

## Environmental Action Committee

### Date

November 3, 2015

### Time

9:31 AM

### Location

Committee Room A, 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**)

Councillor Jim Tovey, Ward 1

Brad Bass, Citizen Member

Charles Cooper, Citizen Member

Chelsea Dalton, Citizen Member

Lea Ann Mallett, Citizen Member

Dave Beaton, Credit Valley Conservation

Stephanie Crocker, Ecosource

Joanne Deidun-Roork, The Little Green Schoolhouse

Manasi Goyal, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance

Rozhin Rasekhi, University of Toronto Mississauga

### Members Absent

Alex Dumesle, Partners in Project Green

### Staff Present

Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment

Julius Lindsay, Community Energy Specialist

Jessika Corkum-Gorrill, 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** – 9:31 AM

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Approved (C. Cooper)

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

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of the October 6, 2015 Environmental Action Committee meeting.

Approved (C. Dalton)

5. **DEPUTATIONS**

- 5.1 Cameron McCuaig, Mississauga Resident spoke with respect to the Blue Dot Movement and the Right to a Healthy Environment Declaration. Mr. McCuaig summarized the Blue Dot request for the City of Mississauga, which included signing a municipal declaration supporting the “Right to a Healthy Environment”, associated news releases, updates to the Living Green Master Plan, and the desire to bring the matter before Council for their consideration.

Discussion amongst Members included questions regarding the legal implications of declaring a healthy environment a “right” and whether it would be considered a right under the Charter of Human Rights, and the implications of such action. Mr. McCuaig noted that the declaration was not a legal document, but a statement of what a community stands for.

Councillor Tovey noted that such a document would require a legal framework, to which Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment advised that Legal staff had briefly reviewed the document and the need for understanding what signing a declaration would legally imply and thereby obligate the City to do.

Mr. McCuaig further commented on the support of the initiative from other municipalities and noted that the declaration was akin to an “aspirational statement”.

Councillor Carlson spoke to referring the matter back to staff, to which Ms. Osborne noted agreement and the need to bring back something that Council can support.

Lea Ann Mallett, Citizen Member expressed support of the movement and spoke to the Committee supporting the matter “in principle”.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the deputation and associated PowerPoint presentation to the Environmental Action Committee on November 2, 2015 by Cameron McCuaig, Mississauga Resident with respect to the Right to a Healthy Environment Declaration be received;
2. That the Right to a Healthy Environment Declaration is supported in principle by the Environmental Action Committee and that the matter be referred to staff in Legal Services for review and comment and report back to the Environmental Action Committee at its December 2015 meeting.

Referred (Councillor Tovey)

Recommendation EAC-0033-2015

- 5.2 Cara Clairman, Plug 'n Drive spoke with respect to the development of EV (Electric Vehicle) charging infrastructure in Mississauga noting the greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) by sector, Ontario's energy mix, and the sustainability of electric vehicles with respect to less greenhouse gas emissions, affordability of driving an electric car, and the ability to use surplus baseload electricity by charging at night. Ms. Clairman further noted Plug 'n Drive's programs which include education and awareness, the "Charge My Car" program, Charger Mapping, and the EV Owners of Canada program.

Ms. Clairman further spoke to the desire for EV charging infrastructure in Mississauga, noting the various types of chargers, the associated costs and benefits, the various makes and models of electric vehicles, and the necessity of a network for chargers to allow for data collection, customer reservations, and the ability to see the locations of the chargers in participating areas. In conclusion, Ms. Clairman commented on policy recommendations including building EV charging infrastructure, the adoption of electric vehicles into the existing City fleet, hosting EV Ride and Drive events, and the possibility of creating electric school buses.

Julius Lindsay, Community Energy Specialist noted that staff will be actively looking into this, to which Ms. Osborne advised that staff would be reporting back with benchmarking, best practices, more detailed information, and some recommendations for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the deputation and associated PowerPoint presentation to the Environmental Action Committee on November 3, 2015 by Cara Clairman, Plug 'n Drive with respect to the development of EV Charging infrastructure in Mississauga, be received;
2. That the matter of EV Charging Infrastructure in Mississauga be referred to staff and report back to the Environmental Action Committee at a future meeting.

