



## Minutes of The Sustainability Task Force

Wednesday, October 7, 2009 – 6.00pm  
SCHOOL HOUSE @1589 MILLSTREAM ROAD

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**PRESENT:**

Chair, Andrew Fall  
Ann Baird  
Eric Bonham  
Councillor Allen Dobb  
Bob Flitton  
Warren Lee  
Dave Mackas  
Bob McMinn  
Greg Nuk

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

MOVED BY: WARREN LEE  
SECONDED: ALLEN DOBB

That the Agenda be approved.

CARRIED

**2. Adoption of the Minutes**

- a) July 27, 2009
- b) August 3, 2009
- c) August 16, 2009

### 3. Unfinished Business

#### i) Recommendations

Final discussion and endorsement of outstanding recommendations from the task force.

MOVED BY : BOB MCMINN  
SECONDED : DAVE MACKAS

#### **Recommendation 2: SUSTAINABILITY VISION FOR A RURAL HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY**

It was noted that reducing car travel and encouraging more presence in the Highlands will foster a stronger community. Council encouraged to reduce the need for motorized transportation, a position which be reflected in all policy and land use decisions.

<b>Significance:</b> high	<b>Level of Support from STF:</b> unanimous
<b>Difficulty:</b> moderate	<b>Timeframe:</b> immediate and ongoing

MOVED BY: ERIC BONHAM  
SECONDED: GREG NUK

#### **Recommendation 2: CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION (GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS) AND ENERGY**

District of Highlands to request the CRD to provide leadership and identify information on vulnerabilities and opportunities regarding energy reduction. A broad integrated education program on all energy uses and ways to reduce or eliminate the demand on fossil fuels is required

Note. City of Portland, Oregon has embarked on proactive climate change mitigation Measures.

<b>Significance:</b> high	<b>Level of Support from STF:</b> unanimous
<b>Difficulty:</b> low for Highlands Moderate for CRD	<b>Timeframe:</b> immediate

MOVED BY: BOB FLITTON  
SECONDED : GREG NUK

#### **Recommendation 9: PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, PARK AND RIDES AND CARPOOLING**

CISSC to partner with HDCA in the development of a car-stop program.

<b>Significance:</b> high	<b>Level of Support from STF :</b> unanimous
<b>Difficulty:</b> high	<b>Timeframe:</b> immediate

**MOVED BY: BOB FLITTON**  
**SECONDED: WARREN LEE**

### **Recommendation 10: NEAR ZERO EMISSION VEHICLES (NZEV) POLICY**

Highlands should demonstrate leadership and pressure other municipalities to follow suit by setting speed limits not to exceed 40km/h with the adoption of NZEV or near NZEV vehicles. District of Highlands to send a letter to CRD and identify roads in the Highlands subject to the 40k/h speed limit with the adoption of the CRD low emission vehicle bylaw. Concern expressed by some members of the STF on the viability of the bylaw.

**Significance: moderate**  
**Difficulty: moderate**

**Level of Support from STF: unanimous**  
**Timeframe: immediate**

**MOVED BY: DAVE MACKAS**  
**SECONDED: ANN BAIRD**

### **Recommendation 25: CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS ON PRECIPITATION**

The addition of the climate change impacts on precipitation to the Water Conservation and Management section was considered appropriate by the STF to raise community awareness on the direct impacts of changing precipitation patterns on community infrastructure with regard to flooding, drought and snow load.

**Significance: high**  
**Difficulty : high**

**Level of support from STF: unanimous**  
**Timeframe: ongoing; long-term**

**MOVED BY: GREG NUK**  
**SECONDED: DAVE MACKAS**

### **Recommendation 26: USE OF DYNAMIC GROUNDWATER FORECASTING**

The STF identified the need for further refinement of the water balance model to address seasonal changes in rainfall resulting in heavy winter rains and extended summer droughts.

**Significance: high**  
**Difficulty: high**

**Level of support from STF: unanimous**  
**Timeframe : immediate**



**ii) Prioritization of recommendations**

Greg Nuk facilitated a session on the prioritizing of the 42 recommendations identified by the STF. The STF was split into two groups of 4 and each group was given the task of reviewing the preliminary list of allocated recommendations in the matrix provided by Greg Nuk. After further consultation by the two groups the matrix allocation was finalized.

On completion of this exercise each team was then tasked with reducing 42 recommendations to 6. This iteration was completed three times by both teams. The selections by the two teams will be submitted, along with the final report, to council for their consideration. (See the matrix list in appendix 1).

**iii) Final report: discussion of format and content**

A final draft report will be prepared by Andrew Fall and distributed to the STF committee for their review and approval. Council will also be provided with the prioritization report. It is intended that the final report be submitted to council prior to the end of October, 2009.

**4. Adjournment.**

**MOVED BY: ERIC BONHAM  
SECONDED : WARREN LEE**

The meeting adjourned at 10:04pm

CARRIED