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## **Environmental Action Committee**

### **Date**

2016/03/01

### **Time**

9:16 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  
Stephanie Crocker, Ecosource  
Joanne Deidun-Roork, The Little Green Schoolhouse

### **Members Absent**

Dave Beaton, Credit Valley Conservation  
Alex Dumesle, Partners in Project Green

### **Staff Present**

Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment  
Christopher Pyke, Waste Management Coordinator  
Diana Suzuki, Environmental Outreach Coordinator  
Jessica McEachren, Acting Manager, Forestry  
Andrea J. McLeod, Environmental Specialist  
Lisa Urbani, Environmental Research Assistant  
Karen Morden, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services

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1. CALL TO ORDER – 9:16 AM
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
Approved (C. Cooper)
3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Nil.
4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
- 4.1. Minutes from the February 2, 2016 Environmental Action Committee Meeting  
Approved (C. Cooper)
5. DEPUTATIONS
- 5.1. Sheila Storey, CEO of Sawmill Sid Inc. spoke regarding urban wood utilization and the Tree and Wood Recovery Centre, located at 1352 Lakeshore Road in Ward 1, in partnership with Partners in Project Green (PPG).

Ms. Storey spoke to the Emerald Ash Borer issue, noting the large number of ash trees that have been felled and Sawmill Sid Inc.'s desire to recover and utilize the wood. Ms. Storey noted that 6200 cubic metres of wood in the G.T.A. had been recovered in 2015 by their organization, which was repurposed into lumber and beams for builders and wood slabs and live edge slabs for furniture makers. Ms. Storey further commented that some of the wood had been donated to secondary schools, who created "Buddy Benches" for elementary schools.

Charles Cooper, Citizen Member inquired as to whether the facility was open to the public, to which Ms. Storey advised that it is.

Councillor Tovey encouraged Members to visit the site and inquired as to the number of ash trees there are in Mississauga, to which Jessica McEachren, Acting Forestry Manager advised that there are an estimated 70,000 ash trees in Mississauga, with 23,000 of those being on City streets alone. Ms. McEachren further noted that none of the wood goes to waste as it is used for wood chipping and that the City is considering creating a sawmill to build park benches with recovered hardwood.

Committee Members commended Ms. Storey and Sawmill Sid Inc. for their work in recovering and repurposing wood in Mississauga.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation and associated PowerPoint presentation by Sheila Storey, CEO, Sawmill Sid Inc. with respect to urban wood utilization and the Tree and Wood Recovery Centre, be received for information.

Received (Councillor Tovey)  
Recommendation EAC-0012-2016

- 5.2. Members of the First Lego League Team Nebula – Leo Yin, Hanwei Zhang, and Monica Wan - spoke to the issue of waste created by the use and disposal of plastic bags in the City of Mississauga and suggested that grocery stores provide a refund to customers who return and reuse plastic grocery bags. The students asked for input and advice from the Committee regarding the implementation of their idea.

Committee Members congratulated the students on their idea and provided the following suggestions:

- Use social media to create awareness and get others involved.
- Create a petition and forward it to the Premier of Ontario.
- Approach businesses such as Loblaws or Whole Foods with their idea and perhaps have the plastic bag refund as part of the PC Points (Loblaws).
- Forward details of the proposed petition to Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA) for inclusion on their website and communications.

Councillor Tovey spoke to the issue of plastic microbeads, providing a brief background and suggested the students use the same method with their idea.

RECOMMENDATION That the presentation and associated PowerPoint presentation by Leo Yin, Hanwei Zhang, and Monica Wan with respect to plastic bag waste, be received for information.

Received (Councillor Carlson)  
Recommendation EAC-0013-2016

- 5.3. Cecilia Pizarro, Resident on behalf of Carlos Bauer spoke to their proposal to the City of Mississauga involving the adoption of parks and green spaces with respect to park maintenance. Ms. Pizarro noted that they would assume the role of property management, connecting businesses with the opportunity to “adopt” a park, to include grass cutting and general upkeep of the property. Ms. Pizarro further commented that they would act as the “middle man”, organizing park locations and would charge businesses a fee to be involved in the project.

Lea Ann Mallet, Citizen Member commented that there were several groups in Mississauga already “adopting” parks and green spaces and that staff are employed by the City to maintain City parks. Ms. Mallet inquired as to what parks staff would do if this occurred, to which Mr. Bauer suggested that they be redeployed to other areas.

Councillor Mahoney commented that there is a standard level of care and maintenance

of City parks that must be upheld and noted that staff would review the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the presentation and associated materials by Cecilia Pizarro and Carlos Bauer, Residents with respect to the adoption of parks and green areas project, be received for information;
2. That the matter be referred to staff for review.

