

**SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday, September 24, 2024**

A Regular Meeting of the Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Committee convened on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 7:01 p.m. in the Council Committee Room, 3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam, BC, with the following persons present:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Councillor Robert Mazzarolo, Chair  
Councillor Brent Asmundson, Vice Chair  
Mark Ashton, Citizen Representative  
Grayson Barke, Citizen Representative  
Reza Berry, Citizen Representative  
Silvia Cojocar, Citizen Representative  
Mohammad Darabi, Citizen Representative  
Daryoush Mohammad Hassani, Citizen Representative  
Edward Lau, Citizen Representative

REGRETS: Linton Chokie, Citizen Representative  
Bonnie Razzaghi, Citizen Representative  
Caresse Selk, Senior Manager Environment

GUESTS: Esther Berube, Division Manager Air Quality Bylaw & Regulation  
Development, Metro Vancouver  
Daphne Mazarura, Senior Policy Analyst, Metro Vancouver

STAFF: Jenny Tough, Manager Environmental Education and Enforcement  
Amalee Truong, Committee Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- Minutes of the Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, June 25, 2024**

The Minutes of the Sustainability and Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 were approved.

**NEW BUSINESS****2. Small Non-Road Engine Emissions**

Esther Berube, Division Manager Air Quality Bylaw & Regulation Development, Metro Vancouver and Daphne Mazarura, Senior Policy Analyst, Metro Vancouver, provided a presentation entitled “Reducing Emissions from Small Gas-Powered Equipment” that covered the following topics:

- An overview of Metro Vancouver’s role in regional air quality, small gas-powered equipment use and emissions, and the transition to emission-free technology

Mohammad Darabi arrived at this time – 7:06 p.m.

- An overview of the availability of electric alternatives, process of shaping a supportive framework, promotion of emission-free equipment by other jurisdictions
- Exploring regional public policy options for transitioning to emissions free options
- Next steps including building a collaborative network of users, developing a draft strategy and proposing the strategy to Metro Vancouver Board

Discussion ensued relative to the following:

- Desire for a buyback, rebate, or tax break program offered by the province to reduce the cost burden of purchasing new emission-free equipment
- Request for clarification on Metro Vancouver’s public engagement communications plan
- Desire for increased collaboration with retailers of professional small gas-powered equipment to facilitate the shift to emission-free alternatives
- Desire for increased funding from the government towards research and development to enhance battery performance and the reliability of emission-free equipment
- Request for access to provincial and federal retail sales data comparing gas-powered and electric equipment sales

**3. 2024 Volunteer Recognition Event Updates**

Committee Clerk provided the date, time and location of the upcoming Volunteer Recognition event

There was no discussion to this item.

**4. Committee Members' Roundtable / Emerging Issues**

The Chair invited Committee members to share information and emerging issues from their communities.

The following topics and concerns were shared:

- Desire for update on the City's plan regarding the encampment near 3030 Gordon Avenue
- Desire for provincial funding and resources for a supportive housing unit
- Salmon Spawn Watch Contest runs from September 22 to November 22, 2024
- Update on research regarding 6PPD-quinone found in vehicle tires and potential use of bio-filtration as a solution

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**NEXT MEETING DATE - November 26, 2024**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

**MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

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Robert Mazzarolo, Chair

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Amalee Truong, Committee Clerk