

MINUTES



ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2015 9:33 A.M.

COMMITTEE ROOM B

SECOND FLOOR, CIVIC CENTRE

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Matt Mahoney, Ward 8 (CHAIR)
Councillor George Carlson, Ward 11 (VICE-CHAIR)
Brad Bass, Citizen Member
Charles Cooper, Citizen Member
Chelsea Dalton, Citizen Member
Rozhin Rasekhi, University of Toronto Mississauga
Dave Beaton, Credit Valley Conservation
Joanne Deidun-Roork, The Little Green Schoolhouse

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councillor Jim Tovey, Ward 1
Carolyn Bailey, Ecosource
Alex Dumesle, Partners in Project Green
Lea Ann Mallett, Citizen Member
Nishila Mehta, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance

STAFF PRESENT:

Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment Division
Muneeb Ahmad, Water Resources Engineer
Mary Bracken, Environmental Specialist
Jessika Corkum-Gorrill, Environmental Specialist
Karyn Stock-MacDonald, Business and Innovation Coach
Diana Suzuki, Environmental Outreach Coordinator
Lisa Urbani, Environmental Research Assistant
Erica Warsh, Transportation Demand Management Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT:

Shannon Logan, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
Angie Sanchez, Ecosource
Eric Meliton, Partners in Project Green

CONTACT PERSON: Karen Morden, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk

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CALL TO ORDER – 9:33 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved (C. Cooper)

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Nil.

DEPUTATIONS

A. Sustainable Neighbourhood Retrofit Action Plan (SNAP)

Muneeb Ahmad, Water Resources Engineer, Transportation and Works provided an overview of the Sustainable Neighbourhood Retrofit Action Plan (SNAP).

Mr. Ahmad noted the primary goal of SNAP as working with residents to create sustainable neighbourhoods and the intent to have the action plan focus on the long-term regarding the expansion of the natural heritage in Mississauga with three guiding themes; Residential Resilience (adapting to climate change through green actions at home, Food Tower Connection (enabling local food production and sharing, in towers and across the neighbourhood), and Occupying the Street (creating green and more vibrant streets over time).

Mr. Ahmad provided local examples of neighbourhood successes such as the Burnhamthorpe SNAP and the importance of focus groups, community engagement, and partnerships with other organizations to build on existing programs.

Mr. Ahmad asked for endorsement of the Sustainable Neighbourhood Retrofit Action Plan from the Environmental Action Committee and a recommendation for Council endorsement.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Prezi presentation by Muneeb Ahmad, Water Resources Engineer, Transportation and Works entitled, “Sustainable Neighbourhood Retrofit Action Plan (SNAP)” to the Environmental Action Committee on July 7, 2015, be received;
2. That the Environmental Action Committee supports the initiatives of the Sustainable Neighbourhood Retrofit Action Plan (SNAP);
3. That the Environmental Action Committee encourages Council’s endorsement of the Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan (SNAP) initiatives.

Referred (Councillor Carlson)
Recommendation EAC-0023-2015

MATTERS CONSIDERED

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

1.1 Minutes of the Environmental Action Committee held on June 9, 2015.

Approved (C. Cooper)

INFORMATION ITEMS

(a) Environmental Action Committee – Strategic Planning Session June 9, 2015

Table of action items generated from the Strategic Planning Session held on June 9, 2015.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Environmental Action Committee – Strategic Planning Session June 9, 2015 table of action items, be received.

Received (C. Dalton)

Recommendation EAC-0024-2015

(b) EAC Inquiries

Table of inquiries and responses from the Environmental Action Committee meetings.

RECOMMENDATION

That the EAC Inquiries Chart, updated for the meeting of the Environmental Action Committee on July 7, 2015, be received.

Received (B. Bass)

Recommendation EAC-0025-2015

OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Environmental Action Committee (EAC) Strategic Planning Workshop

Karyn Stock-MacDonald, Business and Innovation Coach, Strategy and Innovation Division led the Committee through a second strategic work planning session to develop the Work Plan for the Environmental Action Committee.

Ms. Stock-MacDonald briefly outlined the goals of the planning session and provided a brief review of the work that was completed during the first session held on June 9, 2015. Members worked in groups to develop strategies and measureable outcomes and accomplishments for the current term of Council, 2015-2018.

EAC Members and staff created a list of pertinent questions with respect to the next steps in the formulation of the EAC Work Plan, as follows:

- Which themes/items do absent Members want to work on?
- What is the role of staff?
- What is the role of the EAC Member?
- What do staff feel they can realistically accomplish with respect to work load?
- Which staff will be assigned to each work plan theme/item?
- Which EAC Member will champion each work plan theme/item?
- Which items take priority/will the Committee move forward with in the next couple of years?
- What potential or existing partnerships are there?
- Do the items require budget/funding? Amount and from whom/funding sources?
- Are there opportunities for integration/overlap?

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, September 8, 2015 – 9:30 a.m., Council Chambers, Civic Centre (300 City Centre Drive, Mississauga)

ADJOURNMENT – 12:29 p.m.