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## Environmental Action Committee

### Date

2019/10/08

### Time

9:30 AM

### Location

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

### Members Present

Matt Mahoney	Councillor - Ward 8 (Chair)
Stephen Dasko	Councillor - Ward 1 (Vice-Chair)
George Carlson	Councillor - Ward 11
Chelsea Dalton	Citizen Member
Lea Ann Mallett	Citizen Member
Pujita Verma	Citizen Member
Shazerah Qureshi	Peel Environmental Youth Alliance
Carina Suleiman	University of Toronto Mississauga
Melanie Kramer	Credit Valley Conservation
Joel Longland	Partners in Project Green

### Non-Voting Members

Alice Casselman	Association for Canadian Educational Resources
Sid Gendron	Sawmill Sid Inc.

### Members Absent

Brad Bass	Citizen Member
Britt McKee	Ecosource
Brad Butt	Mississauga Board of Trade
Teresa Ierullo	Greening Sacred Spaces

### Staff Present

Dianne Zimmerman, Manager, Environment  
Lisa Urbani, Environment Research Assistant, Environment  
Diane Gibson, Waste Management Assistant, Waste Management  
Jamie Ferguson, Manager, Park Services  
Anna Ferguson, Parks Community Development Assistant, Park Services  
Diana Suzuki-Bracewell, Supervisor, Environmental Outreach  
Dayna Obaseki, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** – 9:34 AM
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
Approved (L. Mallet)
3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST** – Nil.
4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
- 4.1. Environmental Action Committee Minutes – September 9, 2019  
Approved (C. Dalton)

5. **DEPUTATIONS**

5.1. Adopt-a-Park and Litter Prevention

Diane Gibson, Waste Diversion Assistant, Parks, Forestry and Environment

Diane Gibson provided an overview on the Adopt-A-Park Environmental Action Committee Participation. Ms. Gibson outlined what the City of Mississauga is currently doing to help prevent litter, such as strategically placing waste container around the City, the Debris and Anti-Littering By-law 219-85, Mississauga's 20 Minute Makeovers, and participating in the Clean Canada Together initiative. The Adopt a Park or Street is a community focused program with a formal process and commitment of three clean-ups per year for a span of two years. The Environmental Action Committee Members have agreed to support the Adopt-A-Park Program and Pujita Verma, Citizen Member will coordinate dates for clean-ups in 2020. Anna Ferguson, Parks Community Development Assistant, Park Services provided a sample display of a clean-up kit for a small group of five individuals that includes, bags, gloves, and sanitizer.

Members of the Committee spoke to the matter and raised the following questions and concerns;

- Advocated for a fall clean-up in addition to spring clean-up;
- Expressed that low canopy areas need more focus;
- Suggested coordinating a tree planting in conjunction with a park clean-up;
- Inquired about the involvement from the schools;
- Inquired if the clean-up kit includes a tracking sheet;
  - Suggested the use of tracking application on a mobile device for ease.
- Inquired if the clean-up is encouraging separating the litter (garbage/recycling); and
- Inquired if there is signage and bins located at entrance and exit of the parks.

Ms. Gibson and Jamie Ferguson, Manager, Park Services responded to the questions from the Members of the Committee;

- The schools are involved as the students partake in their own Ecosource and Climate Change Program initiatives.

- The kit includes safety instructions, a writing utensil and a tracking sheet to record what items are being picked-up.
- There is misconception around clean and contaminated recyclables. The main focus of the program is to get the litter out of the parks. However, during the shoreline clean-up blue bags were available to separate the litter.
  - Educating the public by providing graphics as examples to make the separation of litter easier to decipher through.
- Bins are located at the entrance and exit of each park trail as well as though out the trail. During the winter season bins are decreased and increased during the summer season. Currently working on more signage to help further educate and communicate with the public.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation and associated presentation by Diane Gibson, Waste Diversion Assistant, Parks, Forestry and Environment with respect to Adopt-a-Park and Litter Prevention be received for information.

Received (Councillor Carlson)  
Recommendation EAC-0033-2019

#### 5.2. Waste Reduction Week

Diane Gibson, Waste Diversion Assistant, Parks, Forestry and Environment

Diane Gibson provided an overview on the Waste Reduction Week in Canada from October 21 – October 27, 2019. Ms. Gibson noted that in 2001, a national program was established by the Recycling Council of Ontario. A variety of organizations have a collection drive that allows the public the opportunity to donate old clothing and electronics. The City of Mississauga has a number of 2019 Collection locations that include all community centres, the Civic Centre, Central Library and Garry Morden Training Center.

Members of the Committee spoke to the matter and raised the following questions and concerns;

- Suggested expanding the targeted audiences to include moving companies and superintendents of apartment buildings;
- Suggested the lost and found boxes at schools to be donated at the end of each school year;
- Suggested coordination with the schools to help further expand Waste Reduction Week and the program;
- Inquired if the trading and renting items are presented as options;
- Suggested further expanding the items being donated and/or at hockey swaps; and
- Suggested Repair Cafés.

