

# MINUTES



## ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

**TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2015 9:42 A.M.**

**COMMITTEE ROOM 'A'**

**SECOND FLOOR, CIVIC CENTRE**

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

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### MEMBERS

Councillor Matt Mahoney, Ward 8 (CHAIR)  
Councillor George Carlson, Ward 11 (VICE-CHAIR)  
Councillor Jim Tovey, Ward 1  
Charles Cooper, Citizen Member  
Chelsea Dalton, Citizen Member  
Lea Ann Mallett, Citizen Member  
Nishila Mehta, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Brad Bass, Citizen Member

### STAFF PRESENT:

Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment Division  
Julius Lindsay, Community Energy Specialist, Environment Division  
Chris Pyke, Waste Management Coordinator, Environment Division  
Vivian Peets, Communications  
Jamie Ferguson, Acting Natural Areas/One Million Trees Coordinator, Parks and Forestry  
Jessica McEachren, Acting Manager, Forestry  
Jessika Corkum-Gorrill, Environmental Specialist, Environment Division

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CALL TO ORDER – 9:42 a.m.

Karen Morden, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk called the meeting to order in the absence of a Chair of the Environmental Action Committee.

APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR

Ms. Morden, Legislative Coordinator, called for nominations for appointment to the office of the Chair of the Environmental Action Committee for the term ending November 30, 2018.

Councillor Carlson nominated Councillor Mahoney and Councillor Mahoney accepted the nomination.

No further nominations were received.

RECOMMENDATION

That Councillor Matt Mahoney, Ward 8, be appointed Chair of the Environmental Action Committee for the term ending November 30, 2018 or until a successor is appointed.

Approved (Councillor Tovey)  
Recommendation EAC-0001-2015

APPOINTMENT OF THE VICE-CHAIR

Ms. Morden called for nominations for appointment to the office of the Vice-Chair of the Environmental Action Committee for the term ending November 30, 2018.

Councillor Mahoney nominated Councillor Carlson and Councillor Carlson accepted the nomination.

No further nominations were received.

RECOMMENDATION

That Councillor George Carlson, Ward 11, be appointed Vice-Chair of the Environmental Action Committee for the term ending November 30, 2018 or until a successor is appointed.

Approved (C. Dalton)  
Recommendation EAC-0002-2015

Councillor Mahoney took over as Chair of the Environmental Action Committee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved (C. Cooper)

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Nil.DEPUTATIONS

- A. Christopher Davidson, Evidence for Democracy with respect to Climate Change and Stormwater.

Mr. Davidson made a PowerPoint presentation with respect to Climate Change and Stormwater, commenting on responding to climate change, stormwater design, impacts and risks, solutions and next steps.

Mr. Davidson briefly explained stormwater design noting that pipes and overland flow were used and that sizing was based on risk and needs using Intensity Duration Frequency (IDF) Curve statistics from Environment Canada, which are based on historic records. Mr. Davidson spoke to the risks of property damage, the health and safety of residents and the liability involved and noted that Environment Canada is in need of updated IDF Curve statistics, yet are not mandated at this time to do so.

Discussion in support of requesting Environment Canada to update IDF Curve statistics ensued amongst members and a recommendation was agreed upon.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the PowerPoint presentation by Christopher Davidson, P.Eng, Evidence for Democracy entitled, “Climate Change and Stormwater” to the Environmental Action Committee on April 7, 2015 be received;
2. That Environment Canada be requested to address the issue of climate change, specifically to update the Intensity Duration Frequency (IDF) Curves to facilitate municipal design standards for Stormwater Management.

Referred (L. Mallett)

Recommendation EAC-0003-2015

- B. Lisa Brusse, Credit Valley Conservation with respect to ecological landscaping programs: Your Green Yard and Greening Corporate Grounds.

Ms. Brusse made a PowerPoint presentation entitled, “Grow Back to Nature!”. Ms. Brusse spoke to the programs and services offered by Credit Valley Conservation, specifically to the “Your Green Yard” initiative that focuses on ecological landscaping at home and the “Greening Corporate Grounds” initiative that focuses on ecological landscaping at work. Ms. Brusse was advised that Credit Valley Conservation could list their community events on the City’s Community Events Calendar.

RECOMMENDATION

That the PowerPoint presentation by Lisa Brusse, Manager Landowner Outreach, Credit Valley Conservation Authority entitled, "Grow Back to Nature!" to the Environmental Action Committee on April 7, 2015 be received.

Received (C. Cooper)

Recommendation EAC-0004-2015

- C. Vivian Peets, Public Relations Coordinator, Communications with respect to Earth Days 2015 and Earth Markets.

Ms. Peets made a PowerPoint presentation entitled, "Earth Days '15". Ms. Peets spoke to the various events happening around the City of Mississauga during Earth Days including the kick-off media opportunity at Stephen Lewis Secondary School and Applewood School, the 20-Minute Makeover on April 22, 2015, the #SaugaEarthDays15 Twitter Chat, Litter Awareness Blitz, and One Million Trees Planting event.

