

FOOD SECURITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

**Meeting of Thursday, April 2, 2015
4:30 p.m. in the City Hall Committee Room**

Present: Mayor Mike Ruttan
City Manager Ken Watson
Gary Swann
John Mayba
Chris Alemany
Sam Brownlee
Guy Langlois
Rosalind Chapman
Sandra Gentleman

Regrets: Bob Haynes

1. Introductions and opening comments were provided by Mayor Ruttan.
2. City Manager, Ken Watson, reviewed the procedures for conducting Committee meetings.

3. **Election of Chair/Vice-Chair**

Chair - Sam Brownlee
Vice Chair – Chris Alemany
Secretary – Guy Langlois

4. **Meeting Schedule**

Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm.
Next meeting May 7th 2015

5. **Review of Terms of Reference and Discussion**

Sam Brownlee suggested that Committee members each make a list of two or three issues that the group should discuss.

Communication:

City Council may make request advice from the committee on issues relating to food security and climate change.

The committee shall submit a formal report to city council at least twice a year or as requested by Council. Chris Alemany will present committee reports to city council.

Press Releases:

The committee shall make recommendations for press releases to city Council.

Social Media:

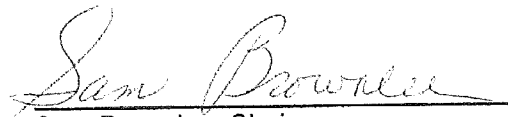
The committee can send information to Jake to post to Facebook or Twitter.

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- City administration is available to provide information on current initiatives and assistance with networking with other groups and municipalities.
- The Port Alberni Carbon Fund has \$150,000.00 available for projects that will offset carbon.
- A Food Security Workshop will be hosted by the Alberni Valley Transition Towns Society on April 16, 2015 from 8:15 AM to 1:00 PM at the Tseshaht First Nation administration office. The purpose of the workshop is to engage the community in discussions on food security for the development of a food action plan for the Alberni Valley.
- Gary Swann will report on any issues or concerns from the Farmers Markets Association.
- Sandra Gentleman shared some information about the farmer's market coupon program.
- John Mayba reported on the status of the "Buy Local" program.
- Guy Langlois will invite Heather Shobe, Connie Kuramoto, and Anna Lewis to provide report to the committee on the status of the ACRD Agricultural Plan.
- The committee will contact the ACRD Health Network to get on their email list so we can receive their monthly E-zine.
- Guy Langlois advised the committee that we can contact the Vancouver Island Food Hub Network for information on what other communities are doing in regards to food security.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:35PM


Sam Brownlee, Chair

Davina Hartwell, City Clerk