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## **Environmental Action Committee**

### **Date**

2016/11/01

### **Time**

9:33 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  
Pujita Verma, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance  
Eashan Karnik, University of Toronto Mississauga  
Melanie Kramer, Credit Valley Conservation

### **Members Absent**

Lea Ann Mallett, Citizen Member  
Andrea Dawber, Ecosource  
Joanne Deidun-Rook, The Little Green Schoolhouse  
Alex Dumesle, Partners in Project Green

### **Staff Present**

Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment  
Julius Lindsay, Community Energy Specialist  
Lisa Urbani, Environmental Research Assistant  
Diane Gibson, Waste Management Assistant  
Karen Morden, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** - 9:33 AM

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councillor Tovey requested to show a short video at the completion of the deputations.

Approved, as amended (C. Dalton)

\*Note: The order of the agenda was amended during the meeting. The minutes reflect the order that items were dealt with.

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

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

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

Approved (E. Karnik)

5. **DEPUTATIONS**

5.1. Diana Gaspar spoke to the Committee regarding Green Drinks Mississauga.

Ms. Gaspar noted that Green Drinks is an international organization across hundreds of countries that organize monthly networking events to connect people with a green professional background or personal interest environmental issues such as professionals working for green companies or for environmental non-profits, entrepreneurs, government representatives, students, community builders, and citizens. Further, Ms. Gaspar provided information on Green Drinks Mississauga that has held 11 monthly events, has over 291 participants registering from 26 different cities, and will have its one-year anniversary in its current formation on December 13, 2016. With respect to future plans for Green Drinks Mississauga, Ms. Gaspar noted a Green Careers event to be held in the spring of 2017, possibly hosting an annual conference, and building relationships with contacts at the City.

Councillor Mahoney thanked Ms. Gaspar for her presentation.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation and associated PowerPoint presentation by Diana Gaspar, Resident with respect to Green Drinks Mississauga, be received.

Received (M. Kramer)

Recommendation EAC-0037-2016

- 5.2. Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment provided an overview of the Living Green Master Plan 2015 Progress Report, noting that it is a 10 year plan and that 2017 will be the halfway mark. Among highlights, Ms. Osborne commented that the One Million Trees program is up to approximately 220,000 trees planted, the waste reduction on Celebration Square, and food security in cooperation with Ecosource.

In response to a question from Councillor Tovey, Ms. Osborne noted that there is a decrease in the amount of waste and a decrease in the waste generated, at Celebration Square.

Brad Bass, Citizen Member inquired about transportation and a decrease in the number of cars, to which Ms. Osborne noted that the BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) would impact this.

Chelsea Dalton, Citizen Member inquired about recycling bins, to which Ms. Osborne encouraged Ms. Dalton to contact the Supervisor, Waste Management. Further Ms. Dalton inquired as to how many of the trees planted in the One Million Trees program had survived, to which Ms. Osborne noted she would check with Forestry staff. Eashan Karnik, UTM Student Member commented that he had been in contact with Forestry staff and that 86% of the trees have survived.

Pujita Verma, PEYA Member encouraged Environment Division staff to connect with youth in Mississauga.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation and associated presentation by Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment with respect to the Living Green Master Plan 2015 Progress Report, be received.

Received (P. Verma)

Recommendation EAC-0038-2016

6. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

Thaia Jones, Sierra Club inquired about the placement of Public Question Period on the agenda, noting that it would be better placed later on the agenda so members of the public could ask questions about discussions on agenda items that took place during the meeting. Councillor Mahoney noted that questions must pertain to an item on the

agenda and encouraged Ms. Jones to ask questions during Public Question Period.

Councillor Tovey showed a short video about an electrical generating system out of Denmark utilizing the waves in the Baltic Sea and noted possible investigation into wave comparison in Lake Ontario to the Baltic Sea.

7. **MATTERS 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**

Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment commented that Council continues to support Rooftop Solar Applications under the Provincial Small Feed-in Tariff (FIT).

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the memorandum dated October 19, 2016 from Mary Bracken, Environmental Specialist with respect to Council Resolutions in Support of Rooftop Solar Applications Under the Provincial Small Feed-in Tariff (FIT) 5.0 and Notice to Proceed for FIT 3.1, be received.

Received (E. Karnik)  
Recommendation EAC-0039-2016

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

Members of the Committee reviewed the EAC Work Plan. Brenda Osborne noted that there are items on the Work Plan that have been completed and thanked Members for sending their environmental actions for inclusion on the Environmental Actions Summary. Members suggested that completed items be indicated on the Work Plan as such.

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the Environmental Action Committee (EAC) Work Plan be received for information;
2. That staff be directed to update the EAC Work Plan to indicate completed items.

Received (Councillor Tovey)  
Recommendation EAC-0040-2016

8. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

8.1. **Update on the Lakeshore Connecting Communities Technical Advisory Committee**

Brad Bass, Citizen Member provided a brief verbal update, explained the focus of the project, and encouraged people to attend the Open Houses so they could provide input.

Councillor Mahoney also encouraged Members to attend the Open Houses and Brenda Osborne, Director Environment noted that the project is on the City's website if Members wanted further information.

RECOMMENDATION

That the verbal update from Brad Bass, Citizen Member with respect to the Lakeshore Connecting Communities Technical Advisory Committee, be received.

Received (C. Dalton)  
Recommendation EAC-0041-2016

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

Councillor Mahoney advised that Mr. Cooper had recently moved out of Mississauga so was no longer eligible to serve on the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

That the letter of resignation dated October 3, 2016 from Charles Cooper, former Environmental Action Committee Citizen Member, be received.

Received (B. Bass)  
Recommendation EAC-0042-2016

8.3. Environmental Action Committee 2017 Meeting Dates

No discussion took place on this item.

RECOMMENDATION

That the memorandum dated August 30, 2016 from the Legislative Coordinator with respect to the Environmental Action Committee 2017 meeting dates, be received.

Received (P. Verma)  
Recommendation EAC-0043-2016

7.2. Earth Markets Update

Brenda Osborne, Director Environment provided an update on the Earth Markets and noted that the next Earth Market was taking place on November 5, 2016 at Meadowvale Theatre.

RECOMMENDATION

That the verbal update from Brenda Osborne, Director, Environment with respect to an Earth Markets Update, be received.

Received (Councillor Tovey)  
Recommendation EAC-0044-2016

9. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Tovey spoke regarding the Great Lakes Forum and commented that the City of Mississauga is developing a positive reputation with respect to environmental issues.

Chelsea Dalton, Citizen Member advised that the University of Toronto Mississauga had been named as a Fair Trade Campus, the eighteenth in Canada and noted some of the products being sold on campus were Fair Trade items such as non-branded coffee and tea, bananas, and spices.

Pujita Verma, PEYA Member advised that EcoBuzz would be taking place on November 9, 2016 and invited Members to attend.

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday, December 5, 2016 - 9:30 AM, Committee Room A

11. **ADJOURNMENT** - 10:33 AM