

MINUTES

FOOD SECURITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, October 6 2016

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

Present: John Mayba, Sam Brownlee, Guy Langlois, Rosalind Chapman, Gary Swann,
Chris Alemany, Sandra Gentleman

Regrets: Bob Haynes,

Guests: Jane Oliver – View Street Market
Marcus Lobb - Alberni Valley Transition Town Society Food Hub Coordinator

1. Approval of Minutes from Sept 1, 2016

_____ moved to approve, _____ Seconded

2. Approval of Agenda

_____ moved to approve, _____ Seconded

3. Jane Oliver – View Street Market – Discussion on establishing a water rate for urban farmers.

Guy Langlois would prefer that the rate be tied in with a water conservation program where urban farmers will qualify for the water rate if they first install drip irrigation system and timers.

Action: Guy Langlois will draft a letter of support to Council for establishing a water rate for urban farmers.

4. The report from the Alberni Health Network was tabled for future discussion.
5. Chris Alemany – Report on reaction from City Council regarding the request for a detailed report from Thunder in the Valley on the economic impact and costs associated with the event.

City Council did not vote in favour of requesting a report from Thunder in the Valley.

Gary Swan expressed dissatisfaction regarding the city promoting an event that was not being held accountable for excessive CO2 emissions.

Guy Langlois expressed dissatisfaction with the amount of noise pollution from drag racers around town after the event.

6. A public meeting to present the report on the Abattoir will be held October 27, 2016.
7. Discussion regarding the public meeting to present a report on air quality issues from CanTimber Biotech.

Stacey Gaiga has put two full page ads in the local newspaper stating that CanTimber is doing experimental research.

8. Marcus Lobb - Alberni Valley Transition Town Society (AVTTS) Food Hub Coordinator

Reported on the status of the Food Action Plan and is looking for feedback from the FSCD Committee.

The AVTTS has been given funding to develop collaboration with other food hubs on the island.

There will be no Food Connections Forum this year.

The AVTTS is looking for ideas for training that could be offered in the valley to improve food security.

The Port Alberni Shelter Society has been looking into developing a farm program

There has been some interest by local groups to start a food recovery program in the Alberni valley. The Salvation Army has expressed interest in providing financial support for this initiative.

9. Sam Brownlee report on the issue of banning the use of plastic bags.

Current provincial regulations prevent a ban on plastic bags to be enforced by municipalities.

Action: Sam Brownlee will draft a letter to the local stores requesting consideration to ban the use of plastic bags.

Action: Guy Langlois will visit the local recycling depot to find out how plastic bags are recycled.

10. Rosalind Chapman announced that the City of Port Alberni will be seeking new appointments to the Food Security and Climate Change Committee.

11. John Mayba announced that there will be an Urban Cycling Safety course on October 14 and 15, 2016.

12. John Mayba moved to adjourn the meeting. Gary Swann seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05PM

13. Next meeting: November 3, 2016.

Sam Brownlee, Chair

Davina Hartwell, City Clerk