
Environmental Action Committee

Date

2016/11/01

Time

9:30 AM

Location

Civic Centre, Committee Room A - Second Floor,
300 Civic Centre Drive, Mississauga, Ontario, L5B 3C1 Ontario

Members

Matt Mahoney	Councillor - Ward 8 (Chair)
George Carlson	Councillor - Ward 11 (Vice-Chair)
Jim Tovey	Councillor - Ward 1
Brad Bass	Citizen Member
Melanie Kramer	Credit Valley Conservation
Andrea Dawber	Ecosource
Chelsea Dalton	Citizen Member
Joanne Deidun-Roork	The Little Green Schoolhouse
Alex Dumesle	Partners in Project Green
Pujita Verma	Peel Environmental Youth Alliance
Lea Ann Mallett	Citizen Member
Eashan Karnik	University of Toronto Mississauga
(Vacant)	Citizen Member

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<http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/environmentalactioncommittee>

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4.1. Minutes of the September 6, 2016 meeting of the Environmental Action Committee

5. **DEPUTATIONS**

5.1. Diana Gaspar to speak regarding Green Drinks Mississauga.

5.2. Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment to speak regarding the Living Green Master Plan 2015 Progress Reporting.

6. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

(Environmental Action Committee may grant permission to a person who is present at Environmental Action Committee and wishes to address a matter on the Agenda. Persons addressing the Committee will ask their questions within a time limit of 5 minutes, as public question period total limit is 15 minutes.)

7. **MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED**

7.1. Council Resolutions in Support of Rooftop Solar Applications Under the Provincial Small Feed-in Tariff (FIT) 5.0 Program and Notice to Proceed for FIT 3.1

7.2. Earth Markets Update

7.3. Review of the EAC Work Plan and Environmental Actions Summary

8. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

8.1. Update on the Lakeshore Connecting Communities Technical Advisory Committee

8.2. Committee Membership - Resignation of Charles Cooper, Citizen Member

8.3. Environmental Action Committee 2017 Meeting Dates

9. **OTHER BUSINESS**

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Monday, December 5, 2016, 9:30 AM, Committee Room A

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

City of Mississauga

Minutes



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-Roork, 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, Environmental Management
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 @mylivinggreen 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

Green Drinks Mississauga

EAC Committee Presentation November 1 2016



A monthly networking event connecting people with a green professional background or personal interest.

Green Drinks

- 11 monthly events
- Over 291 registrants
- Attendees registered from 26 different cities
- Over 6 guest speakers on various topics



Who Attends?

Professionals working in
environmental roles or for green
companies





Professionals working for Environmental Non-Profits

Entrepreneurs





Government Representatives



Students



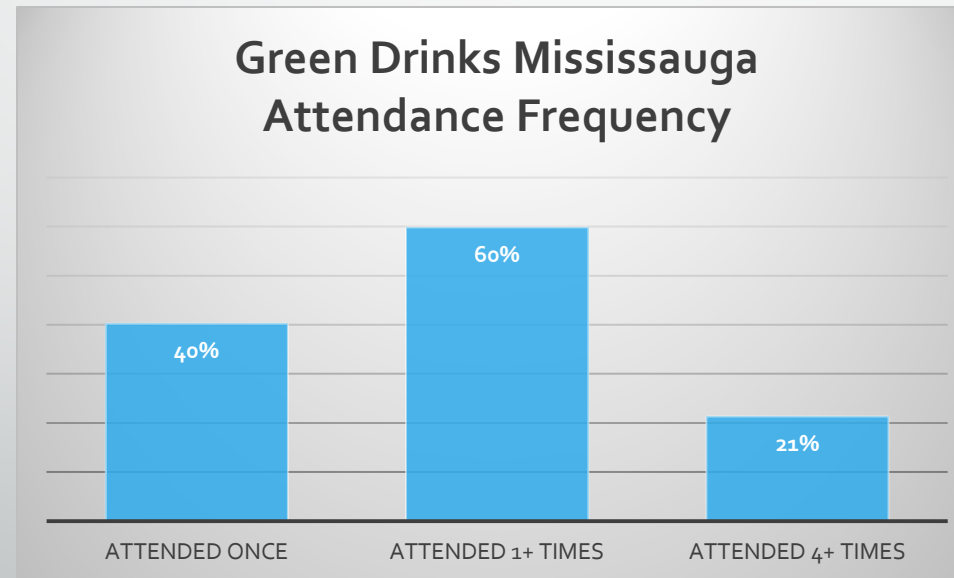
Citizens



Community Builders

Green Drinks Guests

60% of guests have come more than once
21% have attended 4+ events
40% have come to 1 event



Green Drinks – Where do people come from?

