

FOOD SECURITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, October 1, 2015 – 4:30 p.m. in the City Hall Committee Room

Present: Gary Swann
Chris Alemany
Sam Brownlee
Guy Langlois
Rosalind Chapman
Bob Haynes

Regrets: John Mayba
Sandra Gentleman

Guest: Janette Cormier
Jen Fisher Bradley and her partner Stephen

1. **Approval of Minutes of the September 3, 2015 meeting.**
Bob Haynes moved to approve, Chris Alemany Seconded
2. **Approval of agenda**
Guy Langlois asked to add business licences requirement and insurance for market gardeners.
Gary Swann moved to approve, Bob Haynes Seconded
3. Discussion with Janette Cormier regarding the Community Garden and possible participation in alternate sites.
 - 6 people on the waiting list for plots
 - Presently have 14 allotments @ \$25/yr and 5 communal beds
 - VIHA and Friendship Centre participating
 - Water supplied by city. Conserving water by hand watering
 - Fencing was provided and built by the See Group and Beaver Creek Home Center
 - Would like to have a seating area and a tool storage shed built
 - Would like to expand the garden area to accommodate new gardeners
 - Plan to plant fruit and nut trees. Applying for grants
 - Soil has to be brought in for the beds
 - Interest in starting a compost education program. Concern with attracting animals
 - Sam Brownlee and Rosalind Chapman investigated alternative community garden sites

Action: Guy Langlois will contact Jim Lawson and NIC to ask if their students would be interested in constructing a gazebo and a tool shed for the garden

Action: Gary Swann expressed interest in assisting with the compost education program by doing a demonstration on site

4. Discussion with Jen Fisher-Bradley regarding Model Forest Policy program

- \$10,000 requirement to participate in the program
- Consist of participating in webinars
- Goal is to establish a climate action plan
- This is an American initiative. No present action in Canada
- Gary Swann indicated that there was a model forest in Ucluelet and there was a national program. There is also an eco-forest program in Cedar

Motion: Request city council to direct administration to investigate the Model Forest Program

Chris Alemany moved to approve, Bob Haynes Seconded - **Motion defeated**

5. Business licences requirement and insurance for market gardeners.

- Guy Langlois reported that he discussed if the city would cover insurance for market gardeners. Ken Watson said that the city would not cover insurance for market gardeners.
- Presently market gardeners are not required to have a business license. The city may consider a special business license for market gardens so that they are able to access liability insurance.

6. **Correspondence**

Letter from the AV Community Forest Corporation regarding carbon sequestering

Motion: To receive Letter from the AV Community Forest Corporation regarding carbon sequestering

Chris Alemany moved to approve, Bob Haynes Seconded – **Motion carried**

7. Next meeting on November 5, 2015.

8. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:30PM



Sam Brownlee, Chair

Davina Hartwell, City Clerk