Jessika Corkum-Gorrill, Environmental Specialist, Environment Division announced the City's first Earth Market taking place on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at Iceland Arena. EAC Members were invited to attend the free event featuring workshops, information booths, live music, a film screening, local food and green activities suitable for all ages.

RECOMMENDATION

That the PowerPoint presentation by Vivian Peets, Public Relations Coordinator, Communications entitled, "Earth Days '15" to the Environmental Action Committee on April 7, 2015 be received.

Received (L. Mallett)

Recommendation EAC-0005-2015

- D. Jamie Ferguson, Acting Natural Areas/One Million Trees Coordinator, Parks and Forestry with respect to the Mississauga Arboretum and Memorial Forest Master Plan and Implementation Strategy.

Mr. Ferguson made a PowerPoint presentation entitled, "Mississauga Arboretum and Memorial Forest Master Plan and Implementation Strategy".

Mr. Ferguson outlined the purpose and guiding documents with respect to the plan and implementation strategy and described the progress to date. Mr. Ferguson noted that the Memorial Forest could have dedicated sections opposed to individual tree dedications and mentioned the Guelph Memorial Garden and their partnership with a local funeral home that holds commemorations once or twice per year.

Councillor Tovey inquired whether the City of Mississauga has considered developing a tree farm which was confirmed by Jessica McEachren, Acting Manager, Forestry who noted that most of the property in that location isn't conducive to a tree farm.

RECOMMENDATION

That the PowerPoint Presentation by Jamie Ferguson, Acting Natural Areas/One Million Trees Coordinator, Parks and Forestry entitled, "Mississauga Arboretum and Memorial Forest Master Plan and Implementation Strategy" to the Environmental Action Committee on April 7, 2015 be received.

Received (C. Cooper)

Recommendation EAC-0006-2015

MATTERS CONSIDERED1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

1.1 Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee held on June 10, 2014.

Approved (Councillor Carlson)

2. Environmental Action Committee Terms of Reference

Environmental Action Committee Terms of Reference.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Terms of Reference for the Environmental Action Committee be approved as presented.

Approved (C. Cooper)

Recommendation EAC-0007-2015

3. Group Member Appointments to Environmental Action Committee

Corporate Report dated March 11, 2015 from the Commissioner of Community Services entitled, "Group Member Appointments to Environmental Action Committee".

Members of the Environmental Action Committee discussed potential Group Member Appointments to the Committee. The four community groups were decided upon were EcoSource, Credit Valley Conservation Authority, Partners in Project Green, and The Little Green Schoolhouse.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report dated March 11, 2015, from the Commissioner of Community Services, entitled Group Member Appointments to Environmental Action Committee, be received for information;
2. That the existing members of the Environmental Action Committee have selected and will approach EcoSource, Credit Valley Conservation Authority, Partners in Project Green, and The Little Green Schoolhouse to appoint a representative to EAC.

Referred (Councillor Carlson)

Recommendation EAC-0008-2015

4. Provincial Environmental Advisory Committee Symposium

Email dated February 19, 2015 from Prabh Banga, Sustainability Coordinator, City of Markham with respect to the Provincial Environmental Advisory Committee Symposium on Saturday, May 2, 2105.

Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment Division spoke briefly to the upcoming Provincial Environmental Advisory Committee Symposium and encouraged EAC Members to attend. Chelsea Dalton, Citizen Member and Lea Ann Mallett, Citizen Member expressed interest in attending the symposium.

RECOMMENDATION

That the email dated February 19, 2015 from Prabh Banga, Sustainability Coordinator, City of Markham with respect to the Provincial Environmental Advisory Committee Symposium be received for information.

Received (Councillor Tovey)

Recommendation EAC-0009-2015

5. Provincial Consultations on Climate Change Update

Memorandum dated March 27, 2015 from Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment Division with respect to Provincial Consultations on Climate Change Update.

RECOMMENDATION

That the memorandum dated March 27, 2015 from Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment Division with respect to Provincial Consultations on Climate Change Update be received for information.

Received (C. Cooper)

Recommendation EAC-0010-2015

6. Environmental Action Committee 2015 Meeting Dates

Memorandum dated April 1, 2015 from Karen Morden, Legislative Coordinator, with respect to the 2015 meeting dates of the Environmental Action Committee.

Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment Division noted the addition of a July meeting of the Environmental Action Committee to be held on July 7, 2015 at 9:30 AM in the Council Chambers.

RECOMMENDATION

That the memorandum dated April 1, 2015 from Karen Morden, Legislative Coordinator with respect to the 2015 meeting dates of the Environmental Action Committee be received for information.

Received (Councillor Carlson)  
Recommendation EAC-0011-2015

INFORMATION ITEMS – Nil

OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment Division, spoke to the development of the Environmental Action Committee Work Plan and noted that Karyn Stock-MacDonald, Business and Innovation Coach, would facilitate a work planning session for the Committee at the June 9, 2015 meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, May 5, 2015 – 9:30 AM, Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT – 11:16 AM