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## Environmental Action Committee

### Date

October 6, 2015

### Time

9:38 AM

### Location

Council Chambers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Civic Centre – 300 City Centre Drive, Mississauga L5B 3C1

### Members Present

Councillor Matt Mahoney, Ward 8 (**Chair**)

Councillor George Carlson, Ward 11 (**Vice-Chair**)

Charles Cooper, Citizen Member

Chelsea Dalton, Citizen Member (Arrived at 10:17 AM)

Lea Ann Mallett, Citizen Member

Dave Beaton, Credit Valley Conservation (Arrived at 9:43 AM)

Stephanie Crocker, Ecosource

Joanne Deidun-Roork, The Little Green Schoolhouse

Alex Dumesle, Partners in Project Green

Manasi Goyal, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance

Rozhin Rasekhi, University of Toronto Mississauga

### Members Absent

Councillor Jim Tovey, Ward 1

Brad Bass, Citizen Member

### Staff Present

Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment

Jessika Corkum-Gorrill, Environmental Specialist

Christopher Pyke, Waste Management Coordinator

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** – 9:38 AM

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Approved (C. Cooper)

3. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST** – Nil

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of the September 8, 2015 Environmental Action Committee meeting.

Approved (Councillor Carlson)

Dave Beaton, Credit Valley Conservation arrived at 9:43 AM.

5. **DEPUTATIONS**

- 5.1 Rod Muir, Chair of Sierra Club Canada Foundation made a PowerPoint presentation with respect to Waste Diversion and Sustainability.

Mr. Muir provided a brief background to actions happening in the Region of Peel, most notably the proposed plan to build a waste incinerator that will cost the Region \$600 million dollars. Mr. Muir commented on the need for increased public awareness and education regarding recycling and composting, the need to keep garbage separate for ease and effectiveness of waste diversion, the limited research on incineration of chemicals commonly contained in household items, and suggested that moving to every other week garbage pick-up would save money, which could be diverted to waste diversion programs.

Councillor Carlson commented that new incinerators are better and that they are drawing gas from an old dump site in the City, to which Mr. Muir noted that landfill gas energy creates methane which is emitted into the environment.

Discussion amongst Members included composting and green bins, the value of fertilizer, and the development of school education and participation in composting.

Mr. Muir noted that a Sierra Club Canada representative would be making a deputation to Regional Council on Thursday, October 8, 2015 and that they would be requesting that the decision to build the incinerator be put on hold for a year. Councillor Mahoney noted that the Region is working toward a 50% diversion rate and summarized the challenges in attaining this.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation and associated PowerPoint presentation by Rod Muir, Chair, Sierra Club Canada Foundation, be received.

Received (M. Goyal)  
Recommendation EAC-0032-2015

Chelsea Dalton, Citizen Member, arrived at 10:17 AM.

#### 6. MATTERS CONSIDERED

##### 6.1 Working Groups Planning Session

Members of the Environmental Action Committee participating in planning sessions within the individual Working Groups (Education and Engagement, Promote/Foster Community Partners, Policy Change, Promote and Reward Living Green). Planning and reporting focused on identifying the top 1-2 priorities per year, establishing action items, confirming timing on action items, identifying gaps in required information, and identifying next steps.

Working Groups provided brief verbal highlights of their discussions noting the need to ascertain workload and time commitment, financial implications, the need to narrow the scope on the initiatives to ensure reasonability, and the need for a matrix to determine and prioritize the Living Green Master Plan, strategic environmental priorities, and available resources. Members suggested that the priorities should come from the Environment Division.

#### 7. INFORMATION ITEMS – Nil

#### 8. OTHER BUSINESS – Nil

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, November 3, 2015 - 9:30 AM, Committee Room A, Civic Centre -300 City Centre Drive,  
Mississauga L5B 3C1

**ADJOURNMENT** - 12:06 PM