# City of Mississauga

# **Minutes**



# **Environmental Action Committee**

#### **Date**

2017/05/02

#### **Time**

9:35 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 (arrived at 9:45 AM)

Lea Ann Mallett, Citizen Member (arrived at 9:42 AM)

Pujita Verma, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (arrived at 10:55 AM)

Eashan Karnik, University of Toronto Mississauga

Andrea Dawber, Ecosource

Melanie Kramer, Credit Valley Conservation

Joanne Deidun-Roork, The Little Green Schoolhouse

#### **Members Absent**

Chelsea Dalton, Citizen Member Alex Dumesle, Partners in Project Green Andrew Roblin, Citizen Member

#### Staff Present

Michael Cleland, Acting Director, Environment

Andrea J. McLeod, Supervisor, Environmental Outreach

Julius Lindsay, Climate Change Specialist

Victoria Kramkowski, Stormwater Charge Program Coordinator

Pauline Craig, Active Transportation Coordinator

Erica Edwards, Manager, Purchasing

Andrew Miller, Strategic Leader – Dundas Corridor

Karen Morden, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services

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- 1. **CALL TO ORDER** 9:35 AM
- 2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Approved (Councillor Tovey)

- 3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST** Nil.
- 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
- 4.1. <u>March 7, 2017 Environmental Action Committee Minutes</u>

Councillor Tovey advised that he had been absent from the March 7, 2017 meeting due to other municipal business, as he was at Queen's Park with Conservation Ontario.

Approved, as amended (J. Deidun-Roork)

#### 5. **DEPUTATIONS**

5.1. Victoria Kramkowski, Stormwater Charge Program Coordinator spoke regarding the Enhanced Stormwater Education and Outreach Program.

Ms. Kramkowski provided background information on previous Stormwater outreach efforts, noting the existing program components as Stormwater information booths, Yellow Fish Road, and outreach to City staff and Members of Council. Additionally, Ms. Kramkowski spoke to the Enhanced Education and Outreach Program being undertaken by the Stormwater Team, which includes Stormwater curriculum, the use of social media, digital media, radio and television, a Stormwater Home Visit Pilot Program, and an ArtWorkX event.

Joanne Deidun-Roork, The Little Green Schoolhouse inquired whether the Stormwater Team had considered connecting with Mississauga daycare centres, to which Ms. Kramkowski indicated they had not, but that it was a good suggestion.

Brad Bass, Citizen Member spoke to the Region's home-visit program focused on fusion gardens and noted that the Stormwater Team was should consider working with the Region to avoid duplicating efforts. Councillor Mahoney spoke regarding the Regional Downspout Disconnect Program. Ms. Kramkowski noted that rain barrels were provided by the Region.

Councillor Tovey inquired about the public's current general attitude about Stormwater fees, to which Ms. Kramkowski noted that there had been a decrease in negative customer contacts and that they had experienced good public interest in the programs. Councillor Tovey spoke regarding social media efforts and moved that the Stormwater Team be provided with their own Twitter feed.

Lea-Ann Mallett, Citizen Member arrived at 9:42 AM and Brad Bass, Citizen Member arrived at 9:45 AM during this deputation.

#### Recommendation

- That the deputation and associated presentation by Victoria Kramkowski,
   Stormwater Charge Program Coordinator with respect to Enhanced Stormwater
   Education and Outreach program be received;
- 2. That Council approve to have the Stormwater staff create a Twitter account for the education and outreach regarding Stormwater.

Approved (M. Kramer)
Recommendation EAC-0010-2017

\*\*For scheduling purposes, the order of consideration of the deputations was amended. The minutes reflect the order in which agenda items were dealt with.

5.2. Pauline Craig, Active Transportation Coordinator spoke regarding the Cycling Master Plan Update.

Ms. Craig provided an in-depth overview of the Cycling Master Plan Update, noting that the goal was to encourage more people to ride bikes in Mississauga. Further, Ms. Craig spoke to the project purpose, the program objectives, public consultation and public meeting efforts, the project's website, and spoke to the project's milestones.

Councillor Tovey spoke regarding the difficulty in riding a bike to work due to the traffic dangers and spoke to the Lakeshore Corridor Project.

Melanie Kramer, Credit Valley Conservation inquired about outreach to the non-cycling public, to which Ms. Craig spoke to in-person surveys, Cycling Ambassadors, and a connection with Sustain Mobility. Further, Ms. Craig noted a Canada 150 Bike Challenge using an app was planned.

# Recommendation

That the deputation and associated presentation by Pauline Craig, Active Transportation Coordinator/Project Lead with respect to the Cycling Master Plan Update be received.

Received (E. Karnik)
Recommendation EAC-0011-2017

At this time, the Committee took leave of the agenda and asked Andrew Miller, Strategic Leader – Dundas Corridor to make his deputation.

Andrew Miller, Strategic Leader – Dundas Corridor spoke regarding an update on the Dundas Connects Project.