Referred (L. A. Mallett)

Recommendation EAC-0034-2015

- 5.3 Jeannette Chau, Mississauga Resident spoke with respect to the 100% Possible March in Ottawa occurring on November 29, 2015 and noted her desire to organize a bus excursion of residents from Mississauga to Ottawa to attend the march.

Councillor Mahoney, Chair thanked Ms. Chau for her presentation, noted that residents could attend individually, and inquired as to where to find further information. Ms. Chau advised that individuals could sign up to participate by visiting the 100% Positive March website.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation by Jeannette Chau, Mississauga Resident with respect to the 100% Possible March in Ottawa, be received.

Received (C. Cooper)  
Recommendation EAC-0035-2015

6. MATTERS CONSIDERED

6.1 Boulevard/Curbside Gardens

Dave Beaton, Community Group Member led a brief discussion with respect to boulevard gardens and Encroachment By-law 0057-04.

Councillor Tovey noted his appreciation for boulevard gardens, spoke to the current Encroachment By-law, and made note of other municipality's encroachment agreements that are simple and low/no cost to residents.

Members expressed support of a staff review of the Encroachment By-law 0057-04 in relation to boulevard gardens.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Environmental Action Committee is in support of a staff review of boulevard gardens and the Encroachment By-law 0057-04.

Referred (D. Beaton)  
Recommendation EAC-0036-2015

6.2 Environmental Action Committee (EAC) Working Group Updates

Ms. Osborne provided an overview of the current status of the EAC Work Plan.

Discussion amongst Members ensued with respect to ranking items in order of importance, creating a final Work Plan that is doable/reasonable, the importance of cross-promotion, eliminating duplications, the need for a more detailed plan, and examples of how organizations can work better together.

Councillor Mahoney asked for Members to act as volunteer chairs for each working group, to which Chelsea Dalton and Lea Ann Mallett, Citizen Members agreed to co-lead the Policy Change working group and Joanne Deidun-Roork, Charles Cooper, and Dave Beaton, Citizen and Stakeholder Members agreed to co-lead the Education and Engagement working group. Members expressed interest in having time allotted during the regular EAC meetings to meet in their smaller groups.

### 6.3 EAC Environmental Actions Summary

Members briefly reviewed the EAC Environmental Actions Summary chart.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the EAC Environmental Actions Summary chart be received.

Received (C. Cooper)

Recommendation EAC-0037-2015

## 7. INFORMATION ITEMS

### 7.1 2016 Environmental Action Committee Meeting Dates

Memorandum dated October 16, 2015 from Karen Morden, Legislative Coordinator, with respect to the 2016 meeting dates of the Environmental Action Committee.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the memorandum dated October 16, 2015 from Karen Morden, Legislative Coordinator with respect to the 2016 meeting dates of the Environmental Action Committee, be received.

Received (C. Dalton)

Recommendation EAC-0038-2015

### 7.2 2015 EcoBuzz Conference

Manasi Goyal, Community Group Member (Peel Environmental Youth Alliance [PEYA]) and Charles Cooper, Citizen Member provided a brief verbal update with respect to the 2015 EcoBuzz Conference held on October 28, 2015.

Ms. Goyal spoke to conference agenda, noting the informative workshops and speakers.

Mr. Cooper spoke to his enjoyment of the conference and the workshops and brought a demonstration sprout growing kit to share with the Committee.

Stephanie Crocker, Ecosource congratulated Ms. Goyal and PEYA on a successful event.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Mahoney advised the Committee that he will be hosting an appreciation breakfast for Members of EAC prior to their meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 2015. Members were asked to meet in the Council Chambers at 8:15 AM to be escorted to the Caucus Room for breakfast.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, December 8, 2015 – 9:30 AM, Council Chambers, Civic Centre -300 City Centre Drive,  
Mississauga L5B 3C1

**ADJOURNMENT** – 11:30 AM