

MINUTES



ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2014 – 9:00 A.M.

COMMITTEE ROOM 'A'

SECOND FLOOR, CIVIC CENTRE

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

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MEMBERS

Councillor George Carlson, Ward 11 (CHAIR)
Councillor Jim Tovey, Ward 1 (Left at 10:21am)
Brad Bass, Citizen Member
Lea Ann Mallett, Citizen Member
Maureen Ricker, Citizen Member
Val Otori, Citizen Member
Carl Rodgers, Citizen Member
Amy Zi-Xuan Liou, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance

AGENCY LIAISONS PRESENT:

Stephanie Crocker, EcoSource

ABSENT:

Michael DeWit, Citizen Member (VICE-CHAIR)
Councillor Frank Dale, Ward 4
André Plante, Office for Sustainability, Sheridan College
Lucia Salvati, University of Toronto Mississauga
Steven Jia, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance

STAFF PRESENT:

Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment Division
Julius Lindsay, Community Energy Specialist

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CALL TO ORDER - 9:04 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair noted two additions to the Agenda - Weed Control Act as Item 5, and under Items for Information, the Director of Environment Division had details with respect to the Environmental Community Appreciation evening.

Approved (Councillor J. Tovey)

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - Nil

PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS

- A. Presentation on Earth Days by Vivian Peets, Public Relations Coordinator, Communications Division, and Stephanie Crocker, Executive Director, EcoSource

Ms. Peets gave a PowerPoint Presentation on Four Earth Day events planned in the City which are a Kick-Off Media Opportunity in partnership with EcoSource at the Huntington Ridge Public School on April 17, 2014; 20-Minute Mississauga Makeover encouraging residents to pick up litter around their workplaces, schools, parks, etc. on April 22, 2014 with City employees participating on April 29, 2014; a Transit Litter Blitz educating travelers on fines for littering; and celebrating the success of the One Million Trees Planting Program on April 26, 2014. She noted that residents are encouraged to visit the City's website: Mississauga.ca/earthdays.

Ms. Crocker outlined the various programs that EcoSource is involved in and extended an invitation to the Committee to the various Spring Events in April including the Peel Food Charter Discussion in partnership with the Region of Peel's Poverty Task Force, a Garden Workshop, EcoSource Spring Open House, and in May, the Community Gardens Opening Days. More details can be found at Ecosource.ca.

Committee members asked how local communities and seniors groups are being engaged to participate in community gardens. Ms. Crocker responded that a social media campaign was launched to attract young residents, and a new Community Cultivators Program, composed of individuals in the community with gardening experience, along with the EcoSource staff, will be focusing on community engagement. EcoSource has also worked with the Sahara Seniors Group.

Recommendation

EAC-0006-2014

That the presentation on Earth Days by Vivian Peets, Public Relations Coordinator, Communications Division, and Stephanie Crocker, Executive Director, EcoSource be received for information.

Received (C. Rodgers)

MATTERS CONSIDERED1. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting held on February 4, 2014****Approved** (B. Bass)2. **Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Update**

Julius Lindsay, Community Energy Specialist, noted that the Region of Peel is currently preparing an update on the Peel Climate Change Strategy and a report of results specific to Mississauga is provided to the Committee.

Recommendation

EAC-0007-2014

That the report dated March 18, 2014, from the Commissioner of Community Services entitled, "Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Update" be received for information.

Received (L. Mallett)3. **2014 Provincial EAC Symposium – May 3, 2014**

Brenda Osborne, Director of Environment Division spoke to the matter. She noted that it is an opportunity to share ideas and successes. She requested Committee members to advise her if they wished to attend. Ms. Osborne advised that the Symposium will feature a number of speakers throughout the day. The Peel Environmental Youth Alliance will also be presenting.

Recommendation

EAC-0008-2014

That the invitation to the 2014 Provincial Environmental Advisory Committee Symposium hosted by the Brampton Environmental Planning Advisory Committee be received.

Received (V. Ohori)4. **Upcoming Agenda Items****Recommendation**

EAC-0009-2014

That the chart from Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment Division with respect to pending and upcoming agenda items be received for information.

Received (C. Rodgers)

5. Weed Control Act

Eva Kliwer, Planner, Policy Planning Division, noted that the Ministry of Agriculture and Food is seeking to remove milkweed from its list of Noxious Weeds, and to add the dog-strangling vine. The Committee expressed its support of the updates.

Recommendation

EAC-0010-2014

That the Environmental Advisory Committee supports a submission to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food to update the schedule of Noxious Weeds under the *Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. W.5* to remove milkweed and add dog-strangling vine.

Approved (Councillor J. Tovey)

INFORMATION ITEMSEnvironmental Community Appreciation Evening

Ms. Osborne advised that the Environmental Community Appreciation evening has been scheduled for June, 4, 2014, in the C-Banquet, 12th Floor, City Hall and more details will be provided to the Committee at its meeting in May.

Recommendation

EAC-0011-2014

That the verbal update from Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment Division regarding the Environmental Advisory Committee Recognition Event be received for information.

Received (Councillor J. Tovey)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, May 6, 2014 at 9 a.m., Council Chambers

OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Tovey congratulated Dr. Brad Bass and Mrs. Maureen Ricker for their awards at the Conservation Valley Conservation Authority's Awards Event.

ADJOURNMENT – 9:27 a.m. (L. Mallett)