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Meeting Minutes

MEETING TITLE: ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE			
MEETING DATE:	January 20, 2011	MEETING TIME:	1:30 pm
LOCATION:	Link Meeting Room 6, Link Building.	FILE NUMBER:	6.4.1

	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Attendees:	Toni Frisby	Airport Authority, Environment
	Simon Robinson	Airport Authority, Environment
	Saleh Haidar	Citizen Representative- Richmond
	June Ryder	Nature Vancouver
	Judy Williams	Fraser River Coalition
	Marion Town	Citizen Representative- Vancouver
	Courtney Albert	Canadian Wildlife Services
	Dave Smith	Canadian Wildlife Services
	Neil Turner	Transport Canada
	Terry Crowe	City of Richmond
	Penny Thompson	Air Canada
Guests:	Anne Murray	Airport Authority, VP Community and Environmental Affairs
	Mike Brown	Airport Authority, Planning
Regrets:	Margaret Mahan	BEST
	Darrell Desjardin	Port Metro Vancouver
	Paul Schaap	Citizen Representative- Richmond
	Alisha Drinkwater	Environment Canada
	Erin Embley	Metro Vancouver
	Leona Sparrow	Musqueam
	Jim Bailey	City of Vancouver
	Brian Naito	Fisheries and Oceans
Secretary	Becky Henwood	Administrative Assistant, YVRAA

Next Regular Meeting: Meeting, Thursday, April 21, 2011, 1:30pm
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Toni Frisby, Co-Chairperson / Date

Marion Town Co-Chairperson / Date

1.0 Introductions and Welcome

Toni Frisby welcomed the Committee. Penny Thompson was introduced as the new representative from Air Canada. Paul Schaap was also re-appointed as a Citizen Representative for Richmond but was unable to attend this meeting.

2.0 Review of Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from the October 21, 2010 regular meeting were approved as distributed.

Action Item: Minutes from the October 21, 2010 meeting will be posted on the internet.

Saleh Haidar requested that presentation materials be distributed to the Committee ahead of meetings. Chair Note: Presentation materials that are available one week prior to the meeting will be forwarded to Committee members.

3.0 2027 Master Plan and Land Use Plan Revisited

Mike Brown provided an overview of the process used to develop YVR's Master Plan and Land Use Plan. The process began in about 2004 and took more than 3 years to complete. The process included a focus on sustainability and was both consultative and collaborative. He explained the use of a sustainability matrix to analyze options against the four pillars of sustainability at YVR including economic, environmental, social, and governance.

The planning and consultation occurred in 4 stages;

- Aspirations of British Columbians,
- Alternatives and Options,
- Draft Master Plan, and
- Final Draft Master Plan.

Mike commented that this planning process is unique and YVR is likely to be one of the few airports in Canada to go through such comprehensive consultations. Although the process was expensive, the Airport Authority has gained valuable insight throughout the process. As part of YVR's ground lease agreement with the Federal Government we are required to update the plan every 10 years.

Citizen representation from Vancouver commented that the Environmental Advisory Committee was widely consulted through all levels of planning and that the process worked very well. However, there seemed to be a focus on airside projects and perhaps some of the groundside developments were not explained in detail during the Master Plan consultations. The Committee questioned

whether the Airport Authority would consider preparing sub-area plans or district land use plans similar to the neighbourhood plans developed by most municipalities after their Official Community Plans. Anne responded that a plan had been developed for the Northlands area in around 2001.

Some Committee members had concerns about future expansion of the airport. Mike commented that the Airport Authority will only build when demand arises.

Attachment: 2027 Master Plan and Land Use Plan Revisited.

4.0 2011 ENV Work Plan: Key Highlights

Toni Frisby provided an overview of the key projects that the Environment Department will be focusing on in 2011. Some of the key environmental projects for 2011 are:

- Bike infrastructure improvements on Sea Island
- Electric Fleet Strategy
- Washroom paper towel diversion feasibility study and pilot
- Quest partnership
- Organic waste assessment
- Sea Island energy opportunities study
- Storage tank upgrade project
- Interceptor flap gates
- Ground Run-up Enclosure
- Noise Information Seminars
- Retail Sustainability Guide
- Website upgrade- sustainability reporting
- Environment Week, Bike to Work Week, Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup

Attachment: 2011 ENV Work Plan: Key Highlights presentation.

5.0 Update on VAFFC Fuel Delivery Project

Simon Robinson updated the Committee on the current status of the VAFFC Fuel Delivery Project. VAFFC has submitted their application to BC Environmental Assessment Office in the second week of January. The application will undergo an initial review by the Ministry and then, if accepted, will be made public in the next 3 weeks. Once the application is accepted, the formal environmental assessment process begins and there will be 180 days to complete the environmental assessment. Public consultations on the project assessment are

expected to occur in late February or early March 2011. The application will be available online and Simon will notify the Committee members when this is available.

Simon also updated the Committee on an accident that occurred in December at the VAFFC tank farm construction site. One of the tanks that is under construction caved in during high winds. Nobody was injured, repairs have been made and construction is continuing on schedule.

Action Item: The Airport Authority to notify Committee members when the VAFFC Environmental Assessment Application is available to the public and when public consultations sessions are scheduled..

6.0 Construction Update

Simon Robinson provided an update on current and upcoming construction projects at the airport. He commented that construction projects are slowing down dramatically. Key construction projects include: demolition of the old Area Control Centre, Ground Run-up Enclosure, and landscaping and fill adjacent to the Templeton Station.

Attachment: Environmental Monitoring Project List.

7.0 Ground Run-Up Enclosure Update

Toni Frisby updated the Committee on the status of the Ground Run-Up Enclosure project. The project was approved by the Board of Directors in late 2010 and is currently in the final design stages. Construction for the project is divided into 3 phases: demolition of existing structures, civil works including realignment of existing roads and utilities, and installation of the structure. Construction is expected to be complete by December 2011.

8.0 Other Business

Simon Robinson provided an update on the Airport Authority's new raptor trapping and relocation program implemented in November 2010. To date, 6 red-tailed hawks have been captured at YVR, tagged, and released near Chilliwack. Two adult hawks have returned to the airport and are now considered to be resident birds.

Action Item: Simon to work with June on an information program for the raptor trapping and relocation program.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 pm.

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List of Attachments:

- *2027 Master Plan and Land Use Plan Revisited presentation*
- *2011 ENV Work Plan: Key Highlights presentation*
- *Environmental Monitoring Project List*