



**To:** Planning Committee **Date:** May 24, 2012

**From:** Brian J. Jackson, MCIP, Acting General Manager  
 Planning & Development **File:** 01-0100-20-ACEN1-01/2012-Vol 01

**Re:** RICHMOND ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT (ACE): 2011 ANNUAL REPORT AND 2012 WORK PLAN

**Staff Recommendation**

That:

- (1) The 2011 Richmond Advisory Committee On The Environment (ACE) Annual Report be received; and
- (2) The 2012 Richmond Advisory Committee On The Environment (ACE) Work Plan be endorsed.

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<b>REVIEWED BY TAG SUBCOMMITTEE</b>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>REVIEWED BY CAO (Deputy)</b>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>

## Staff Report

### Origin

1. The Richmond Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) is required to:
  - present an *Annual Report* (see **Attachment 1**) to City Council, and
  - prepare a *Work Program and Budget* for the coming year (see **Attachment 2**).

### Findings of Fact

#### *Committee Mandate*

The Richmond Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) is appointed for the following purposes:

- to provide advice to City Council on environmental issues of concern to the community;
- to generate independent and credible information on key environmental issues;
- to anticipate and advise Council and staff of potential problems and opportunities for environmental sustainability;
- to review and monitor the existing situation and trends to identify environmental concerns;
- to work with City staff to encourage and co-ordinate public participation in the identification and development of solutions to environmental issues;
- to help enhance public awareness of environmental issues;
- to provide environmental information to the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC); and
- to assist representing the City on the Vancouver International Airport Authority Environmental Advisory Committee (YVREAC).

The Committee consists of:

- Thirteen (13) voting members appointed for (2) year terms;
- One (1) voting member who also sits on the YVREAC, appointed for a two (2) year term (Mr. Saleh Haidar);
- One (1) non-voting member who is an alternate member to the YVREAC, appointed for a two (2) year term (Mr. Paul Shapp); and
- one (1) non-voting Council liaison (Councillor Chak Au).

### Analysis

#### *1. 2011 ACE Annual Report*

- The 2011 ACE Annual Report (see **Attachment 1**) clearly demonstrates a high level of volunteerism, professionalism and commitment to environmental stewardship and promotion in Richmond.

#### *2. 2012 ACE Work Program*

The proposed 2012 ACE Work Program (see **Attachment 2**) is aligned with the Official Community Plan (OCP) (e.g., the 1999 OCP Natural and Human Environment Policies - including effectively managing environmentally sensitive areas of the City),

- The proposed ACE 2012 *Work Program* activities include:
  - Providing input to the 2041 OCP and Environmentally Sensitive Areas Updates;
  - Providing comments to City staff on certain proposed policies (TBD by Council and staff),
  - Providing comments to City staff on proposed development related activities that are located on or near lands that are considered environmentally sensitive,
  - Being kept up to date on the Airport Fuel pipeline proposal.
  - Consider publishing an ACE information brochure to inform the public regarding what the Committee is and does (e.g., general environmental activities, Earth Day, the Salmon Festival),]
  - Communicating with the development community to support sustainable practices (e.g. agricultural related development proposals).

**Financial Impact**

None

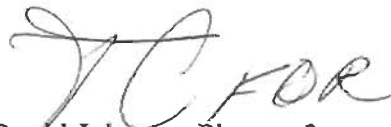
**Conclusion**

ACE:

- has worked diligently to advance the City's 1999 OCP environmental management policies including updating the proposed 2041 OCP ESA Management Strategy
- proposes a positive 2012 Work program.



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## 2011 ANNUAL REPORT

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### Purpose

**Purpose:** The purpose of this update is to report on the Richmond Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) 2011 activities 2011.

**The Year In Review... A Message from the Co-Chairs (Saleh Haidar and Gordon Kibble)**

- *In 2011, ACE applied its environmental knowledge and experience to provide constructive feedback to staff and the development community. Examples include:*
  - *the update on the implementation of the City's Pesticide Bylaw,*
  - *the opportunity to provide feedback on the City's compost pick-up and recycling programs,*
- *As well ACE addressed the matter of better meeting its quorum which it is anticipated to have resolved by an approved amendment to the Committee's Terms of Reference which involved a small reduction in the required attendance at meetings. This will be closely monitored over the next year.*

### 2011 Work Program Highlights

- **Planning Policies:**
  - Through presentations from City staff, ACE provided comments and advice on key City initiatives such as the Pesticide Bylaw, current recycling and composting programs and commented on Smart Meters as requested by Council.
  - The Committee also provided comments on City initiatives such as the District Energy program for the Alexandra Neighbourhood of West Cambie.
  - As City Staff provides the Committee with updates, ACE, as requested and as information becomes available, will stand prepared to provide comments, as necessary and requested.
- **Development Reviews:**
  - ACE provided comments on development related projects that impact, either the foreshore areas of the City, or lands that are environmentally sensitive.
  - Two significant projects that ACE provided comments on were the proposed Richmond Island Marina project, and proposed EcoWaste development in the Fraser Lands area.
- **Education:**
  - With the vast amount of information that is related with the topic of environmental management practice, ACE received information packages on City policies and activities and provided constructive feedback including:
    - The use of pesticides for cosmetic use and who legislate the sale of such products,
    - Recycling and the composting of household waste, to increase collection,
    - Improving the awareness of local initiatives toward environmental protection from Metro Vancouver's Environment and Parks Committee, and the sharing of information through

national news articles.

- **Community Outreach:**
  - ACE members have discussed the opportunity to be more involved in the community as indicated in their Terms of Reference, such as creating:
    - an information brochure that may be distributed to the public at events such as the City’s Earth Day events and the Salmon Festival.
    - an information newsletter to provide public information on environmental protection and sustainability practices was also considered. This discussion will continue in 2012.
- **Terms of Reference Amendment (TOR):**
  - In 2011, the ACE quorum was reduced from eight (8) to seven (7) to better enable ACE to meet its quorum requirements. The solution included a reduction of the main ACE member appointment to the YVR Noise Management Committee. In previous years, this ACE membership was included as a representatives to the YVR NMC. The membership was removed from the recommendation of the “Richmond Airport Noise Citizens Advisory Task Force” and to have this representative report directly to General Purposes Committee. The ACE TOR was amended to reflect the removal of this main, but the required ACE quorum remained. The recent ACE TOR amendment to reduce the required quorum keeps the ratio of member attendance to ACE meetings as before.

**2011 ACE Membership:**

Co- Chair  
S. Haidar (YVR Environment Committee) and G. Kibble

D. Coutts	J. Fisher
P. Grindlay	A. Leung
F. San	P. Schaap (YVR Env. alternate)
G. Sihota	S. Sugita
R. Tse	B. Vernier
C. Wang	Z. Xie
T. Zhong	

Councillor D. Dang, Council Liaison

ATTACHMENT 2

ACE 2012 WORK PROGRAM												
Activities	2012 Calendar											
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
1. Meetings	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
2. Annual Report											X	X
3. Possible Promotion:												
– Earth Day					X							
– Salmon Festival							X					
– Consider a public information Brochure					X							
– Consider a public information Newsletter										X		
– Communicate developers to promote best sustainability practices	Ongoing											
4. Planning and Policy	– Comment on the proposed 2041 OCP ESA update – Other, as requested											
5. Development Reviews	– Review and comment as required											