

FOOD SECURITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, November 5, 2015 – 4:30 p.m. in the City Council Meeting Room

Present: Gary Swann
Chris Alemany
Sam Brownlee
Sandra Gentleman
Rosalind Chapman
Bob Haynes
John Mayba

Regrets: Guy Langlois

1. **Approval of Minutes of the October 1, 2015 meeting.**
Chris Alemany moved to approve, Gary Swann Seconded

2. **Approval of agenda**
Chris Alemany moved to approve, Gary Swann Seconded

3. **Discussion regarding Blue Dot Program**

Motion:

Sam Brownlee will contact Ron Jorgenson requesting a presentation on the Blue Dot Program to City Council on November 23rd with a recommendation from the committee. Dan Schubart of AVTTS also to be notified and a representation from the society requested to attend.
Chris Alemany moved to approve, John Mayba seconded, passed

4. **Report on Solar Project – Chris Alemany**
 - Chris has completed a cost/benefit analysis on a solar panel bulk buy
 - With current pricing, payback time is estimated at more than 20 years
 - Chris estimates that a further 25% decrease in pricing would be required for the project to be feasible.

5. **Recommendation for 2015/2020 Financial Plan**

Motion:

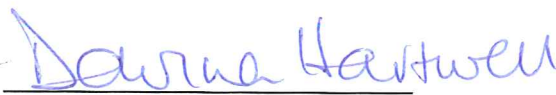
The City of Port Alberni Food Security and Climate Change Committee recommends that the Council for the City of Port Alberni endorse the following recommendations for inclusion in the 2015-2020 Financial Planning Process.

- a. Phased Implementation Plan for:
 - Bike Lanes
 - Urban Heat Island
 - Rainwater Mitigation (Planning 2015/2016 - Phase 1 2016/2017)
- b. Green Home Renovation Tax Credit - (2015/2016)
- c. Public Water Bottle Stations - (2015/2016)

John Mayba moved to approve, Sandra Gentleman seconded, passed

6. **Action Item List**
Motion: Tabled until next meeting due to time constraints. All committee members to bring Bob Haynes moved to approve, Gary Swann seconded, passed
7. **Report on Food Connections 2015, October 28, Parkville, hosted by Island Health – Rosalind Chapman/Sam Brownlee attended.** Rosalind attended Social Media and advanced Social Media; Sam attended Social Enterprise and Collaborators Anonymous. All workshops were focused toward organizations and businesses involved in food production and security. Good attendance from Port Alberni – eight people represented the Valley. There was a lot of focus on Triple Bottom Line thinking, concerns about Director's liability/mission creep and ongoing motivation of volunteers.
8. **Report on the Farmers Institute AGM – Gary Swann**
Sherry Lyons from Alberni Elementary made a request for support by the FSCC Committee in the form of a letter to School District 70 encouraging them to facilitate the development of more school gardens in the District.
Motion: The FSCC Committee will write a letter to School District 70, encouraging their support in developing further school gardens in the District and will make a request that City Council write a similar letter.
Gary Swann moved to approve, Chris Alemany seconded, passed
9. **Event Notice – Gary Swann, Bob Haynes**
Meeting and Social Event for Farmers on November 8th at Echo Park Fieldhouse from 1 to 4 PM. Bob Haynes encouraged all members of the Committee to attend as a way of opening a dialogue with farmers in the Valley. It was also suggested that one of the Directors of the Institute be invited to a future FSCC Committee meeting.
10. **Next meeting Thursday, December 3rd, 2015.**
11. **Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 PM**
Chris Alemany moved to approve, Sandra Gentleman seconded, passed


Sam Brownlee, Chair


Davina Hartwell, City Clerk