

FOOD SECURITY AND CLIMATE DISRUPTION COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, SEPT. 1, 2016 AT 4:30 PM IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM

Present: Gary Swann
Chris Alemany
Rosalind Chapman
John Mayba
Sam Brownlee

Regrets: Bob Haynes, Sandra Gentleman, Guy Langlois

1. Approval of Minutes of the August 4, 2016 meeting.

Gary Swann moved to approve, John Mayba seconded.

2. Approval of Agenda

John Mayba moved to approve, Rosalind Chapman seconded.

3. Presentation by Marcie DeWitt, Coordinator of the Alberni Clayoquot Health Network.

Marcie was responsible for the *Working Together to Reduce Poverty Event* held May 30, 2016. (Rosalind Chapman attended.) Her role, funded by Island Health, is to identify social determinants such as poverty, and to facilitate conversations to improve outcomes in the Region's communities. One of the five outcomes developed at that event was '**reducing the number of hungry children**' in our community, given that 33 percent of our kids are living in poverty, and are therefore, food insecure. Lengthy discussion followed on food security for children.

Marcie will send out a number of questions to our Committee, and we will devote some time at our next meeting to discuss our responses to those questions.

We also requested that the Committee be notified of future events she is organizing.

4. Drag Races

Issue is whether City Council intends to approve Thunder in the Valley ongoing for five years, and the position of the FSCD Committee with regard to this event.

Councillor Alemany will be bringing forward a motion to the next City Council meeting to request that staff do a full financial report on this year's races, prior to a decision being made regarding the future plans for this event.

5. Plastic Bags

Issue is whether to recommend that there be a city-wide ban on plastic bags.

Sam Brownlee indicated that municipalities do not have the legislative authority to implement such a ban. It's possible it may come up at the next UBCM in Victoria, but it is now too late to submit a resolution from this Committee for Council to consider. Further discussion as to possibly bringing it to the AVICC for next year's consideration. Sam Brownlee will provide Committee members with data regarding biodegradability of various grocery bags.

6. **Hupacasath Waste Disposal Project**

Issue is whether this First Nations project would consider doing a kitchen scraps and garden waste pilot program – is this an opportunity? Discussion. Agreed to wait for the City's response to the FSCD Committee's recommendation for such a program.

7. **Announcement – John Mayba, Cycle Alberni.**

John announced that now that the cycling lanes are done, an urban cycling workshop for adults will be held October 14th and 15th, with actual on-road cycling instruction. Excellent news.

Next meeting – October 6, 2016.

Meeting Adjourned 6:00 pm.

Sam Brownlee, Chair

Davina Hartwell, City Clerk