
Environmental Action Committee

Date

2016/07/05

Time

9:30 AM

Location

Chappell House,
4300 Riverwood Park Lane, Mississauga Ontario, L5C 2S7

Members Present

Councillor Matt Mahoney, Ward 8 (**Chair**)
Councillor George Carlson, Ward 11 (**Vice-Chair**)
Brad Bass, Citizen Member
Charles Cooper, Citizen Member
Chelsea Dalton, Citizen Member
Lea Ann Mallett, Citizen Member
Eashan Karnik, University of Toronto Mississauga
Melanie Kramer, Credit Valley Conservation
Joanne Deidun-Rook, The Little Green Schoolhouse
Alex Dumesle, Partners in Project Green

Members Absent

Councillor Jim Tovey, Ward 1
Andrea Dawber, Ecosource

Staff Present

Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment
Andrea J. McLeod, Environmental Specialist
Daniela Paraschiv, Manager, Energy Management
Shalini Srivastava Modi, Energy Management Coordinator
Karen Morden, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services

Others Present

Geena Richards, Intern, UTM

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1. **CALL TO ORDER – 9:30 AM**

Chair Mahoney called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM and requested for all those present at the meeting to introduce themselves to the group.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Approved (C. Cooper)

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

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4.1. Minutes from the May 3, 2016 Environmental Action Committee meeting.

Approved, as presented (C. Dalton)

5. **DEPUTATIONS**

5.1. The Riverwood Conservancy with respect to programming and partnerships.

Douglas Markoff, Executive Director, The Riverwood Conservancy (TRC) and Kevin Sherwin, Chair, Board of Directors welcomed the Committee and spoke briefly to the background of The Riverwood Conservancy, noting that it is an independent charity that provides environmental education, stewardship, gardening and horticulture. Mr. Markoff spoke about the upcoming fundraiser and introduced Dave Taylor, Education Program Director and Kirushanth Gnanachandran, Stewardship Coordinator.

Mr. Taylor spoke to the educational programs at TRC that serve elementary and secondary school students and noted the wildlife that resides on the property. Mr. Taylor further commented on a survey of residents who live surrounding TRC that received a 40% return rate with very supportive feedback about TRC.

Mr. Gnanachandran spoke to the coordination of volunteers, noting that over 1400 trees and shrubs had been planted on the property.

Alex Dumesle, Community Group Member thanked TRC staff and inquired as to their biggest goals in the future, to which Mr. Markoff commented on education, property enhancement and stewardship, and to the Enabling Garden that allows people of all abilities to enjoy garden activities. Mr. Markoff further noted that they wish to involve all

residents in nature.

Councillor Mahoney thanked TRC staff for hosting the Environmental Action Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation by The Riverwood Conservancy with respect to programming and partnerships at the Riverwood Conservancy, be received for information.

Received (E. Karnik)

Recommendation EAC-0024-2016

5.2. Item 6.1 Daniela Paraschiv, Manager, Energy Management

Discussion on this item is listed under Item 6.1.

5.3. Andrea J. McLeod, Environmental Specialist regarding an update on the 2016 Earth Markets.

Andrea J. McLeod, Environmental Specialist provided a verbal update with respect to the remaining Earth Markets in 2016, noting that the next would be on September 17, 2016 in partnership with the Burnhamthorpe SNAP, and would take place at Burnhamthorpe Community Centre, and the final on November 5, 2016 at the Meadowvale Theatre. Ms. McLeod further noted that the first Earth Market on May 28, 2016 was very successful with 500 attendees, which was an increase from 2015.

Joanne Deidun-Roork, Community Group Member commented on the success of the event and suggested that The Riverwood Conservancy be host to a 2017 Earth Market and that the Environmental Action Committee could be at the event to highlight "EAC Environmental Actions". Ms. Deidun-Roork spoke to the Green Living Show in Toronto, noting that Mississauga could do something similar.

Councillor Carlson suggested that a Green Show could be part of the Streetsville Bread & Honey Festival next year, noting that the event could take place indoors.

Alex Dumesle, Community Group Member inquired as to whether any special consideration had been given to the September 17, 2016 Earth Market in light of the Hickory Drive incident, to which Ms. McLeod advised she is in contact with Ward 3 Councillor, Chris Fonseca.

Eashan Karnik, UTM Student Member spoke to UTM's connection with Apple Tree Markets and noted that he would provide information to Ms. McLeod.

RECOMMENDATION

That the verbal update by Andrea J. McLeod, Environmental Specialist with respect to the 2016 Earth Markets, be received for information.

Received (C. Dalton)

Recommendation EAC-0026-2016

6. MATTERS CONSIDERED**6.1. City Wide Energy Audit Results**

Daniela Paraschiv, Manager, Energy Management provided background information on the report with respect to costs and pre-approved grants from IESO and FCM to cover 90% of the cost of the study. Ms. Paraschiv further advised that FCM requires City Council to endorse the study in order to release the incentives and provided highlights on the City Wide Energy Audit, noting that the audit considered 100 facilities in total. Ms. Paraschiv spoke to the goals of the Energy Audit, the energy reduction opportunities, the paybacks for various measures, and spoke to the implementation of the study.