Based on where people sign up (likely where they live/work):

26 different cities

- 53% Mississauga
- 19% Toronto
- 6% Brampton
- 4% Oakville



Green Drinks – Moments of Serendipity

- Community projects
- Entrepreneurs found new customers
- Environmental Awareness Education
- Job-seekers connecting with opportunities
- Supporting Mississauga's Green Events
- New friendships and connections



Future Plans

- Anniversary Celebration December 13
- Green Careers event in the spring
- Forming a non-profit organization around 3 pillars related to green: networking, career, educational
- Connecting with contacts within the City and building relationships

City of Mississauga

Memorandum



Date: 2016/10/19

To: Chair and Members of Environmental Action Committee

From: Mary Bracken, Environmental Specialist, Environment Division, Community Services Department

Meeting Date: 2016/11/01

Subject: Council Resolutions in Support of Rooftop Solar Applications Under the Provincial Small Feed-in Tariff (FIT) 5.0 Program and Notice to Proceed for FIT 3.1

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) administers the Feed-in Tariff (FIT) program which encourages renewable power generation through a guaranteed pricing structure for renewable electricity production. The Small FIT program started in 2012 and is scheduled to run until 2018.

Applicants applying to the FIT program get priority points for municipal support in the form of a council support resolution. Supporting local solar renewable power generation helps mitigate climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. City of Mississauga Council has passed three support resolutions supporting the construction and operation of rooftop solar projects applying for the Small FIT program: FIT 2.0 in 2012; FIT 3.0 in 2013; and FIT 4.0 in 2015.

The next application period for Small FIT projects is scheduled from October 31, 2016 to November 18, 2016. On October 19, 2016, General Committee considered a report for two Council resolutions to:

- a) support rooftop solar projects applying to the FIT 5.0 program; and
- b) continue support for FIT 3.1 projects in the form of a Notice to Proceed Council Support Resolution. The FIT 3.1 program provided contracts to an overflow of eligible FIT 3.0 applicants.

Environmental Action Committee members can view the General Committee report at <http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/generalcommittee>.

Council will consider the motion on October 26, 2016. If passed, the Council Support Resolution will be in effect for one year.

Rooftop solar developers requesting the Council Support Resolution must first complete a form which includes a checklist of criteria relating to visibility, noise, glare, ice, safety and emergencies. If the checklist shows that the project addresses the criteria to the City's satisfaction, the Council Support Resolution will be provided to the applicants.

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For questions or for more information, please contact Mary Bracken at
mary.bracken@mississauga.ca or 905-615-3200 extension 4918.

Mary P. Bracken
Environmental Specialist
Environment Division
Community Services Department

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	2015		2016				2017				2018			
ACTION	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2. ADVISE COUNCIL (Offering advice and recommendations that support environmental direction in City's Strategic Plan and Living Green Master Plan)														
2.1 Expanding the Greenbelt														
2.2 Blue Dot														
2.3 By-law updates (Provide feedback) (e.g. Public Tree Protection, Nuisance Weed and Tall Grass Control)														
2.4 Peel Food Charter presentation to EAC to request endorsement														
2.5 Other items as they arise														
2.6 Participate in development of Living Green Master Plan update														

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EAC ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIONS SUMMARY

2015-2018

ACTION	Member(s)	DATE/Hours
<i>Actions, events, workshops, conferences, training etc., that member(s) have done/ participated in related to being an EAC Member</i>	<i>Name of Member/Members/ Working Group</i>	<i>Date/Days/Hours (e.g. April 25, 2015, volunteer ½ day)</i>
Attended Provincial EAC Symposium	Chelsea Dalton	May 2, 2015 - 1 day
Attended 100% Possible March in Ottawa	Chelsea Dalton	November 29, 2015 – 1 day
Attended Mississauga Moves 2015 Conference	Chelsea Dalton	November 9, 2015 – 1 day
Attended Community Environmental Appreciation Evening	Chelsea Dalton	2015 – ½ day
Attended Clean Air Council Summit	Chelsea Dalton	2015 – 1 day
Represented EAC at Clean Air Partnership 2015-2018 Inter-governmental Declaration on Clean Air and Climate Change in Toronto	Alex Dumesle	2015 – 1 day
Represented EAC at FCM Sustainable Conference in Ottawa	Alex Dumesle	February 2016
PPG partnered with CVC and Stormwater Management Team at City of Mississauga to provide a workshop to 50 industrial and commercial end users on the upcoming stormwater charge (2nd partnership presentation)	Alex Dumesle	2015

