

The agenda for the **Committee of the Whole (Planning Committee – Environmental Agencies)** meeting to be held in the **Conference Room** of the Municipal Hall, 8645 Stave Lake Street, Mission, British Columbia on Monday, January 30, 2012, commencing at 3:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3. NEW BUSINESS

Objective: The objective of the meeting is to provide Council with a greater understanding of the decision making processes for Canadian Environmental Assessment Act Approvals, Fisheries Act Authorizations, and BC Water Act Approvals with specific context made to the proposed Wren Creek development.

(a) Introductions

(b) Agency Updates on Wren Creek File (5 minutes each)

(c) Agency Approval Processes and Timelines

i. Description of process & timelines by Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Environment Canada and Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (5 minutes each)

ii. Comparison of public projects (Highway 1 Widening) vs. private projects (Wren Creek) in terms of decision making criteria (5 minutes each)

iii. How are economic implications accounted for in the decision making process? (5 minutes each)

iv. Options for appealing decisions (5 minutes each)

(d) Species at Risk (SAR) Act and its implications for local government land use decisions

Discussion Points: (5 minutes each)

i. There appears to be conflicting requirements depending on the location of a proposed development. If a development proposal does not have a trigger for a CEAA (i.e.: Fisheries Act Authorization) there is no legal obligation to consider Species at Risk unless very specific provisions of the Act are implemented.

ii. Need for provincial or federal legislation if SAR is to be considered equitably for developers and the species. i.e.: Local governments do not have the authority to implement SAR specific bylaws.

(e) Related Discussion

4. ADJOURNMENT