- 5.6. Mr. Miller spoke regarding the management of growth and change along Dundas Street, the intensification corridors, and the rapid transit corridor. Further, Mr. Miller spoke to the land transit flooding design, public consultations, the vision of the Plan and the recommendations regarding land use and transportation design. Mr. Miller posed three questions to the Committee:
  - 1. What are the strengths of the Plan?
  - 2. What refinements could be considered?
  - 3. What are your comments/.advice?

Members of the Committee provided the following feedback:

- 1. The project should operate in isolation, it should connect through Halton;
- 2. North/south connections are necessary;
- 3. Need streetscape/integration at the borders:
- 4. UTM would be a good place for a major bus station.

#### Recommendation

That the deputation and associated presentation by Andrew Miller, Strategic Leader – Dundas Corridor, be received.

Received (M. Kramer)
Recommendation EAC-0012-2017

5.4. Erica Edwards, Manager, Purchasing provided an update regarding the Sustainable Procurement Policy.

Ms. Edwards noted that she had delegated to the Committee in September 2016 and was at the meeting that morning to provide them with an update on the policy. Ms. Edwards spoke regarding sustainable procurement, including social factors such as youth employment, diversity, and local procurement and ethical factors including human rights and working conditions, and spoke to the environmental factors in the procurement process. Further, Ms. Edwards noted the environmental aspects to be considered included purchasing goods and services from suppliers that reduce material use, waste and packaging and promote reuse, recycled content, recyclability,

reparability, upgradability, durability, biodegradability, and renewable products. Ms. Edwards spoke to the implementation plan and indicated that the policy would be presented to General Committee on June 14, 2017.

Members thanked Ms. Edwards for the update on the Social Procurement Policy.

#### Recommendation

That the deputation by Erica Edwards, Manager of Purchasing with respect to and update on the Sustainable Procurement Policy be received.

#### Received (B. Bass)

Recommendation EAC-0013-2017

5.5. Andrea J. McLeod, Supervisor, Environmental Outreach spoke regarding the September Earth Market.

Ms. McLeod spoke regarding previous Earth Markets, the Show Me Your Green event at UTM, and thanked Committee Members who attended the Earth Market. Ms. McLeod provided information about the upcoming September Earth Market to be held at Mississauga Celebration Square, noting that the event would run from 1-9 PM with stage programming and an opening ceremony with indigenous speakers. Further, it was noted that they were working with the Culture Division, MiWay Youth Ambassadors and RythmWorx. Ms. McLeod spoke regarding participating vendors, on-square activities, and spoke regarding a Canada 150 connection and invited Members to participate in the Earth Market event.

#### Recommendation

That the deputation by Andrea J. McLeod with respect to the upcoming September Earth Market be received.

#### Received (Councillor Tovey)

Recommendation EAC-0014-2017

5.3. Julius Lindsay, Climate Change Specialist spoke regarding Cap and Trade.

Mr. Lindsay provided an overview of what "Cap and Trade" is, how it works, how it reduces emissions, and noted that a Cap and Trade program had been introduced in Ontario in January 2017. Further, Mr. Lindsay spoke regarding Ontario's first "Allowance Auction" and noted that the City of Mississauga is not a market participant but that the City is eligible to sell offsets in the market through various projects.

<u>Recommendation</u>That the deputation and associated presentation by Julius Lindsay, Community Energy Specialist with respect to the Cap and Trade approach be received.

Received (E. Karnik)

Recommendation EAC-0015-2017

## 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.)

No members of the public requested to speak.

# 7. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

# 7.1. Appointment of a Community Environmental Group

Councillor Tovey thanked Joanne Deidun-Roork, The Little Green Schoolhouse for her service on the Environmental Action Committee and wished her well, along with other Members of the Committee.

Councillor Tovey spoke regarding Sawmill Sid and moved that Sheila Storey, CEO of Sawmill Sid be approached to sit on the Committee as a Community Environmental Group representative.

## Recommendation

That the Environmental Action Committee (EAC) has selected and will approach Sawmill Sid Inc. to appoint a representative to EAC as a Community Environmental Group Member.

<u>Approved</u> (Councillor Tovey)
Recommendation EAC-0016-2017

## 8. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### 8.1. Environmental Action Committee Work Plan

No discussion took place on this item.

#### Recommendation

That the Environmental Action Committee Work Plan be received for information.

Received (Councillor Tovey)

Recommendation EAC-0017-2017

# 8.2. <u>EAC Environmental Actions Summary</u>

Brad Bass, Citizen Member noted that he would be receiving an award and invited Members to attend.

## Recommendation

That the EAC Environmental Actions Summary be received for information.

Received (P. Verma)

Recommendation EAC-0018-2017

- 9. **OTHER BUSINESS** Nil.
- 10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** June 6, 2017 9:30 AM, Committee Room A
- 11. **ADJOURNMENT** 11:42 AM