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## **Environmental Action Committee**

### **Date**

2016/05/03

### **Time**

9:20 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**)  
Charles Cooper, Citizen Member  
Chelsea Dalton, Citizen Member  
Lea Ann Mallett, Citizen Member  
Stephanie Crocker, Ecosource  
Dave Beaton, Credit Valley Conservation  
Joanne Deidun-Rook, The Little Green Schoolhouse  
Alex Dumesle, Partners in Project Green

### **Members Absent**

Councillor Jim Tovey, Ward 1  
Brad Bass, Citizen Member  
Manasi Goyal, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance  
Eashan Karnik, University of Toronto Mississauga

### **Staff Present**

Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment  
Andrea J. McLeod, Environmental Specialist  
Mary Bracken, Environmental Specialist  
Lisa Urbani, Research Assistant  
Karen Morden, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** - 9:20 AM
  2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Brenda Osborne, Director Environment requested that the Provincial EAC Symposium be added to the agenda 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 March 1, 2016 Environmental Action Committee Meeting  
Approved (C. Dalton)
  5. **DEPUTATIONS**
    - 5.1. Obie Agusiegbe, EnvironFocus spoke with respect to supporting environmental initiatives from the private sector in Mississauga.

Ms. Agusiegbe advised that EnvironFocus is an environmental consulting firm that is focused on building sustainable partnerships with organizations and the community which includes environmental education, access to clean technology, and designing and implementing training programs and projects.

Councillor Mahoney inquired as to whether EnvironFocus is a business, to which Ms. Agusiegbe confirmed that it is.

Lea Ann Mallett, Citizen Member commented that there are non-profit organizations doing the same work, to which Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment further noted that the Environment Division hosts Earth Markets, connects with non-profit groups, and employs environmental staff to implement programs, events, and policies.

Councillor Mahoney suggested that the EnvironFocus organization be referred to staff to review their proposal and provide comments at an upcoming Environmental Action Committee meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION**

    1. That the deputation and associated presentation materials by Obie Agusiegbe, EnvironFocus to the Environmental Action Committee on May 3, 2016, be received;
    2. That the matter be referred to staff to review and report back to the Environmental Action Committee with comments.

Received/referred (L. Mallett)  
Recommendation EAC-0019-2016

- 5.2. Adam Vaiya, Partners in Project Green (PPG) spoke with respect to the organization's vision, support, performance areas, and various partnerships and programs including the Pearson Eco-Business Zone, the Open EV Network, stormwater infrastructure projects, and the TRCA Tree and Wood Recovery Centre. Mr. Vaiya further commented that the Environmental Action Committee could support PPG initiatives by participating and encouraging staff participation in the People Power Challenge and encouraging staff to explore repurposing tree waste through the Tree and Wood Recovery Centre.

Charles Cooper, Citizen Member inquired as to whether PPG was working on the food waste at the airport, to which Mr. Vaiya advised that Campbell's Soup had expressed interest in that regard.

Councillor Mahoney thanked Mr. Vaiya for his presentation and commended PPG's efforts.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation and associated PowerPoint presentation by Adam Vaiya, Partners in Project Green, to the Environmental Action Committee on May 3, 2016, be received.

Received (C. Cooper)  
Recommendation EAC-0020-2016

- 5.3. Andrea J. McLeod, Environmental Specialist spoke with respect to the Earth Market happening on Saturday, May 28, 2016 at Riverwood. Ms. McLeod noted that the Earth Market will have a water theme, as the event is occurring along the Credit River and advised that there will be workshops, green activities, information booths, environmental documentaries, and various vendors and exhibitors. Ms. McLeod further noted that staff is looking for help from volunteers to help with workshops and other aspects of the Earth Market such as onsite greeters, set-up and take-down, and assistance at the Master Gardeners Plant Sale, to which Members expressed interest.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation by Andrea J. McLeod, Environmental Specialist regarding 2016 Earth Markets, to the Environmental Action Committee on May 3, 2016, be received.

