



# MINUTES

(As amended on December 10, 2013)

## ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2013 – 9 A.M.**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER**

**SECOND FLOOR, CIVIC CENTRE**

300 CITY CENTRE DRIVE, MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO, L5B 3C1

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MEMBERS/AGENCY LIAISONS

PRESENT:

Councillor George Carlson, Ward 11 (CHAIR)  
Michael DeWit, Citizen Member (VICE-CHAIR)  
Councillor Jim Tovey, Ward 1  
Dr. Brad Bass, Citizen Member  
Elaine Hanson, Sheridan College, Office for Sustainability  
Lea Ann Mallett, Citizen Member  
Maureen Ricker, Citizen Member  
Carl Rodgers, Citizen Member  
Val Ohori, Citizen Member  
Steven Jia, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance  
Amy Zi-Xuan Liou, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance

MEMBERS/AGENCY LIAISONS:

Stephanie Crocker, EcoSource

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councillor Frank Dale, Ward 4 (Other Municipal Business)  
Lucia Salvati, University of Toronto Mississauga

STAFF PRESENT:

Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment Division  
Mary Bracken, Environmental Specialist  
Andrea J. MacLeod, Environmental Specialist  
Julius Lindsay, Community Energy Specialist

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CALL TO ORDER – 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Approved** (Councillor J. Tovey)

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT (OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST – Nil

PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS

A. 2013 Community Garden Program Update:

Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment Division, Community Services Department advised the Committee that the Environment Division has three budget requests for 2014. One of these requests is to support the development and programming of new community gardens by EcoSource. The funding request will ensure three new gardens every year.

Stephanie Crocker, Executive Director, and Carolyn Bailey, Associate Director, Ecosource, provided a PowerPoint update on the 2013 Community Garden Program. A short video was screened showing students participating in organic gardening helping to grow fresh produce, weeding and harvesting crops as well as learning about soil, composting and crop rotation.

The intent of the program is for a community garden located in each ward of the City.

The Committee raised the following issues/comments:

- Selection process for space;
- Innovations such as rooftop gardens, living walls and container gardening where public park space is not available;
- Students add innovation and new ideas;
- Providing recreation for communities, older adults and the youth;
- Funding options

Ms. Crocker, Ms. Bailey and Ms. Osborne responded to the above noted comments.

The Chair thanked Ms. Crocker and Ms. Bailey for their presentation.

Recommendation

EAC-0045-2013

That the PowerPoint and Video update from Stephanie Crocker, Executive Director, and Carolyn Bailey, Associate Director, Ecosource, with respect to the 2013 Community Garden Program, to the Environmental Advisory Committee on November 5, 2013, be received.

**Received** (Dr. B. Bass)

MATTERS CONSIDERED1. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on October 1, 2013.

**Approved** (M. DeWitt)

2. Drive-Through Facilities – Appeals to Mississauga Official Plan

Angela Dietrich, Manager of City-wide Planning, Planning and Building Department, reviewed the highlights of the settlement, with respect to Drive-Through Facilities, between the City and Quick Service Restaurants (QSR) composed of McDonalds Restaurants of Canada Limited, A&W Food Services Canada Inc., Wendy's Restaurants of Canada, TDL Group Corporation and the Ontario Restaurant Hotel and Motel Association. This was as a result of a decision issued by the Ontario Municipal Board on July 8, 2013 regarding appeals to the Mississauga Official Plan (MOP).

Recommendation

EAC-0046-2013

That the Memorandum dated October 23, 2013 from John Calvert, Director, Policy Planning Division, Planning and Building Department, with respect to Drive-Through Facilities – Appeals to Mississauga Official Plan, be received.

**Received** (V. Ohori)

3. Draft Public Environment Survey

Ms. Osborne advised that online surveys will be a useful tool for benchmarking and measurement purposes. Previous research had been conducted by Environics and the Environment Division wish to continue to survey the community on the importance of environmental initiatives. She noted that the survey will be conducted once annually in the fall.

The Committee made the following comments:

- Ensuring appropriate phrasing such as 'improving' as opposed to 'protecting' the environment;
- Application of demographics, level of education, residency, age, gender, etc., to determine level of engagement;
- Linking environment to sustainable employment;
- Using a rating system to determine level of importance;
- Providing links for more information against survey questions
- Provide space for respondents to address any area not covered in the survey;
- Font size

Ms. Osborne thanked the Committee members for their input.

**Recommendation**

EAC-0046-2013

That the Draft Public Environment Survey Questionnaire from Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment Division, Community Services Department, and feedback from the Environmental Advisory Committee dated November 5, 2013, be received.

**Received** (Councillor Tovey)4. **Conference Update**

Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment Division, Community Services Department, provided a verbal update with respect to upcoming conferences. She noted that Environmental Division staff will be making a presentation on the Let Your Green Show Awareness campaign at the A.D. Latornell Conservation Symposium. As well, that staff will also be attending the Quality Urban Energy Systems of Tomorrow (QUEST) Conference promoting community energy planning, as well as moderating a session on Retrofitting Suburbia.

5. **EAC Offsite Planning Session**

Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment Division, Community Services Department, advised that an educational tour has been arranged with the Region of Peel on Saturday, November 16, 2013 of the G.E. Booth (Lakeview) Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Lakeview Water Treatment Plant. She advised that an itinerary of the day's events will be forwarded to Committee members shortly. Lunch will be provided.

6. **Upcoming Agenda Items and Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) Role**

Chart from Environment staff with respect to upcoming agenda items and Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) role.

Ms. Osborne advised that with respect to the campaign to place stickers on gas nozzles at gas stations, she was awaiting legal direction prior to reporting back to EAC. The Committee requested staff to continue to track the findings of Dr. Sherri Mason, Professor of Chemistry, SUNY Fredonia, New York, with respect to her research on plastic sampling in the Great Lakes.

**Recommendation**

EAC-0047-2013

That the chart from Environment staff with respect to upcoming agenda items and Environmental Advisory Committee (EA) role, be received.

**Received** (Lea Ann Mallett)

7. Status of Outstanding Issues from the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC)

Chart dated November 5, 2013 from Mumtaz Alikhan, Legislative Coordinator, Environmental Advisory Committee, with respect to the status of outstanding issues from the Environmental Advisory Committee.

Recommendation

EAC-0048-2013

That the chart dated November 5, 2013 from Mumtaz Alikhan, Legislative Coordinator, Environmental Advisory Committee, with respect to the status of outstanding issues from the Environmental Advisory Committee, be received.

**Received** (Dr. B. Bass)

INFORMATION ITEMS(a) Municipal Energy Plan Program

Julius Lindsay, Community Energy Specialist, advised that after reviewing the Program, staff has decided not to apply for funding, as had previously been indicated, because the Ministry was targeting smaller municipalities of 150,000 population or less at this time.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 9 a.m., Council Chamber

OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

ADJOURNMENT – 10:26 a.m. (M. Ricker)