
Environmental Action Committee

Date

2016/02/02

Time

9:30 AM

Location

Civic Centre, Committee Room A - Second Floor,
300 Civic Centre Drive, Mississauga, Ontario, L5B 3C1 Ontario

Members Present

Councillor Matt Mahoney, Ward 8 (**Chair**)
Councillor George Carlson, Ward 11 (**Vice-Chair**)
Councillor Jim Tovey, Ward 1
Brad Bass, Citizen Member
Charles Cooper, Citizen Member
Chelsea Dalton, Citizen Member
Lea Ann Mallett, Citizen Member
Manasi Goyal, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance
Rozhin Rasekhi, University of Toronto Mississauga
Dave Beaton, Credit Valley Conservation
Joanne Deidun-Rook, The Little Green Schoolhouse
Alex Dumesle, Partners in Project Green

Members Absent

Stephanie Crocker, Ecosource

Staff Present

Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment
Julius Lindsay, Community Energy Specialist
Jessika Corkum-Gorrill, Acting Environmental Specialist
Lisa Urbani, Environmental Research Assistant
Karen Morden, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services

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<http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/environmentalactioncommittee>

1. CALL TO ORDER – 9:30 AM

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The order of deputations was changed to have Robert Shirkey speak first (5.2.), Julius Lindsay speak second (5.3.), and Cameron McCuaig speak last (5.1.).

Chelsea Dalton, Citizen Member added an item under “Other Business”.

Approved, as amended (C. Dalton)

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Nil.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1. Minutes from the November 3, 2015 meeting of the Environmental Action Committee.

Approved (C. Cooper)

5. DEPUTATIONS

The order of proceedings in these minutes reflects the amendments made prior to approval of the agenda, as amended.

5.2. Robert Shirkey, Executive Director, Our Horizon spoke with respect to the labelling of gas pump nozzles with messaging directed at consumers to create awareness and discontent with the current, everyday practice. Mr. Shirkey commented on a potential for change and possible funding of public, active transportation.

Discussion amongst Members included questions regarding pilots in other municipalities, the consideration of positive messaging and incentives, and noted that the matter is a Provincial responsibility.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation and associated PowerPoint presentation by Robert Shirkey, Executive Director, Our Horizon with respect to the labelling of gas pump nozzles to the Environmental Action Committee on February 2, 2016 be received.

Received (B. Bass)

Recommendation EAC-0001-2016

- 5.3. Julius Lindsay, Community Energy Specialist spoke with respect to an update on climate change, providing background information, the economic impact of a climate change study, and spoke to the Provincial strategic plan.

Mr. Lindsay responded to questions from Members regarding the study methodology, annual expected damage (EAD), community partners, and potential next steps.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation and associated PowerPoint presentation by Julius Lindsay, Community Energy Specialist with respect to a climate change update, be received.

Received (A. Dumesle)
Recommendation EAC-0002-2016

- 5.1. Cameron McCuaig, Resident spoke with respect to the Blue Dot Movement, thanked Environment staff for their work on the issue, and spoke to potential next steps. Mr. McCuaig noted Canadian participation and encouraged Members to get others involved.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation by Cameron McCuaig, Resident with respect to the Blue Dot Movement, be received.

Received (C. Cooper)
Recommendation EAC-0003-2016

6. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

6.1. Blue Dot Movement - Update

Jessika Corkum-Gorrill, Acting Environmental Specialist spoke briefly to her memorandum of January 8, 2016 regarding the Blue Dot Movement and the proposed draft motion, as presented in Appendix 1 of the memorandum.

Members spoke in support of the draft motion and recommended the following:

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the memorandum dated January 8, 2016 from Jessika Corkum-Gorrill, Acting Environmental Specialist with respect to an update and draft motion pertaining to the Blue Dot Movement, be received;
2. That Council adopt the motion as written in Appendix 1 of the aforementioned memorandum.

Carried (C. Cooper)
Recommendation EAC-0004-2016

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1. City of Mississauga Environment Focus Survey 2015

Jessika Corkum-Gorrill, Acting Environmental Specialist spoke to her memorandum dated January 6, 2016 regarding the City of Mississauga Environment Focus Survey 2015. Ms. Corkum-Gorrill responded to questions from Members with respect to the length of time the survey was posted online, the methods used to inform the public about the survey, and the methodology undertaken in creating the survey questions.

Discussion amongst Members provided information on best practices for messaging online, the ambassador team's ability to promote information and events, the possibility of promotion in the PEYA newsletter, and the utilization of UTM students through course projects, internships, and in-class assignments.

Dave Beaton, Credit Valley Conservation requested further details and survey results.