Received (Councillor Carlson)  
Recommendation EAC-0021-2016

## 6. MATTERS CONSIDERED

### 6.1. Environmental Action Committee Work Plan Update

Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment provided a brief verbal update with respect to the Environmental Action Committee Work Plan noting the success of the Appreciation Event, the upcoming opportunity for EAC Members to be involved with Green Fest, and that two by-laws would be reviewed that the Committee can provide comments on.

Dave Beaton, Credit Valley Conservation inquired about the by-law regarding boulevard gardens, to which he was advised that Council had approved boulevard gardens and that staff are currently writing the by-law. Mr. Beaton asked if staff could bring that by-law to EAC for review, to which Ms. Osborne advised that she would ask staff to do so.

### 6.2. Environmental Action Committee Work Plan Session

Councillor Mahoney briefly reviewed the role of the Environmental Action Committee noting that EAC is a committee of citizens who are committed, engaged, and participating in green initiatives. Councillor Mahoney asked for input on next steps in finalizing the EAC Work Plan.

Joanne Deidun-Roork, The Little Green Schoolhouse noted that the current plan focuses on education and that the Committee's environmental actions, such as volunteering at the Earth Market and Green Fest, demonstrated EAC's success in providing education. Ms. Deidun-Roork further noted that she has been doing mini events at the school to provide information to the community and inquired as to what the protocol is for EAC in supporting the Earth Markets.

Councillor Mahoney noted that volunteering at the Earth Market is supportive and helps the community, to which Ms. Osborne added that Members have their own existing networks to promote City events and encouraged all Members to do so.

Ms. Deidun-Roork noted that EAC should engage and support the Living Green Master Plan (LGMP), to which Councillor Mahoney noted that staff could review the LGMP to see if there are areas that EAC could provide additional support.

Ms. Osborne advised that the LGMP will be up for review in 2017 and that the Plan would come to EAC for review/input.

Mr. Beaton commented that the update to the LGMP was a collaborative effort, as there are a number of initiatives that other organizations have a major role in implementing. Mr. Beaton further noted that Credit Valley Conservation is moving forward in implementing items on the LGMP and checking in with other organizations.

Chelsea Dalton, Citizen Member inquired whether Members could suggest that certain current policies should be reviewed, to which Ms. Osborne noted that two by-laws are up for review and would be coming to EAC.

Ms. Osborne and Ms. Morden noted that they would revisit organizing the current Work Plan.

## 7. INFORMATION ITEMS

### 7.1. EAC Environmental Actions Summary Chart

Stephanie Crocker, Ecosource inquired as to the importance of the chart and was advised that it demonstrated the actions that the Committee is taking and is relevant to the EAC Work Plan.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the EAC Environmental Actions Summary Chart updated for the May 3, 2016 meeting of the Environmental Action Committee, be received.

Received (C. Dalton)

Recommendation EAC-0022-2016

## 8. OTHER BUSINESS

### 8.1. 2016 Provincial Environmental Advisory Committee Symposium

Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment spoke regarding the 2016 Provincial EAC Symposium and inquired as to whether Members would like to attend, to which several Members expressed interest.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the verbal update from Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment regarding the 2016 Provincial Environmental Advisory Committee Symposium, be received.

Received (C. Cooper)

Recommendation EAC-0023-2016

8.2. Councillor Mahoney spoke to moving the meeting start time back to 9:30 AM, to which the Members expressed support.

8.3. Councillor Carlson spoke to the Streetsville Garden Cleanup occurring on Saturday, May 7, 2016 and encouraged Members to attend.

8.4. Lea Ann Mallett, Citizen Member noted that she would be speaking at Green Drinks Mississauga the following week.

9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday, June 7, 2016 – 9:30 AM, Committee Room A, Civic Centre
10. **ADJOURNMENT** – 10:47 AM