
Environmental Action Committee

Date

2018/06/12

Time

9:40 AM

Location

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

Members Present

Councillor Matt Mahoney, Ward 8 (Chair)
Councillor George Carlson, Ward 11 (Vice-Chair)
Councillor David Cook, Ward 1
Andrew Roblin, Citizen Member
Britt McKee, Ecosource
Chelsea Dalton, Citizen Member
Pujita Verma, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance
Minal Waqar, University of Toronto Mississauga

Members Absent

Sheila Storey, Sawmill Sid Inc
Dianne Zimmerman, Partners in Project Green
Melanie Kramer, Credit Valley Conservation
Lea Ann Mallett, Citizen Member
Brad Bass, Citizen Member

Staff Present

Michael Cleland, Director, Environment
Diana Suzuki-Bracewell, Supervisor, Environmental Outreach
Laurie Kassabian, Environmental Outreach Coordinator
Mary Bracken, Supervisor, Environment Initiatives
Lisa Urbani, Environmental Research Assistant
Diane Gibson, Waste Management Assistant
Trish Sarnicki, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** – 9:40 a.m.

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Approved (A. Roblin)

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

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4.1 Environmental Action Committee Minutes – May 15, 2018

Approved (C. Dalton)

5. **DEPUTATIONS**

5.1. Lee Overton, Market Director & Project Consultant, and Jane Hayes, Co-Founder to speak regarding The Backyard Farm and Market

Ms. Overton provided an overview of The Backyard Farm and Market (BYFM) and spoke to the Community Hub location at Daniels Presentation Centre, where the organization began. Ms. Overton spoke to the mission, vision and values of BYFM, noting the foundation of the project is based on permaculture ethics and principles. Ms. Overton explained that permaculture can be understood as planning, designing, building (or co-creating) sustainable systems, from food to water, buildings, to transportation, to cities, that work together in harmony. Ms. Hayes spoke to the 2018 Strategic Plan, noting that this year's plan is to sustain project integrity, diversify funding sources and prepare to move to a permanent home in 2019 and also budget of BYFM.

Councillor Mahoney, Chair, thanked Ms. Overton and Ms. Hayes for their presentation, and noted that the market inspires a sense of community and is excited that the market will now have a permanent home in ward 8.

Ms. Hayes and Ms. Overton noted that BYFM is seeking board members, as well as dedicated finance personnel as their organization grows, and asked for Committee Members to share this with their networks.

Ms. Hayes noted that the market takes place every Saturday for the months of June to September, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and welcomed all to attend.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation and associated presentation by Lee Overton, Market Director and Project Consultant, and Jane Hayes, Co-Founder with respect to The Backyard Farm and Market be received.

Received (Councillor Carlson)
Recommendation EAC-0027-2018

5.2. Kate Hayes, Credit Valley Conservation to speak regarding Lake Ontario Initiatives

Ms. Hayes provided an overview of the Lake Ontario Initiatives and spoke to shared federal and provincial responsibility of Lake Ontario, as well as municipal efforts that are significant for the management of the health of the lake, noting all activities on land directly affect the health of Lake Ontario. Ms. Hayes spoke to resolutions passed by Council in prior years that were instrumental in forming the basis of environmental policy for the provincial and federal government.

Ms. Hayes spoke to the vision and timeline of the Lake Ontario Integrated Shoreline Strategy (LOISS), noting the last several years have been spent filling in data gaps, with two reports to be distributed in fall 2018, the final report entitled “Living by the Lake: Action Plan” which sets out priority actions to restore and manage the shoreline within the City of Mississauga. Ms. Hayes spoke to the Lakeview Waterfront Connection, as well as the Inspiration Lakeview Master Plan and noted that the new green corridor and waterfront park connections emphasize the need for partnerships at all levels of government, including the private sector and public, in order to contribute to the overall management of Lake Ontario.

Mary Bracken, Supervisor, Environment Initiatives, spoke to an initiative Mayor Crombie will be introducing at the annual meeting of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative on June 13 in Ajax. Mayor Crombie will be introducing a motion to create a mayor’s council of nature and communities, which will support the national effort to meet the International Convention on Biological Diversity target to protect 17% of land and inland freshwater. The council of mayor’s mandate is to: contribute to people’s connection with nature within their own municipality; contribute to the national target of 17% protection of land and freshwater; and contribute to the connectivity and biodiversity of habitat and migratory pathways specific to the Great Lakes St. Lawrence region.

