
Environmental Action Committee

Date

2016/09/06

Time

9:30 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
Chelsea Dalton, Citizen Member
Lea Ann Mallett, Citizen Member
Pujita Verma, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance
Eashan Karnik, University of Toronto Mississauga
Andrea Dawber, Ecosource
Alex Dumesle, Partners in Project Green

Members Absent

Charles Cooper, Citizen Member
Melanie Kramer, Credit Valley Conservation
Joanne Deidun-Rook, The Little Green Schoolhouse

Staff Present

Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment Division
Yvonne Monestier, Public Art Coordinator, Cultural Planning
Erica Edwards, Manager, Purchasing, Revenue & Materiel Management
Susan Tanabe, Acting Manager, Transportation Planning
Lisa Urbani, Environmental Research Assistant
Karen Morden, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services

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1. **CALL TO ORDER – 9:30 AM**

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Approved (C. Dalton)

2.1. Addition of Public Question Period to the Agenda

Councillor Mahoney provided a brief background on the addition of Public Question Period to all Committees of Council agendas.

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

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4.1. Minutes of the July 5, 2016 Environmental Action Committee meeting

Approved (C. Dalton)

5. **DEPUTATIONS**

5.1. Yvonne Monestier, Public Art Coordinator, Cultural Planning with respect to the Blue Trees art installation project.

Ms. Monestier provided a brief overview of public art, noting that there are both permanent and temporary public art pieces, used to animate public spaces. Further, Ms. Monestier provided information about the Blue Trees temporary art project being launched during Culture Days national event from September 30 to October 2, 2016, noting that the blue pigment used to colour the trees is environmentally safe and water-based product that temporarily alters the colour of the trees. Ms. Monestier noted the details of the three day event and invited the Members of the Environmental Action Committee to attend the event and join in on the Stakeholders Colouring Day on Friday, September 30, 2016 at 1:00 PM at the Living Arts Centre.

Chelsea Dalton, Citizen Member suggested that the Blue Trees organizers may wish to investigate a partnership with ACER to implement barcodes on the trees that, when scanned, provides information about the tree, thus creating an education piece in addition to an art piece.

In response to a question from Councillor Tovey, Ms. Monestier noted that the length of time that the trees remain blue in colour varies due to environmental factors (weather) and the amount of pigment used when colouring.

Lea Ann Mallet, Citizen Member thanked Ms. Monestier and commented on the positive impact of combining art and the environment.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation and associated presentation by Yvonne Monestier, Public Art Coordinator, Cultural Planning with respect to the Blue Trees art installation project, be received.

Received (L. Mallet)

Recommendation EAC-0032-2016

5.2. Erica Edwards, Manager, Purchasing, Revenue and Materiel Management with respect to the Social Procurement Policy Project

Ms. Edwards provided a brief background on the project, noting that the purpose of the project was to develop a Social/Sustainable Procurement Policy that would guide the City to factor social considerations and environmental responsibility into the procurement of goods and services. Further Ms. Edwards described the consulting process, provided the definition of “sustainable purchasing” and directed questions to the Members regarding an evaluation of the proposed definition, their opinion on what the top social and environmental priorities in sustainable purchasing should be, potential challenges or barriers, thoughts or advice about overcoming those challenges, and about their vision for sustainable purchasing at the City in the next five to ten years.

Discussion amongst Members included the following feedback to Ms. Edwards:

- Using common sense;
- Using local, environmental suppliers;
- Looking at the long-term goal of sustainability;
- Using a simple point system to rate environmentally friendly suppliers;
- Being aware of product lifecycles;
- Looking to implement stronger recycling programs through environmentally responsible corporate purchasing;
- Looking at “re-use” potential;
- Strong need for education/communication to the public;
- Analyzing the source of bids;
- Looking to the Ministry of the Environment as they develop their supplier evaluation process (in the next couple of years);

- The need to educate suppliers;
- Training staff to make wise purchases with a protocol in place.

Ms. Edwards advised that the consultant's report would be going to Council in early 2017.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation and associated PowerPoint presentation by Erica Edwards, Manager, Purchasing, Revenue & Materiel Management with respect to the Social Procurement policy Project, be received.

Received (A. Dumesle)

Recommendation EAC-0033-2016

6. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

No members of the public requested to address the Committee.

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MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

7.1. Appointment of an EAC Member to the Lakeshore Connecting Communities Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Susan Tanabe, Manager, Transportation Planning provided a brief overview of the project, noting the timelines, consultant's role, and expected time commitment in participating on the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) as an EAC representative. Brad Bass, Citizen Member volunteered to sit on the Lakeshore Connecting Communities Technical Advisory Committee, to which the Committee expressed support.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Brad Bass, Citizen Member, Environmental Action Committee (EAC) be appointed to the Lakeshore Connecting Communities Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to represent the Environmental Action Committee;
2. That Brad Bass, Citizen Member, Environmental Action Committee is requested to provide regular updates to the Committee with respect to the Lakeshore Connecting Communities project.

Approved (C. Dalton)

Recommendation EAC-0034-2016

7.2. Environmental Action Committee Work Plan

Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment provided an update regarding Environment Division events such as the launch of the Mississauga Green Facebook page, the @milivinggreen Twitter account, and the Earth Market happening on September 17, 2016 at the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre. Ms. Osborne encouraged Members to tweet about the EAC meetings and the environmental events happening in the City. Further, Ms. Osborne encouraged the Members to volunteer at City environmental events, in relation to the EAC Work Plan to create “environmental actions”.

Councillor Tovey suggested that “promoting good news environmental stories” about the City of Mississauga could be incorporated into the Work Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Environmental Action Committee 2015-2018 Work Plan be received.

Received (Councillor Tovey)

Recommendation EAC-0035-2016

8. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

8.1. EAC Environmental Actions Summary Chart

No discussion took place on this item.

RECOMMENDATION

That the EAC Environmental Actions Summary Chart updated for the September 6, 2016 meeting of the Environmental Action Committee, be received.

Received (L. Mallett)

Recommendation EAC-0036-2016

9. **OTHER BUSINESS** – Nil.

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday, October 4, 2016 - 9:30 AM, Civic Centre, Committee Room A

11. **ADJOURNMENT** – 10:45 AM