

FOOD SECURITY AND CLIMATE DISRUPTION COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, May 4th, 2017

4:30 p.m. in the City Hall Committee Room

Present: Sam Brownlee, Gary Swann, Branden Chase, Sandra Gentleman, Chris Alemany (via phone)

Regrets: John Mayba, Rosalind Chapman, Guy Langlois

Guest: Tawny Lam – West Coast Aquatics

1)Approval of Agenda

Sandra Gentleman moved to approve, Gary Swann Seconded

2)Approval of Minutes from April 6th, 2017

Sandra Gentleman moved to approve, Gary Swann Seconded

3)Presentation by Tawny Lam – West Coast Aquatics

- Tawny Lam discussed initiatives, purpose and structure West Coast Aquatics has.
- Www.Marineguide.ca, a geographic information system, was presented to the FSCD committee.
- Presentation ended with a discussion on the Slow Food movement as a possible route for engaging the community with agriculture and the fishing industry.

4)Report from Chris Alemany on FSCD committee report to council.

- Mason Bees will be hosted on common spaces.
- Pesticides will require a permit to purchase and use.
- Sea Level Rise will be an issue discussed with ministers during the September UBCM Tradeshow.
- Chris Alemany's report was accepted by the committee
- Gary Swann moved to approve, Sam Brownlee Seconded

5)Report from Branden Chase on plastic waste diversion.

- Plastic bag bans will be discussed at the next UBCM tradeshow between some present councillors and ministers.
- Sam Brownlee expressed concern for the increasing presence of the Jim Pattison group in three of the five grocery stores here in Port Alberni.

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6) Discussion from Gary Swann on income tax implications of farmers' food donations to charities

- Branden Chase expressed his concern that the tax credit may not lead to fixing the origins of food insecurity

- Sam Brownlee spoke on the lack of co-operation between food agencies as well as on lack of government involvement to curb the need for food banks.

7) Topics for next meeting

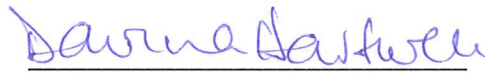
8) Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 5:45PM

9) Next meeting is June 1st, 2017



Rosalind Chapman, Chair



Davina Hartwell, City Clerk