Councillor Cook noted that he had been recently appointed to the board of directors at Credit Valley Conservation, and inquired whether the board had been made aware of the material contained in Ms. Hayes presentation, with Ms. Hayes responding that it was unlikely as the information is relatively new. Councillor Cook requested that the information be made available to the board.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation and associated presentation by Kate Hayes, Credit Valley Conservation with respect to Lake Ontario Initiatives be received.

Received (A. Roblin)
Recommendation EAC-0028-2018

5.3. Leya Barry, Climate Change Coordinator to speak regarding Climate Change Project: Update and Findings from Clean Tech Sector Assessment

Ms. Barry provided an update regarding the Climate Change Project, specifically the Climate Change Risk Assessment and noted the findings would be reported in 2019. Ms. Barry also provided an overview of the Clean Tech Sector Assessment, and spoke to the

purpose, process, competitive benchmarking findings, overall findings, opportunities and possible threats. Ms. Barry noted that Clean technology refers to any process, product, or service that reduces negative environmental impacts, and spoke to the strengths and weaknesses in the overall findings, noting that compared to other municipalities, the City of Mississauga is performing well. Ms. Barry added that the City has opportunities to promote and enable clean tech, and will need to remain aware of legislative changes that could threaten clean tech development.

Ms. Barry provided reminders of Climate Change Events taking place around the City. Ms. Barry spoke to the Imagine2050 Photo Contest, noting the contest begins on June 4, 2018 and closes July 13, 2018, with the finalists to be showcased at the Imagine2050 Pop Ups. Ms. Barry explained that there are two Imagine2050 Pop Ups anticipated to occur between August 24th to 26th at Square One Shopping Centre and Erin Mills Town Centre (to be confirmed).

Ms. Barry spoke to the After Dark Earth Market tentatively scheduled at Celebration Square (to be confirmed) for July 14, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 pm. Ms. Barry also noted the Imagine2050 Escape Room will be launched at the After Dark Market and will be hosted at Erin Mills July 20-22, 2018 and July 27-29, 2018.

Councillor Mahoney, Chair requested that the Legislative Coordinator send out reminders for the dates of the Climate Change Events to the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation and associated presentation by Leya Barry, Climate Change Coordinator with respect to Climate Change Project: Update and Findings from Clean Tech Sector Assessment be received.

Received (B. McKee)
Recommendation EAC-0029-2018

6. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

No members of the public requested to speak.

7. MATTERS CONSIDERED

7.1. EAC Environmental Actions Summary

No discussion took place on this item.

RECOMMENDATION

That the EAC Environmental Actions Summary updated for the June 12, 2018 meeting of the Environmental Action Committee, be received for information.

Received (P. Verma)
Recommendation EAC-0030-2018

7.3. Environmental Action Committee Work Plan

No discussion took place on this item.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Environmental Action Committee Work Plan updated for the June 12, 2018 meeting of the Environmental Action Committee, be approved.

Received (Councillor Carlson)

Recommendation EAC-0031-2018

8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Mahoney, Chair, brought forth a draft motion with respect to the National Plastic Reduction Strategy and noted that the intention is to move the motion at Council on June 20, 2018. Councillor Mahoney asked the Committee Members for their support for this draft motion.

Members of the Environmental Action Committee voted in support of the National Plastic Reduction Strategy and any efforts by the City in pursuing this initiative as put forth by Councillor Mahoney.

Councillor Mahoney thanked the Committee for their support and welcomed Committee Members to attend Council on June 20th to show their support.

Diane Gibson, Waste Management Assistant, reminded Committee Members of the upcoming Union Park Cleanup at Friday, June 22, 2018.

Pujita Verma, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance, inquired whether Committee Members can bring friends to the park cleanup event, with Ms. Gibson responding in the affirmative.

Councillor Mahoney, Chair expressed his gratitude for being appointed Chair of the Committee and thanked Committee Members for their contributions to the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Environmental Action Committee supports the National Plastic Reduction Strategy and any efforts by the City in pursuing this initiative as put forth by Councillor Mahoney, Chair to the Environmental Action Committee at the June 12, 2018 meeting.

Carried (P. Verma)

Recommendation EAC-0032-2018

9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – To be determined

10. **ADJOURNMENT** – 10:40 AM