EAC ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIONS SUMMARY

2015-2018

Attended FCM – Sustainability Conference in Ottawa	Councillor Jim Tovey	February 2016
Attended Seedy Saturday Mississauga Event	Councillor Jim Tovey	February 20, 2016
Represented EAC at Credit River Alliance meeting at Riverwood	Dave Beaton	February 2016
Working to engage Credit River Alliance members in policy/ by-law review	Dave Beaton	Ongoing
Exploring options re. pollinators/”Bee City”	Dave Beaton	Ongoing
Presenting at Sharing Experiences Workshop	Dave Beaton	March 5, 2016
Green Ambassadors program volunteer	Brad Bass	Summer 2016
Management of small native meadow sites on institutional property following conversion from turf grass or invasive plants to native plants and a Creature Tower to provide habitat for pollinating insects	Brad Bass	April to October 2015
Attended Seedy Saturday Mississauga Event	Chelsea Dalton	February 20, 2016
Toured the Region of Peel Waste Management facility with PEYA	Chelsea Dalton	March 2016
Attended Green Drinks Mississauga	Joanne Deidun-Roork	April 12, 2016
Attended “Unhooking Your Downspout” Workshop	Joanne Deidun-Roork	April 19, 2016
The Little Green Schoolhouse started a school composter	Joanne Deidun-Roork	April 20, 2016

EAC ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIONS SUMMARY

2015-2018

The Little Green Schoolhouse participated in an Earth Day 40 Minute Walk to clean up their local community	Joanne Deidun-Roork	April 22, 2016
Posted a link to Mississauga's Earth Days on Facebook	Joanne Deidun-Roork	April 2016
Attended the Community Environmental Appreciation Evening	Councillor Matt Mahoney, Councillor Jim Tovey, Brad Bass, Dave Beaton, Charles Cooper, Stephanie Crocker, Chelsea Dalton, Joanne Deidun-Roork, Manasi Goyal, Lea Ann Mallett, Eashan Karnik	April 18, 2016
Facilitated interactive discussion panel at the Community Environmental Appreciation Evening	Brad Bass, Charles Cooper, Chelsea Dalton, Joanne Deidun-Roork	April 18, 2016
Attended the Swiftwatch Mississauga Open House	Chelsea Dalton	April 2016
Attended Green Drinks Mississauga to promote the Earth Market	Joanne Deidun-Roork	May 10, 2016
Volunteered at Earth Market	Joanne Deidun-Roork	May 28, 2016
Installed a rain barrel at The Little Green Schoolhouse	Joanne Deidun-Roork	May 2016
Tree planting event co-hosted by CVC and PPG at Camilla Park	Alex Dumesle	May 7, 2016
Attended the Provincial EAC Symposium	Charles Cooper	May 2016

EAC ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIONS SUMMARY

2015-2018

Attended Green Drinks Mississauga	Charles Cooper	July 2016
Volunteer marshal on 12 Community Rides with the Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee including marshal training and organizing the UTM Community Ride in September, as well as participating in the Tour de Mississauga in September	Chelsea Dalton	July – October 2016
1. Hosted Greening Sacred Spaces at Solel Congregation for tour of naturalized landscapes 2. Hosted 40 volunteers from Canon Corp to expand a meadow at Solel Congregation 3. Green Ambassador – Many Feathers Farmers Market, Lisgar GO 4. Cleared invasive plants/established new garden at Solel Congregation	Brad Bass	October 2016
1. Assisted in coordination of Farmer's Market at University of Toronto 2. Assisted in organization of UofT's Environment Week 3. Participated in tree planting event – One Million Trees	Eashan Karnik	September – October 2016