Charles Cooper, Citizen Member noted the substantial improvements from the previous Energy Audits and requested clarification on FCM.

Brad Bass, Citizen Member inquired as to whether they had considered planting trees to reduce energy, to which Ms. Paraschiv noted that perhaps they would consider it in the future.

Shalini Srivastava Modi, Energy Management Coordinator noted that the Parks and Forestry Division was relied upon to plant trees, to which Councillor Mahoney agreed and made note of the 1 Million Trees program at the City.

Alex Dumesle, Community Group Member spoke to challenging the consultants to rethink the structure of such projects and advised that they could contact Partners in Project Green if they required input.

Eashan Karnik, UTM Student Member inquired about grant limitations, to which Ms. Srivastava Modi noted that there are several grants and the need to qualify for each one individually.

The Committee expressed support of the endorsement of the City Wide Energy Audit Results.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the deputation and associated PowerPoint presentation by Daniela Paraschiv, Manager, Energy Management with respect to the City Wide Energy Audit Results, be received for information;
2. That the Corporate Report titled "City Wide Energy Audit Results" dated June 24, 2016 be received for information;
3. That the City will endorse the study to satisfy the financial grant agreement between the City and Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Received (B. Bass)

Recommendation EAC-0025-2016

6.2. Draft EAC Work Plan 2015-2018

Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment spoke briefly to the draft work plan.

Joanne Deidun-Roork, Community Group Member spoke to Action Item 3 and having Members volunteer at environmental events, the possibility of having an "EAC booth", guest speakers, and noted that the Earth Market brings the Committee's work plan together.

Brad Bass, Citizen Member spoke briefly to the Green Leaders Program and suggested that the Committee could approach Diana Suzuki, Environmental Outreach Coordinator for volunteering opportunities.

Chelsea Dalton, Citizen Member inquired as to whether there would be draft by-laws to review, to which Ms. Osborne advised that there would be two in the fall.

Lea Ann Mallett, Citizen Member inquired as to whether the Peel Food Charter would need to be revisited, to which Ms. Osborne noted that she would inquire.

Melanie Kramer, Community Group Member inquired about the boulevard garden by-law, to which Councillor Mahoney advised that the by-law had been approved by Council and that the Committee had been updated previously.

RECOMMENDATION

That the EAC Work Plan 2015-2018, be approved.

Approved (C. Cooper)

Recommendation EAC-0027-2016

7. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

7.1. Resignation from the Environmental Action Committee - Dave Beaton, CVC

No discussion took place on this item.

RECOMMENDATION

That the email dated May 24, 2016 from Dave Beaton, EAC Community Group Member with respect to his resignation at Credit Valley Conservation Authority and the Environmental Action Committee, be received for information.

Received (Councillor Carlson)
Recommendation EAC-0028-2016

7.2. Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVC) - New EAC Representative

No discussion took place on this item.

RECOMMENDATION

That the email dated June 2, 2016 from Melanie Kramer, Credit Valley Conservation Authority with respect to her appointment by the agency to the Environmental Action Committee, be received for information.

Received (C. Dalton)
Recommendation EAC-0029-2016

7.3. Provincial EAC Symposium Update

Charles Cooper, Citizen Member provided a brief update on the Provincial EAC Symposium that he had attended, hosted by the Town of Ajax, noting a basket program implemented by a local farmer that had greatly reduced the waste of vegetables. Mr. Cooper further noted that the Enabling Garden at The Riverwood Conservancy was mentioned at the symposium, to which Ms. Osborne spoke about the implementation of raised gardens in the City to promote accessibility and inclusion.

RECOMMENDATION

That the verbal update by Charles Cooper, Citizen Member with respect to the Provincial EAC Symposium, be received for information.

Received (B. Bass)
Recommendation EAC-0030-2016

7.4. EAC Environmental Actions Summary updated for the July 5, 2016 meeting of the Environmental Action Committee

Committee Members were reminded to forward their action items to the Legislative

Coordinator.

RECOMMENDATION

That the EAC Environmental Actions Summary updated for the July 5, 2016 meeting of the Environmental Action Committee, be received for information.

Received (C. Cooper)

Recommendation EAC-0031-2016

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Brad Bass, Citizen Member spoke about the “Grey to Green” event held in Toronto and suggested that the Committee could approach Council to have Mississauga host the event. Ms. Osborne noted she would connect with Mr. Bass to discuss the matter further.

8.2 Lea Ann Mallett, Citizen Member shared that Stephanie Crocker, Community Group Member on maternity leave, had given birth to her baby.

8.3 Joanne Deidun-Roork, Community Group Member inquired as to whether the September meeting date could be changed due to it being on the first day back to school, to which the Legislative Coordinator advised that she would investigate.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)

September 6, 2016 – 9:30 AM, Civic Centre, Committee Room A

10. ADJOURNMENT - 10:49 AM

Members were invited at this time to join Dave Taylor, the Riverwood Conservancy, for a guided walk-about of the property.