



**THE ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND GEOSCIENTISTS
OF BC**

MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.

Read Jones Christoffersen, 1285 West Broadway, Vancouver, BC

Present

Romilly Cavanaugh, P.Eng (Chair)
James Grant, P.Eng.
Conor Reynolds, P.Eng. (via teleconference)
Mark Porter, P.Eng.

Terry Molstad, P.Eng.
Graeme Scott, P.Eng
Shiva Tiwari, EIT

Regrets

Corey Aurala, P.Eng.
Geoff Smallwood, P.Eng.
Michael Blackman, P.Eng.
Alistair Kent, P.Eng.
Vidya Rangayyan, EIT

Guests

Lisa Brown, Vancouver Board of Trade, Sustainability Committee
Allan Francis, AIBC
Kerri Trace, AScT, Stantec (via teleconference)
Jessica Woolliams, Cascadia Green Building Council

Megan Archibald, APEGBC
Laurel Buss, APEGBC

1.0 Introductions

Two guests attended the meeting. Lisa Brown from the Vancouver Board of Trade, Sustainability Committee and Jessica Woolliams from Cascadia Green Building Council.

2.0 Approval of November 12, 2009 Agenda

It was moved, seconded (Graeme Scott, Mark Porter) that the agenda be approved with the following amendments:

- 6.3 Guest Presentation – Jessica Woolliams with Cascadia Green Building Council
- 8.0 Add Task Spreadsheet and APEGBC Sustainability Guidelines to Action Plan

2.1.1 Environment Committee Presentation

There will be a presentation at the next Climate Change Task Force Committee in regards to Canada's Offset System for Green House Gases. This meeting is open for sustainability committee members to attend. Mark and Graeme expressed interest in attending.

3.0 Approval of Sept. 17, 2009 minutes

It was moved and seconded (Graeme Scott, James Grant) that the minutes from September 17, 2009 be approved with the following revisions:

- 6.2 Correction to the spelling of Cascadia Green Building Council.
- 7.0 Remove “5 years” from resource discussion.
- 7.0 Add the word “practice” to requirements.

4.0 Education

4.1 CPD

The committee will continue to call for presenters and focus their efforts on re-incorporating the sustainability guidelines into the law and ethics seminar.

4.1.1 Bike Lane Design

APEGBC and Shiva Tiwari met with Cara Fisher of BC Recreation and Parks Association and Erin Moxon of the Ministry of Transportation. They would like to set up a full or half day course on bike lane design in major cities and are currently working to determine what content is a top priority as well as where the best venue would be. The proposed course date will be sometime in spring or later fall of 2010.

4.1.2 Law & Ethics

Mark, Conor and Terry will meet in the coming weeks to discuss the Law & Ethics seminar content and to ensure that it is in tandem with the Sustainability Guidelines. The next Law & Ethics seminar is in December.

Vidya and Conor are stepping down from the Education subcommittee.

4.2 Annual Conference Update

Romilly thanked everyone who helped out with the booth at the Annual Conference. The sustainability streams were well attended and overall the booth was a success.

The following suggestions were made for next year:

- Incorporate new topic ideas into the sustainability streams.
- Have a banner at the booth that includes committee’s mission statement.
- Find new ways to effectively communicate videos so that they may run on their own.
- Advertise ahead of time that the Sustainability Committee will be at the conference to create excitement.
- Participate in the exhibitor’s draw and give away a sustainable prize.
- Start the planning process earlier in the year.

ACTION: Graeme Scott will send the contact information gathered at the booth of those interested in joining or learning more about the committee to Romilly.

ACTION: Laurel Buss will bring the remaining business cards to the next meeting for Romilly.

5.0 Regulations

5.1 Climate Change Task Force

The Climate Change Task Force Report is going to council in December.

ACTION: Megan Archibald will send draft report to the Committee.

6.0 Communication

6.1 AIBC Update

AIBC is in the process of establishing terms of reference for their committee and integrating sustainability into their own continuing education requirements. There is an opportunity for the committee and AIBC to be flexible in how they may communicate and relate, as there are many parallel efforts. AIBC would like to focus topics at their upcoming conference on climate change and green house gas effects and as such there may be an opportunity for the committee to contribute ideas. The committee will consider a joint meeting with AIBC to keep the lines of communication open.

6.2 Building for Sustainable Living Salon

There is no update at this time.

6.3 Lisa Brown, Vancouver Board of Trade

Lisa Brown attended the meeting as a guest from the Vancouver Board of Trade, Sustainability Committee. Their members are interested in learning how they can brand themselves and act in a more sustainable manner. Some of the topics they've reviewed include: waste, transportation, food security and energy. Their main objective is to develop board policy. They are currently developing a sustainable transportation policy, which is scheduled to go to Executive in December. Lisa is interested in having a continued connection with the APEGBC Sustainability.

6.4 Jessica Woolliams, Cascadia Green Building Council

Jessica Woolliams made a presentation to the committee about the Cascadia Green Building Council. With 400 individual members, they are the largest and oldest chapter of the Canada and US Green Building Council.

This week Cascadia launched 2.0 of the Living Building Challenge, which is beyond LEED Platinum. Those interested in more information can visit Cascadia's website.

In an effort to effectively reach out to APEGBC members through advertising in the Connections email, Jessica was interested in knowing if there were any reduced rates for non-profit organizations. Megan Archibald suggested that Cascadia include their seminars, training and events on APEGBC's events calendar which is free of charge.

The committee is always looking for speakers and will look into the possibility of having Cascadia participate in a CPD sustainability seminar.

ACTION: Megan Archibald will speak with Connections ad representative to see if there is any opportunity for a reduced rate.

7.0 Resources

APEGBC Guidelines for Sustainability

The guidelines discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

8.0 Action Plan

8.1 Task Spreadsheet

The committee continued to discuss areas of high priority for the Action Plan. These areas include: Education and Resources, Awards, Regulation and Communications

9.0 Other Business

No other business.

10.0 Next meeting

December 10th at 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.