson reported that the EAC Annual Report was submitted to the Board of Governors in February, and is on the March 22nd Senate agenda. Discussion ensued re. the Sustainability Action Plan that was appended to EAC annual report. Two additional motions are needed at Senate and the Board to formally approve the Plan.

- J. Murray to take the two motions forward to Senate and the Board.

J. Murray

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT – TOM OWEN

- Speaker Series –Fin Donnelly, Founder of the BC Rivershed Society, Marathon Environmental Swimmer and currently Member of Parliament will be in the Kamloops area the week of February 22nd. He will speak on the topic of "From Passion to Action" on February 24th in OM 2621 at 7 p.m. Programmes are being arranged for Captain Charles Moore and Dr. Ted Manning for March
- Tourism Carbon Challenge - a small group of students in Tourism have organized a month long carbon challenge for February. Environment and Sustainability will contribute to the prize package and along with TRUSU provide participants with commemorative T shirts.
- Presentation to BCOS and the Board of Governors on Carbon Neutrality – Tom made presentations on Carbon Neutrality to the Budget Committee of Senate and the Board of Governors.

- Plastic Water Bottle Free Day - March 11th is Plastic Water Bottle Free Day in Canada. G. Hayes has agreed to suspend the sale of bottled water that day. We also will have new signage for the water bottle refill stations and TRUSU is conducting an educational campaign.
- Environmental Award - the Nomination period is now closed. D. Crespin-Mueller and T. Owen have chosen the plaques to be given to the winner and placed on the wall. The plaques will be paid for from T. Owen's operating budget so that the full \$1000 made available by the Budget Committee of Senate will go to the scholarship recipient. T. Owen has spoken to P. Hilton about the best way to provide the scholarship. His initial thought was that the scholarship could be given to a first year (entering) student based upon their activity related to environment and sustainability in high school. A panel comprised of the TRU Board Chair, the EAC Chair and the Director of Environment and Sustainability will adjudicate the award.

Publicity – D. Crespin-Mueller met with a group from DAAD and Science, and has given them the task of designing a symbol/logo, something that can be used on all of our communications (Sustainability/EAC/T. Owen's office). There will be a contest for the students, with 3 prizes. Another task Dorys has given to the group is to look at moveable signage, and to create something lifelike that isn't a picture (so there are no copyright issues) with space for posters. This is for building interiors, not exteriors.

- D. Parkes and S. Purdy volunteered to sit on the adjudication committee for this initiative, to judge the symbol/logo.

*D. Parkes/
S. Purdy*

6. SUB-COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE/MEMBERSHIP – TOM OWEN

- **EAC Committee Structure**

It was agreed to have three sub-committees, to replace what is in place now. This will be the EAC committee structure, with the understanding that transportation will closely involve parking, etc. The three sub-committees will be:

- Built
- Natural
- Human

On motion duly made, it was *RESOLVED* to set up the three EAC sub-committees: Built, Natural and Human.

- **EAC members on sub-committees**

- Built:
 - B. Christianson
 - D. Parkes
 - J. Van Hamme
 - D. Crespin-Mueller

- Natural:
 - P. Powers
 - R. Reid

- Human
 - P. Tsigaris
 - D. Crespin-Mueller

S. Jackson to request EAC members to volunteer for a sub-committee.

*T. Owen/
S. Jackson*

- **Chairs for sub-committees**

Agenda item for April meeting.

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7. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- April 2010: Jim Gudjonson, new Energy Manager – Tom Owen
- May 2010: Kamloops Sustainability Atlas – Dave Whiting

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