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Minutes of a Meeting of the Roundtable on the Environment
Held March 6, 2015 in Room 488, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC

PRESENT: **Members:** Lynn Bailey, Stephanie Cairns, Cora Hallsworth, Blaine Juchau (by phone), David Moffat, Andrew Pape-Salmon, Dale Wall, Nancy Wilkin
CRD Board: Judy Brownoff
Staff: Larisa Hutcheson, General Manager, CRD Parks & Environmental Services; Glenn Harris, Senior Manager, CRD Environmental Protection; Signe Bagh, Senior Manager, Regional & Strategic Planning; Carol Mitchell, Recorder
Also Present: Casey Edge, Executive Director, Victoria Residential Builders Association

ABSENT: Stephen Brydon, Naomi Devine, Neville Grigg

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm by Chair Moffat.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Chair Moffat called for nominations for the position of chair of the Roundtable on the Environment (RTE) and Lynn Bailey's name was put forward to stand. Ms Bailey advised the committee of caveat that she could only accept the position until end of 2015. Chair Moffat called a second and third time for further nominations and, as there were none, Ms Bailey was declared chair by acclamation. Chair Bailey thanked Mr. Moffat for his term of service as chair.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Chair Bailey called for nominations for the position of vice-chair of the Roundtable on the Environment and Andrew Pape-Salmon's name was put forward. Chair Bailey called a second and third time for further nominations and there were none. Mr. Pape-Salmon asked for time to consider his nomination. The election of vice-chair was deferred until the next meeting.

Ms Hutcheson advised the committee of change in CRD staff liaison to Glenn Harris and recorder to Carol Mitchell.

3. Approval of Agenda

A. Pape-Salmon requested that Agenda Item #9a be moved to into position #7, directly after the guest presentation.

MOVED by B. Juchau, **SECONDED** by D. Wall, that the agenda be approved as changed.
CARRIED

4. Adoption of Minutes of January 9, 2015

MOVED by D. Wall, **SECONDED** by B. Juchau, that the minutes of January 9, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED

5. Review of Task List of January 9, 2015

The task list was reviewed.

6. PRESENTATION – Victoria Residential Builders Association

7. CRD Update

J. Brownoff, chair of the Environmental Services Committee (ESC) and ESC liaison to the Roundtable on the Environment (RTE) ...

[12:07 N. Jensen left the meeting]

8. Regional Sustainability Strategy (RSS) Update

S. Bagh thanked RTE members for their input on RSS targets. Staff refined some targets based on RTE input; other targets remain unchanged but the seed was planted for future consideration.

There was discussion regarding the following targets:

Electric Vehicles – Staff did not include the RTE's suggested electric vehicle target as it seemed to fall under provincial and federal jurisdiction. RTE members expressed concern about this removal; the RSS should include goals, even if they're activities the CRD does not directly control. Also, the math indicates that to achieve provincial/federal GHG reduction targets – even if the ambitious goals of walking, biking and transit are successful – the emissions goals cannot be achieved without 72% zero emission vehicles by 2038. Ms Bagh will add the RTE's proposed target back in so that the public can provide feedback.

Complete Communities – Staff concluded that as long as people are living in a complete community with services nearby, it may not matter which community it is, so they revised the target. After much discussion from the RTE, Ms Bagh indicated she will tweak the target so that it says: "locate 30% of new growth in walkable, bikeable, transit-serviced communities that provide a variety of housing types and tenures close to places of work, shopping, learning, recreation, parks and green space".

Energy: Staff struggled with this target and whether it is measurable and if it's a duplication of the community-based GHG emissions reductions target. RTE members advised that it is measurable (CEEI) and it's valuable to have both targets. Based on RTE input, Ms Bagh will keep the proposed target so that it's part of the stakeholder engagement: "improve region-wide energy efficiency of existing building stock by 50% (relative to 2007 levels)."

The RSS survey will be available on the CRD website from Jan 15-Feb 15. Members interested in distributing outreach materials should contact Ms Bagh. RTE members are also invited to attend the RSS stakeholder workshop on January 23.

9. Revised Strategic Framework Updates & Next Steps from Priority Area Champions

- **Green Space/Invasive Species**

N. Wilkin.

- **Energy Strategy**

A. Pape-Salmon presented the energy subcommittee's goals and work plan, and a matrix outlining various sectors the RTE wishes to influence. His group has met with

L. Hutcheson and G. Harris and will meet with other CRD energy experts. Mr. Pape-Salmon needs RTE volunteers to work on “Planning” and “Community Infrastructure.” S. Cairns advised that UVic’s Environmental Studies 405 class will do an assignment researching best practices in energy and will present findings to the RTE in April.

10. CRD Standing Committees: Environmental Services, Regional Parks, Planning, Transportation & Protective Services

L. Hutcheson provided an update on standing committee work.

11. Other Business

No new business.

12. Good News Story

D. Wall

13. Closing Comments and Next Steps

D. Moffat thanked Mr. Edge for attending today’s meeting.

14. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held May 1, 2015.

15. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at pm.

CHAIR

RECORDING SECRETARY