

FOOD SECURITY AND CLIMATE DISRUPTION COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, May 5, 2016 – 4:30 p.m. in the City Council Meeting Room

Present: Chris Alemany
Rosalind Chapman
Guy Langlois
Sandra Gentleman
Sam Brownlee

Regrets: Bob Haynes, John Mayba, Gary Swann

Guest: Heather Shobe, Eden Tree Farm
Marcus Lobb, Food Hub Coordinator for the Alberni Valley Transition Town Society

1. **Approval of Minutes of the April 7, 2016 meeting.**

Chris Alemany moved to approve, Rosalind Chapman Seconded

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Chris Alemany moved to approve, Sandra Gentleman Seconded

3. **Presentation by Heather Shobe from Eden Tree Farm on the Gleaning Project**

Ms. Shobe discussed the status of the Gleaning Project:

- Information regarding the gleaning project has not been posted to the city website
- Truck and driver were not provided by the city
- They received \$3,000.00 from the city
- Exploring a user pay system to increase revenue

The committee discussed the Food 4U Food Recovery Program operated by Loaves and Fishes in Nanaimo. Our community could start a similar program here in Port Alberni. This program could also manage the gleaning program.

Action: Marcus Lobb, Food Hub Coordinator for the Alberni Valley Transition Town Society will contact the executive director of Loaves and Fishes and request that he come to Port Alberni and do a presentation to our community on getting a similar program going here.

4. **Presentation by Chris Alemany on the status of the Blue Dot recommendation to city council**

The Blue Dot recommendation will be voted on by city council at their next meeting.

5. **Gary Swann's report on community gardens policy was tabled until our next meeting**

6. **Presentation by Rosalind Chapman on the Tree Protection Program**

- A report was presented on similar tree protection programs in Parksville, Nanaimo and View Royal.
- The policies dealt with size, species, location and habitat.
- Scott Kenny, former Director of Parks and Recreation with the City of Port Alberni was an advocate for protection of trees and started a tree inventory.

Action: Rosalind Chapman will present more research at a future meeting.

7. **Presentation by Guy Langlois on water conservation**

- Guy Langlois presented information on water conservation programs in other municipalities on Vancouver Island offering rebates for garden irrigation and low flush toilets.

Action: Guy Langlois will work on recommendations for rebates for garden irrigation and low flush toilets. He will present these recommendations to the committee in September for consideration to be included in our annual report to city council.

8. **Presentation by Sam Brownlee on distributing wild flowers seeds on empty lots to increase bee population.**

- Sam Brownlee had discussed the project with Jake Colyn. Mr. Colyn suggested that the property where the old bottle depot may be a suitable area to plant wild flower seeds.

Action: Sam Brownlee will contact Petro Canada to see if they would be interested in having wild flower seed distributed on their property on 10th Ave. She will also look into applying to the Wal-Mart Evergreen grant for funding to purchase wild flower seeds.

9. **The Food Security and Climate Disruption Committee would like to invite the Bear Watch organization to a future meeting so we can discuss their policies on recommending cutting down fruit trees.**

Action: Sam Brownlee will invite a representative of the Bear Watch organization to a future meeting.

10. **Next meeting Thursday, June 2, 2016.**

11. **Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM**

Guy Langlois moved to adjourn, Chris Alemany seconded

Sam Brownlee, Chair

Davina Hartwell, City Clerk