EAC ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIONS SUMMARY

2015-2018

4. Attended Friends of the Credit Stewardship Forum 5. Participated in waste removal volunteer event for the Credit River		
1. Assisted in organizing the PEYA September General Meeting 2. Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup Contributor and Photographer 3. Spoke for PEYA and youth role in environmental stewardship at One Mic United 4. Participated in Dundas Connects Consultation 5. Delegate at United Nations Sustainable Development Training Conference 6. Organized community cleanup in neighbourhood 7. Attended Canadian Wildlife Federation's "Wild Outside Camp" 8. Assisted in organizing the PEYA October General Meeting (fall gardening and garlic planting)	Pujita Verma	September – October 2016

Charles Cooper



03 OCT 2016

Councillor Matt Mahoney
300 City Centre Drive
Mississauga, Ontario L5B 3C1

Dear Matt

Re resignation Charles Cooper – Environmental Action Committee City of Mississauga

Matt, please accept this letter as my resignation from the Environmental Action Committee for the City of Mississauga. I have sold my house in Mississauga and will no longer be a citizen of Mississauga as of the 28th of October 2016. I enjoyed my time on the Environmental Action Committee, the many depositions and the opportunity to represent the City at the Provincial Environmental Advisory Committee held in Ajax.

Your committee is populated by the best environmental minds and I was proud to sit beside each and every one of them as I was a citizen member. It quickly became apparent, I was the individual that held back that group and apologize for doing so. You have a fantastic team that clearly wear their environmental credentials on their sleeves and the City of Mississauga will benefit from this breath of experience.

I really enjoyed my time as a citizen representative on this committee and appreciated the guidance you provided and the style you ran the meetings. Matt as my local member of council in Mississauga, thank you for providing this guidance and stepping up to this underappreciated role. Your Father and Mother were great inspirations and I'm glad this tradition has continued.

As a parting member of the EAC, I have had the opportunity to attend many Environmental themed events within the City and must share, that Brenda and her team have been outstanding. They clearly understand the requirements of their role within the city and then have exceeded my expectations. The earth markets and other functions are amazingly organized, and run flawlessly. Likewise Brenda and her team's participation at each EAC meeting, is phenomenal. I especially appreciate her team's faith in letting me MC the awards ceremony earlier this year. (which I will gladly do in the future, if requested)

I understand, my resignation will no longer allow me to attend any event as a representative of the EAC for the City of Mississauga, I would like to share as a former EAC member I have been especially impressed with a lady near Square One, who runs the Green drinks Mississauga, who in my opinion would make a great addition to the

EAC. This lady is [REDACTED], who resides at [REDACTED]. She has clearly lived, expressed and shared the values that the EAC lives up to. If given an option to nominate a new citizen member to the EAC, I would gladly put forward [REDACTED] name and will stand behind her actions for the remainder of this term.

Once again, You, Karen, Fellow councillors and the members of the Environmental Action Committee impressed me greatly and I wish only the best for everyone associated with this committee. I'm not happy I need to resign, but the house is sold and will close before the next meeting.

Proud to have been a citizen member of the Environmental Action Committee.

Please share this letter with the entire EAC and Brenda's team. Everyone had done a great job and the citizens of Mississauga would be proud.

Sincerely

Charles Cooper

City of Mississauga
Memorandum



Date: 2016/08/30
To: Chair and Members of Environmental Action Committee
From: Karen Morden, Legislative Coordinator
Meeting Date: 2016/11/01
Subject: Environmental Action Committee 2017 Meeting Dates

The 2017 meeting dates for the Environmental Action Committee have been scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, February 7, 2017 (CC)	Tuesday, July 4, 2017
Tuesday, March 7, 2017	Tuesday, September 12, 2017
Tuesday, April 4, 2017	Tuesday, October 3, 2017
Tuesday, May 2, 2017	Tuesday, November 7, 2017
Tuesday, June 6, 2017	Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Please note that the February meeting is being held in the Council Chambers. All other meetings will be held at 9:30 AM at the Mississauga Civic Centre, Committee Room A, 2nd floor, 300 City Centre Drive, Mississauga.

Meetings may be cancelled at the call of the Chair due to insufficient agenda items or lack of quorum. Please kindly contact me in advance of the meeting if you will be absent or late so that quorum issues can be anticipated and dealt with accordingly.

Kind regards,



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