
Environmental Action Committee

Date

2017/06/06

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
Andrea Dawber, Ecosource
Chelsea Dalton, Citizen Member
Alex Dumesle, Partners in Project Green
Pujita Verma, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance
Lea Ann Mallett, Citizen Member
Eashan Karnik, University of Toronto Mississauga
Andrew Roblin, Citizen Member
Sheila Storey, Sawmill Sid Incorporated
Joanne Deidun-Rook, The Little Green Schoolhouse

Members Absent

Brad Bass, Citizen Member
Melanie Kramer, Credit Valley Conservation

Staff Present

Michael Cleland, Acting Director, Environment
Andrea J. McLeod, Supervisor, Environmental Outreach
Julius Lindsay, Climate Change Specialist
Lisa Urbani, Environmental Research Assistant
Mary Bracken, Supervisor, Environmental Initiatives
Angie Melo, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services

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1. CALL TO ORDER: 9:34 A.M.

Councillor Matt Mahoney, welcomed new Members to the Environmental Action Committee, Sheila Storey, Sawmill Sid Incorporated, and Andrew Roblin, Citizen Member.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved (E. Karnik)

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - Nil

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1. Environmental Action Committee Minutes - May 2, 2017

Approved (C. Dalton)

5. DEPUTATIONS

5.1. Alice Casselman, Founding President, Association for Canadian Educational Resources (ACER) with respect to ACER Programs.

This item was deferred to a future Environmental Action Committee meeting.

5.2. Ryan Ness Senior Manager, Research and Development Toronto and Region Conservation Authority spoke regarding the Living City Report Card; A progress report on environmental sustainability in the Toronto Region, the first five year plan update from 2011.

Mr. Ness, shared the progress made and the gaps in which further work is required throughout the region by providing an in-depth overview on the six themes related to environmental health and sustainability that the Living City Report Card is comprised of, as follows:

Carbon: Although Ontario has eliminated coal-generated electricity which has reduced carbon emissions, transportation fuel use and natural gas consumption are still the two main sources of greenhouse gas emission in the Region. Improvement of building energy efficiency is an area of focus.

Air Quality: Smog days are decreasing; however, air pollution is still a public health issue. Local area monitoring is necessary to address those hot spots understand how the community/neighbourhood is affected.

Waste: The progress that had been made in the past has stalled. The City of Mississauga is doing better than average. The Multi-unit residential waste diversion rates have not improved and is an area of focus for better recycling outcomes and reducing of overall waste.

Water: Greater effort is required to improve stormwater management. Although there has been a reduction in some water pollutants, such as cosmetic products, there are other contaminants emerging which increases the damage to the water system.

Land Use: Farmland and greenspace are shrinking while our population is growing. We need to build compact communities, invest in green infrastructure and protect our greenspaces and farmland.

Biodiversity: The overall health of our regional biodiversity is declining despite efforts to protect habitat. We need to protect and restore forest and other habitat, and reduce the impact of urban development on biodiversity.

Mr. Ness further highlighted ideas for collective impact, sharing of resources and leadership opportunities, for greater performance in the region.

Members of the Environmental Action Committee inquired and commented with respect to the collective impact, partnership to leverage leadership, addressing issues of neighbouring municipalities, and lobbying provincial government with respect to classification of low impact development.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation and associated presentation by Ryan Ness, Senior Manager, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority with respect to The Living City Report Card 2016 be received.

Received (J. Deidun-Roork)

Recommendation - EAC-0019-2017

- 5.3. Jelmer Stegink, Marketing Consultant, spoke to the promotion of the City of Mississauga's 2017 Bike challenge, which will be launched on June 29, 2017 and will run until September 17, 2017. Mr. Stegink advised that participants can register at mississaugabikes.ca to create a profile and log their kilometers to help the City of Mississauga achieve its community goal of 150,000 kilometres cycled. Mr. Stegink further advised that for every 150 kilometres cycled, one tree will be planted. The tree planting event will be held in the fall of 2017 and spring of 2018.

Environmental Action Committee Members engaged in discussion and commented on the data collected on the digital system “Strava”; creating of profiles with respect to children; and opportunity for partnerships, outreach to school boards, and community communications.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation and associated presentation by Jelmer Stegnik, Marketing Consultant, Transportation and Works, Infrastructure and Planning with respect to 2017 Mississauga Bike Challenge be received.

Received (C. Dalton)

Recommendation – EAC-0020-2017

- 5.4. Julius Lindsay, Climate Change Specialist, spoke to Great Lakes Climate Change Adaptation Project over a 2 year period (2016-2018), which included a train the trainer program which Julius Lindsay, and Mary Bracken, Environmental Specialist attended in order to conduct the workshop.

Mr. Lindsay explained the vulnerability assessment workshop results, highlighting high vulnerability impacts, risk assessment likelihood, and risk assessment consequences. Mr. Lindsay thanked Environmental Action Committee Members for participating and sharing their thoughts and expertise. The results of the of vulnerability assessment workshop will be sent to Members electronically.

Mr. Lindsay further advised that a report on the launch of the project will be going forward to General Committee on June 28, 2017, and that Mr. Lindsay will provide a further update on the launch of the project, to Members of the Environmental Action Committee at the July 4, 2017 EAC meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation and associated presentation by Julius Lindsay, Climate Change Specialist with respect to an update on the Climate Change Workshop be received.

Received (P. Verma)

Recommendation – EAC-0021-2017

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.)

7. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

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 (A. Dawber)

Recommendation – EAC-0022-2017

- 8.2. EAC Environmental Action Summary
No discussion took place on this item.

RECOMMENDATION

That the EAC Environmental Actions Summary be received for information.

Received (L. A. Mallett)

Recommendation – EAC-0023-2017

- 8.3. Letter from Eashan Karnik, University of Toronto Mississauga Representative on EAC
Eashan Karnik, University of Toronto Mississauga, expressed his thanks for the opportunity to serve on this Committee and thanked all the Members of the Environmental Action Committee and staff for their input.

RECOMMENDATION

That the letter from Eashan Karnik, University of Toronto Mississauga representative on the Environmental Action Committee, with respect to Mr. Karnik's departure as the representative, be received.

Received (Councillor G. Carlson)

Recommendation – EAC-0024-2017

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Joanne Deidun-Roork, The Little Green Schoolhouse, advised that this is her last meeting as a Member of the Environmental Action Committee and expressed her thanks to the Members and staff for the opportunity to serve on the Environmental Action Committee, and looks forward to working with the Committee in a resident capacity in the future.

Councillor Jim Tovey shared a video with Members and staff of the Environmental Action Committee on the progress of the Lakeview Waterfront Connection

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: July 4, 2017

11. ADJOURNMENT: 10:55 A.M.