Ms. Gibson and Joel Longland, Group Representative (PPG) responded to the questions from the Members of the Committee;

- The Region of Peel is working with multi-resident buildings.

- Partners on Project Green mainly focus on business sustainability, however can have Diabetes Canada reach out to the schools regarding their involvement.
- The Ontario's Textile Diversion Symposium presents a list of helpful waste reduction options and uses social media to further educate the public.
- Community Centres are looking into further expanding the items collected in donation bins to include bikes, however want to ensure there is not an overhaul of bins.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation and associated presentation by Diane Gibson, Waste Diversion Assistant, Parks, Forestry and Environment with respect to Waste Reduction Week be received for information.

Received (Councillor Dasko)  
Recommendation EAC-0034-2019

#### 5.3. Seabin Litter Collection Container Jamie Ferguson, Manager, Park Services

Jamie Ferguson provided an overview on the Marina Seabin Project. Mr. Ferguson outlined the functionality of the Seabin, which consists of capturing up 20kg of waste of small to large debris, micro plastics, oil and fuel. The projected date for the installation in the Credit Village Marina is August 29, 2019. The seabins have no impact on the marine life and does not operate during the winter season.

Members of the Committee spoke to the matter and raised the following questions regarding the power functionality, whether the device can be anchored off-shore and the type of feedback received.

Mr. Ferguson responded to the questions from the Members of the Committee by noting the unit is electrically wired and works off a low electric motor that connects to a wall-base unit that goes out to daily to collect waste. Due to the electrically wiring anchoring offshore would require amendments to the wiring. The feedback has been positive - the marina looks cleaner, it is a LEAN initiative, and the device's popularity is increasing in the private sector.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation and associated presentation by Jamie Ferguson, Manager, Park Services with respect to Seabin Litter Collection Container be received for information.

Received (J. Longland)  
Recommendation EAC-0035-2019

#### 6. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - 15 Minute Limit (5 Minutes per Speaker)

No members of the public requested to speak.

## 7. **MATTERS CONSIDERED**

### 7.1. **Group Representative EAC Vacancy (Verbal)**

Dayna Obaseki, Legislative Coordinator noted currently there is a vacant spot on the Environmental Action Committee under the Community Group Representative Members. Ms. Obaseki further noted that the previously selected Peel Aboriginal Network (The Indigenous Network) is unable to provide a representative at this time to sit on the Committee. The Members of the Committee voted that Alice Casselman, Non-Voting Community Group Representative for the Association for Canadian Educational Resources fill the vacant spot becoming a voting Group Representative.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That the verbal update regarding the Group Representative EAC Vacancy be received.
2. That the existing members of the Environmental Action Committee have selected Alice Casselman, Association for Canadian Educational Resources, Non-Voting Member to fill the Group Representative EAC Vacancy and to become a Voting Member.

Received/Approved (Councillor Dasko)  
Recommendation EAC-0036-2019

### 7.2. **Environmental Action Committee Work Plan**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Environmental Action Committee Work Plan be approved as discussed at the October 8, 2019 Environmental Action Committee meeting.

Received/Approved (M. Kramer)  
Recommendation EAC-0037-2019

## 8. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### 8.1. Climate Change Action Plan Consultation Opportunities

Dianne Zimmerman, Manager, Environment presented a slide deck with the dates and alternative opportunities to provide feedback on the City's Climate Change Action Plan. Ms. Zimmerman noted how the huge turnout and how successful the last two consultations were. Ms. Zimmerman also encouraged Members to send these opportunities to their networks to provide feedback.

Members of the Committee inquired if what type of feedback has been received and Ms. Zimmerman noted the feedback has been positive.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Climate Change Action Plan Consultation Opportunities be received for information.

Received (C. Dalton)

Recommendation EAC-0038-2019

**9. OTHER BUSINESS****9.1. Project Crossroads Update by Alice Casselman, Group Representative (Verbal)**

Alice Casselman provided an update on the initially planning session regarding Project Crossroads. Sid Gendron, Group Representative suggested that trees planted should be fruit trees that could help feed the community as well as help from an environmental perspective.

**10. ENQUIRIES****10.1. Melanie Kramer, Group Representative inquired about how the Committee receives updates after substantial items go to General Committee and Council. Ms. Kramer specifically inquired about a deputation regarding the Climate Emergency Declaration and the end result of that recommendation.**

Councillor Mahoney responded by noting that the City officially declared a Climate Emergency as a result of that deputation recommendation. Substantial updates will be included in the EAC work plan.

**10.2. Alice Casselman, Group Representative inquired about the lack of green space in the Lakeview Site. Councillor Dasko responded that the local resident group meeting did not display the entire site that includes a number of parks, 67 acres of parkland as well as an eco-park named after the late Councillor Tovey.**

Chelsea Dalton, Citizen Member inquired if the Lakeview site will have deep lake water cooling. Councillor Dasko responded by noting that the current focus is on bigger items, such as vacuum waste and district energy.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S) - Tuesday, November 12, 2019 - 9:30am, Committee Room A****12. ADJOURNMENT – 10:53AM (Councillor Carlson)**