



TOWN OF VIEW ROYAL

PARKS, RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023 @ 7:00 PM
TEAMS MEETING

AGENDA

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, this Parks, Recreation and Environment Advisory Committee meeting will be held electronically. Should you wish to listen to this meeting by telephone, please use the following phone number and conference ID:

Phone: 778-402-9227

Conference ID Number: 620 743 209#

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
(motion to approve)
- 3. MINUTES, RECEIPT & ADOPTION OF**
 - a) Minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Environment Advisory Committee meeting held January 24, 2023 Pg.3-5
(motion to adopt)
- 4. CHAIR'S REPORT**
- 5. PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**
- 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**
 - a) Step Code Update – Director of Development Services Pg. 6-7
- 7. REPORTS**
 - 7.1 STAFF REPORTS**
 - 7.2 COUNCIL REPORTS**
(motion to receive)
 - a) Minutes of the Council meetings held December 13, 2022 to March 7, 2023.
[View on the Town's website.](#)
- 8. CORRESPONDENCE**

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a) View Royal's Response to Zero Carbon Step Code – Chair
- b) Tree Canopy Protection – L. Jeaurond

10. CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION

11. TERMINATION

Next Parks, Recreation and Environment Advisory Committee Meeting – May 23, 2023



TOWN OF VIEW ROYAL

MINUTES OF THE PARKS, RECREATION & ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ELECTRONICALLY ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023

PRESENT: R. Bickel
I. Brown
L. Jeurond
J. Snyder
Councillor Kowalewich, Council Liaison

REGRETS: E. Kuiack

ALSO PRESENT: I. Leung, Director of Engineering
J. Paterson, Recording Secretary

0 members of the public
0 members of the press

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOVED BY: L. Jeurond
SECONDED: J. Snyder

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3. **MINUTES, RECEIPT & ADOPTION OF**

a) Minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Environment Advisory Committee meeting held November 22, 2022

MOVED BY: J. Snyder
SECONDED: R. Bickel

THAT the minutes of the Parks, Recreation and Environment Advisory Committee meeting held November 22, 2022 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

5. **PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

7. **REPORTS**

7.1 **STAFF REPORTS**

7.2 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

a) Minutes of the Council meetings held November 15, 2022 to December 6, 2022

MOVED BY: L. Jeurond
SECONDED: J. Snyder

THAT the minutes of the Council meetings held November 15, 2022 to December 6, 2022 be received.

CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

9. NEW BUSINESS

a) Town Endorsement of the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty

The Committee discussed the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty campaign (<https://campaign.fossilfuel treaty.org/>), an international climate policy proposal started in 2019, that they have now read more about since the November 22, 2022 Committee meeting. The Committee supports the campaign's three pillar initiative – non-proliferation, fair phase-out, and just transition – and believes Council should endorse it as the campaign seeks to achieve the phasing out of fossil fuels and a peaceful, global transition to renewable energy.

MOVED BY: I. Brown
SECONDED: L. Jeaurond

PREAC-01-23 THAT the Committee recommend to Council that the Town of View Royal endorse the "Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty initiative."

CARRIED

b) Recommend Update to View Royal Parks and Trails Map to Include New Facilities

The Committee discussed updating the View Royal Parks and Trails map to include new municipal trails and facilities that are not currently listed. The Director of Engineering noted that the Active Transportation Network Plan may provide connectivity and highlight trails as important amenities.

MOVED BY: I. Brown
SECONDED: J. Snyder

PREAC-02-23 THAT the Committee recommend to Council that staff update the View Royal Parks and Trails map to include new public trails and facilities.

CARRIED

c) Information Updates

1. Hospital Trail from Erskine Lane

The Director of Engineering provided an update on the potential to open the Capital Regional District's watermain land that traverses 9 Erskine Lane and private property (2 Hospital Way) for a public use trail.

2. Brydon Road Access from Nursery Hill Park

The Director of Engineering advised the Committee that the proposed trail from Brydon Road to Nursery Hill Park was in the 2022-2026 Financial Plan for completion in 2024 (C-091) and will be discussed again during the upcoming 2023-2027 Financial Plan budget deliberations.

3. Climate Action Strategy Upgrade Section 3.1.1 – Require that New Buildings Meet Step Code 5 (unless they commit to no fossil fuel installation in the building)

The Committee discussed the Climate Action Strategy and the possibility of the Town moving to Step Code 5 more quickly than planned. The Committee requested an update from the Director of Development Services regarding the Step Code at the next Parks, Recreation & Environment Advisory Committee meeting.

d) Committee Walkabout to View Trails in the Community

The Committee discussed the Chair scheduling a walkabout in February for PREAC members to note public trails that may not already be included in the Town's Parks and Trails map.

10. CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION

11. TERMINATION

MOVED BY: L. Jeurond

SECONDED: J. Snyder

THAT this meeting now terminate at 7:43 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDING SECRETARY



TOWN OF VIEW ROYAL MEMO TO PARKS, RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TO: PREAC

DATE: March 21, 2023

FROM: Leanne Taylor
Director of Development Services

MEETING DATE: March 28, 2023

Step Code Update

BACKGROUND

This report is to provide an update to the Parks, Recreation and Environment Advisory Committee (PREAC) on the Town of View Royal's commitment to meeting BC Energy Step Code.

At the PREAC meeting on January 24, 2023, the Committee requested the following:

The Committee discussed the Climate Action Strategy and the possibility of the Town moving to Step Code 5 more quickly than planned. The Committee requested an update from the Director of Development Services regarding the Step Code at the next Parks, Recreation & Environment Advisory Committee meeting.

COMMENTS

The BC Energy Step Code is an optional compliance path in the BC Building Code that local governments may use to incentivize or require a level of energy efficiency in new construction that goes above and beyond the requirements of the BC Building Code.

The Town is committed to taking steps to increase energy-efficiency in new buildings and added the Province's Energy Step Code performance requirements in the Building Bylaw, which came into effect on January 1, 2023. New Part 9 Buildings (i.e., single-family dwellings, duplexes and townhouses) and wood frame residential buildings up to 6 storeys must meet BC Energy Step Code 3 and new Part 3 buildings (other residential and commercial buildings) must comply with Step Code 2.

In addition to the BC Energy Step Code, the Province will introduce a new "Zero Carbon Step Code" in May 2023, which will be an optional Step Code for local governments to reduce reliance on fossil fuels in new buildings. The proposed Provincial carbon pollution standards will set a maximum annual amount of greenhouse gas emissions that each building is allowed to emit.

Locally, the City of Victoria and District of Saanich are moving towards BC Energy Step Code 3 and low carbon for Part 9 Buildings in July 2023, and low carbon for Part 3 Buildings in July 2024. At the City of Victoria, the adoption of higher steps of the BC Energy Step Code will follow the Provincial adoption schedule, which is to meet BC Energy Step Code 5 by 2032. Whereas,

carbon pollution standards will be implemented over several years, reaching the highest standards (zero carbon ready) for most new buildings by July 2025.

CONCLUSION

Adopting BC Energy Step Code standards further advance the Town's commitments to reducing energy use and emissions in buildings. Staff will review the Province's opt-in Zero Carbon Step Code and the implementation of BC Energy Step Code and Zero Carbon Step Code in Saanich and Victoria, and bring forward a report to Council in the future. Accelerating to Step Code 5 before 2032 would require further engagement with the local building and development industry, and needs to be considered in conjunction with other policies and bylaws for improving energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions from new buildings to best meet the Town's climate action goals.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Taylor", is enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Leanne Taylor, RPP MCIP
Director of Development Services