Received/Referred (C. Dalton)

Recommendation EAC-0014-2016

- 5.4. Christopher Pyke, Waste Management Coordinator spoke regarding upcoming waste audits at City facilities that are hosting the Ontario Summer Games, the upcoming 20 Minute Makeover on April 22, 2016 (Earth Day), and possible environmental action volunteer opportunities.

With respect to waste audits, Mr. Pyke described the information provided by implementing an audit, desired outcomes of the audits, and how that information can be utilized in future. Mr. Pyke further advised that he was extending an invitation to Members of the Environmental Action Committee to participate in the waste audits scheduled for the set up for the Ontario Summer Games and spoke to the expectations of the volunteer role.

With respect to the 20 Minute Makeover, Mr. Pyke provided a brief overview of the event planned for Earth Day and extended an invitation to Members to participate.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation and associated PowerPoint presentation by Christopher Pyke, Waste Management Coordinator with respect to waste management and EAC action opportunities, be received for information.

Received (B. Bass)

Recommendation EAC-0015-2016

6. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

6.1. Working Group Updates

Rozhin Rasekhi, UTM Student Representative provided a brief PowerPoint presentation focused on possible topics for articles in Councillors' newsletters and asked for feedback from EAC Members.

Councillor Mahoney commented that the topics should be narrowed down and suggested that boulevard gardens, waste diversion, and Earth Week could be good

starting topics.

Joanne Deidun-Roork, The Little Green Schoolhouse inquired as to the status of the work plan items the Committee had previously been working on and suggested that they revisit their work plan document, to which the Legislative Coordinator agreed to forward the document to Members for their review.

Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment inquired as to how the Environment Division could support the Committee in continuing to develop and implement their work plan, to which Ms. Deidun-Roork suggested that the Members review the work plan document at the next meeting.

#### RECOMMENDATION

1. That the PowerPoint presentation by Rozhin Rasekhi, EAC Member with respect to the topic list for Councillors' newsletters, be received;
2. That the Legislative Coordinator be directed to forward the presentation electronically to Environmental Action Committee Members for review.

Received/Referred (C. Cooper)

Recommendation EAC-0016-2016

#### 7. INFORMATION ITEMS

##### 7.1. Update on Community Green Leaders: Celebrating Environmental Initiatives in Mississauga

Diana Suzuki, Environmental Outreach Coordinator spoke to her memorandum dated February 9, 2016 regarding an update on Community Green Leaders and an invitation to an appreciation event. Ms. Suzuki noted that this is the third annual appreciation event to recognize community groups and individuals, that it is being held at BreaBen Golf Course on April 18, 2016, and that all Environmental Action Committee Members are invited to attend. Ms. Suzuki further noted that she is looking for two Members to facilitate two panel discussions at the event.

Charles Cooper, Citizen Member inquired as to the panel discussion topics, to which Ms. Suzuki advised that the attendees would determine the topics at a later date.

Mr. Cooper, Ms. Deidun-Roork, Ms. Dalton, and Dr. Bass volunteered to facilitate the panel discussions.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the memorandum dated February 9, 2016 from Diana Suzuki, Environmental Outreach Coordinator with respect to an update on Community Green Leaders, be received for information.

Received (C. Cooper)  
Recommendation EAC-0017-2016

- 7.2. EAC Environmental Actions Summary Chart  
A brief discussion regarding the EAC Environmental Action Summary chart took place amongst Members.

Councillor Tovey inquired about the Provincial EAC Symposium, to which Ms. Dalton provided a brief summary. Ms. Osborne noted that there is an annual opportunity to present about Mississauga's Environmental Action Committee at the Provincial Symposium.

Mr. Cooper commented that he had attended Green Drinks Mississauga in February and was very impressed with the evening, to which Ms. Deidun-Roork agreed as she had also been in attendance.

RECOMMENDATION

That the EAC Environmental Action Summary chart, updated for the March 1, 2016 Environmental Action Committee meeting, be received for information.

Received (M. Goyal)  
Recommendation EAC-0018-2016

8. OTHER BUSINESS  
Brad Bass, Citizen Member spoke regarding an upcoming undergraduate fair and noted that he has twenty students participating in the event.

Councillor Tovey spoke regarding a Credit Valley Conservation event, "Green Streets", happening at Clarke Hall in Ward 1.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)  
Tuesday, April 5, 2016 – 9:15 AM, Civic Centre – Committee Room A

10. ADJOURNMENT – 10:49 AM