RECOMMENDATION

That the memorandum dated January 5, 2016 from Jessika Corkum-Gorrill, Acting Environmental Specialist with respect to the City of Mississauga Environment Focus Survey 2015, be received.

Received (M. Goyal)
Recommendation EAC-0005-2016

7.2. Resolution 0264-2015 - Boulevard Gardens

Councillors Mahoney and Tovey spoke briefly regarding the Council Resolution pertaining to boulevard gardens and expressed support and agreement with Resolution 0264-2015, noting that Council's vote was unanimous in their approval.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council Resolution 0264-2015 pertaining to boulevard gardens, be received.

Received (Councillor Tovey)
Recommendation EAC-0006-2016

7.3. Cities Initiative Partners With Compact of Mayors

No discussion arose on this matter.

RECOMMENDATION

That the letter dated November 13, 2015 to the Mayors of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, be received.

Received (C. Cooper)
Recommendation EAC-0007-2016

7.4. Green Drinks Mississauga Invitation

Email dated January 18, 2016 from Diana Gaspar with respect to the February Green Drinks Mississauga coffee evening.

Charles Cooper, Citizen Member noted that he had been in contact with the organizer and planned to attend the event.

Brad Bass, Citizen Member spoke to the Toronto Green Drinks event, noting its popularity and that it provides a great opportunity for networking.

RECOMMENDATION

That the email dated January 18, 2016 from Diana Gaspar with respect to the February Green Drinks Mississauga coffee evening, be received.

Received (C. Cooper)
Recommendation EAC-0008-2016

7.5. City of Mississauga Advisory Committees

Document from the Office of the City Clerk with respect to the role and ground rules for Advisory Committees and their Members.

Karen Morden, Legislative Coordinator spoke briefly to the document with regard to the role of Committees of Council and the ground rules pertaining to Committee Members. Ms. Morden invited Members with questions to contact her for assistance at any time.

RECOMMENDATION

That the document from the Office of the City Clerk with respect to the role and ground rules for Advisory Committees and their Members, be received.

Received (L. Mallett)
Recommendation EAC-0009-2016

7.6. EAC Environmental Actions Summary Chart

Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment spoke to the Environmental Actions Summary noting that the recorded actions of the Members would also be included in a report to Council. Ms. Osborne further commented on two upcoming events – the 20 Minute Makeover event on April 22, 2016 (Earth Day) and Waste Audits that would be occurring prior to the Ontario Summer Games – and invited EAC Members to participate.

Councillor Mahoney noted that a list of upcoming opportunities could be sent to EAC Members and that the chart should reflect smaller, daily actions as well.

Dave Beaton, Credit Valley Conservation spoke to the working group event ambassadors and they are working together to achieve the actions.

Brad Bass, Citizen Member noted that there would be a planting event, likely in May.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the EAC Environmental Actions Summary Chart, as amended at the February 2, 2016 meeting of the Environmental Action Committee, be received;
2. That Members be requested to forward environmental actions and events to the Legislative Coordinator for inclusion on the EAC Environmental Actions Summary Chart.

Received, as amended (C. Cooper)
Recommendation EAC-0010-2016

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- 8.1 Councillor Tovey suggested that staff review City by-laws and report back on the by-laws that have anything to do with the environment.

Brad Bass, Citizen Member suggested that the Committee could select one by-law to focus on, such as the nuisance plant by-law to which Jessika Corkum-Gorrill, Acting Environmental Specialist noted that the nuisance plant/natural space by-law is included in the Living Green Master Plan.

- 8.2 Dave Beaton, Credit Valley Conservation spoke regarding writing communications articles for Councillors' newsletters to which Councillor Tovey noted that the Region also supplies the Councillors with articles. Councillor Mahoney suggested that Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment send an email to the Councillors offering to provide environmental reports for newsletters. Councillor Mahoney further commented that there are paper versions of the newsletter but that the e-newsletter could be much more detailed and has a larger readership.
- 8.3 Chelsea Dalton, Citizen Member spoke regarding a Waste Bucket Challenge that she had entered and challenged her fellow- EAC Members to a one week challenge. Ms. Dalton advised that she would forward the youtube link.

- 8.4 Brad Bass, Citizen Member requested that the meetings of the Environmental Action Committee start earlier to allow Members who have work responsibilities to return to their places of business earlier in the day, to which a start time of 9:15 AM was moved.

RECOMMENDATION

That all future meetings of the Environmental Action Committee begin at 9:15 AM.

Approved (L. Mallett)

Recommendation EAC-0011-2016

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)

Tuesday, March 1, 2016 - 9:15 AM, Committee Room A

10. ADJOURNMENT – 11:36 AM