

MINUTES



ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 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)
Michael DeWit, Citizen Member (VICE-CHAIR)
Councillor Jim Tovey, Ward 1 (Left at 10:21am)
Councillor Frank Dale, Ward 4
Lea Ann Mallett, Citizen Member
André Plante, Office for Sustainability, Sheridan College
Lucia Salvati, University of Toronto Mississauga
Steven Jia, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance
Amy Zi-Xuan Liou, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance

AGENCY LIAISONS PRESENT:

Stephanie Crocker, EcoSource

ABSENT:

Brad Bass, Citizen Member
Maureen Ricker, Citizen Member
Carl Rodgers, Citizen Member
Val Ohori, Citizen Member

STAFF PRESENT:

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

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NOTE: The Committee changed the order of the Agenda during the meeting. These Minutes reflect the order of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER – 9:04 a.m.

Councillor Carlson welcomed and introduced Dr. André Plant, Office for Sustainability, Sheridan College to the Committee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved (L. Mallett)

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT (OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST – Nil

PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS

B. Light Pollution Abatement in Mississauga

Vinayak Kalra, Grade 7 student from Edenwoods Middle School and a member of Light Pollution Abatement Council, gave a PowerPoint Presentation on light pollution impacts, measurement and abatement initiatives. He advised that light pollution is often caused by light from outdoor lighting resulting in adverse health effects, ecosystem disruption and wasted energy. Choosing carefully mounted and aimed equipment can make a significant difference. The City's LED streetlight deployment has resulted in reduced sky glow, energy and maintenance savings. More is required to improve lighting in parking lots, playfields, office buildings, schools, etc. as well as raising public awareness.

Staff noted Mr. Kalra's website for Earth Hour promotion and Ms. Stephanie Crocker, Executive Director, EcoSource, noted that the Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA) will be pleased promote his website and invited Vinayak to attend a PEYA meeting.

The Chair thanked Vinayak Kalra for an interesting presentation.

Recommendation
EAC-0001-2014

That the PowerPoint Presentation from Vinayak Kalra, Grade 7 Student, Edenwoods Middle School and Member of Light Pollution Abatement Council, entitled "Light Pollution Abatement in Mississauga," to the Environmental Advisory Committee on February 4, 2014, be received.

Received (L. Mallett)

A. Partners in Project Green – Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

Ms. Chandra Sharma, Watershed Specialist, Etobicoke-Mimico & Senior Manager, Climate Programs, introduced Mr. Alex Dumesle, Manager, Partners in Project Green (PPG), who gave a PowerPoint Presentation on PPG initiatives.

Mr. Dumesle advised that PPG's Vision is the creation of the Pearson Eco-Business Zone, an internationally recognized community known for its competitive, high performance and eco-friendly business climate. The Pearson Eco-Business Zone represents the largest industrial zone in Canada and includes Mississauga, Brampton and Toronto, covering 14,000 hectares, 12,500 businesses with 350,000 employees involving major sectors in manufacturing, food processing, logistics, hospitality and aviation. He focused on four performance areas to help drive sustainable action and innovation: energy performance, water stewardship, waste management and stakeholder engagement. He noted the number of networking events held over the year by PPG and the different categories of memberships which provide promotional opportunities and increased operational efficiencies for businesses.

The Chair thanked Mr. Dumesle and Ms. Sharma for the presentation.

Recommendation

EAC-0002-2014

That the PowerPoint Presentation from Ms. Chandra Sharma, Watershed Specialist, Etobicoke-Mimico & Senior Manager, Climate Programs, and Mr. Alex Dumesle, Manager, Partners in Project Green, entitled "Partners in Project Green - Driving Sustainable Action and Innovation" to the Environmental Advisory Committee on February 4, 2014, be received.

Received (Councillor J. Tovey)

MATTERS CONSIDERED

1. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approved (Councillor F. Dale)

2. Earth Hour 2014

Julius Lindsay, Community Energy Specialist, Environment Division, advised that Earth Hour 2014 will be held on Saturday, March 29 from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., and outlined the plans for the City's participation. He noted that in 2013 the City had shifted the focus from being all about the hour to encouraging people to live more sustainably every day. As a result, the City will not request Enersource to measure energy consumption changes associated with Earth Hour or release the results.

The Committee raised the issue of promoting public awareness for on-going conservation via inserts in Enersource or City Tax mailings as well as using City vehicles and signs outside of Community Centres across the City. An Earth Hour slogan would also be a useful tool. Ms. Osborne advised that staff will explore the various options.

Recommendation

EAC-0003-2014

That the Memorandum dated January 27, 2014 entitled "Earth Hour 2014" from Julius Lindsay, Community Energy Specialist, Environment Division, outlining plans for the City's participation in the 2014 Earth Hour event, be received.

Received (L. Salvati)

3. Verbal Update on International Holistic Tourism Education Centre (IHTEC)

Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment Division, advised that she had been in recent communication with Ms. Julia Morton-Marr, Founder and President, International Holistic Tourism Education Centre (IHTEC), regarding the recommendations made by Ruwantha Halwala, Intern, IHTEC, entitled "*Mississauga Plastic Litter: The Prevention of Plastics from Mississauga Entering Streams, Rivers, The Great Lakes and the Ocean*" to the Environmental Advisory Committee on May 7, 2013.

4. Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative Call for Resolutions (GLSLCI)

Ms. Osborne advised that each year, the City receives a call for resolutions for the GLSLCI annual conference. Councillor Tovey noted that the GLSLCI has passed resolutions on most of the big issues and therefore didn't see the need to recommend new ones at this time. He also mentioned that an upcoming meeting in Ottawa between GLSLCI and a number of ministries would bring attention to key issues.

Recommendation

EAC-0004-2014

That the Memorandum dated January 29, 2014, entitled "Call for Resolutions for Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative 2014 Annual Members Meeting" from Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment Division, be received.

Approved (Councillor J. Tovey)

5. Upcoming Agenda Items Chart

Brenda Osborne noted that this chart replaces two previous charts for upcoming agenda items chart, and status of outstanding issues from the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) chart.

In response to queries with respect to the Urban Design Awards and the Stormwater Financing Study, Ms. Osborne advised that the Urban Design Award will be incorporated in the 2014 community appreciation evening. The Stormwater Financing Study update will be available at the next meeting of the Committee.

Recommendation

EAC-0005-2014

That the Upcoming Agenda Items Chart, dated February 4, 2014, from Brenda Osborne, Director, Environmental Division, be received.

Received (M. De Wit)

INFORMATION ITEMS

(a) National Sweater Day

Brenda Osborne informed the Committee that Thursday, February 6, 2014, is National Sweater Day, a World Wildlife Fund (WWF) annual campaign which asks Canadians to turn down heat and put on a sweater to support energy conservation. This year the Civic Centre will take part by turning the thermostat down by 2 degrees.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 9 a.m., Council Chamber,
2nd Floor, City Hall

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT – 10:03 a.m. (Councillor J. Tovey)