

# AGENDA



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## ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2012 – 9 A.M.**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER**  
**SECOND FLOOR, CIVIC CENTRE**  
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### Members

Councillor George Carlson, Ward 11 (CHAIR)  
Michael DeWit, Citizen Member (VICE-CHAIR)  
Councillor Jim Tovey, Ward 1  
Councillor Frank Dale, Ward 4  
Hassaan Basit, Citizen Member  
Dr. Brad Bass, Citizen Member  
Elaine Hanson, Sheridan College, Office for Sustainability  
Lucas Krist, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance  
Val Otori, Citizen Member  
Peter Orphanos, Citizen Member  
Maureen Ricker, Citizen Member  
Lucia Salvati, University of Toronto at Mississauga  
Diana Yoon, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance

### Agency Liaison

Lea Ann Mallett, EcoSource

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CALL TO ORDERAPPROVAL OF AGENDADECLARATIONS OF DIRECT (OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTERESTPRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS

- A. Peter Orphanos, Chair, Sierra Club Canada, Peel Region Group, and Environmental Advisory Committee Citizen Member, with respect to the Credit Forever Project.
- B. Item 2 Karen Spencer, Advisor, City Strategy and Innovations, City Manager's Office, with respect to the City Committees of Council Structure Review.
- C. Item 3 Stephanie Crocker, Associate Director, EcoSource, Rahul Mehta, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA) Facilitator, EcoSource, and Elaine Hanson, Sheridan College, Office for Sustainability, and Environmental Advisory Committee Member, with respect to the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual EcoBuzz Conference for secondary school students in the Peel Region at the Sheridan Hazel McCallion Campus on October 24, 2012.
- D. Jessie MacAlpine, five-time Canada-Wide Science Fair Alumnus, and Founder and President, Oxford County Science and Technology Fair, with respect to using garlic mustard and used coffee grounds as a natural herbicide.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

- 1. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting  
Minutes of the meeting held September 4, 2012.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

- 2. City Committees of Council Structure Review  
Overview from Karen Spencer, Advisor, City Strategy and Innovations, City Manager's Office, with respect to the City Committees of Council Structure Review.

RECOMMEND RECEIPT

3. PEYA EcoBuzz 2012 Backgrounder

Overview from Rahul Mehta, PEYA Facilitator, EcoSource, with respect to the PEYA EcoBuzz 2012 Backgrounder.

RECOMMEND RECEIPT4. Revised Council Support Resolution for Rooftop Solar Applications Under the Provincial Feed-in Tariff (FIT) Program

Memorandum dated September 20, 2012 from Mary Bracken, Environmental Specialist, Environmental Management Section, Community Services Department, with respect to revised Council support resolution for rooftop solar applications under the provincial Feed-in Tariff (FIT) program.

RECOMMEND RECEIPT5. Upcoming Agenda Items and Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) Role

Chart from Environment staff with respect to upcoming agenda items and Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) role.

RECOMMEND RECEIPT6. Status of Outstanding Issues from the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC)

Chart dated October 2, 2012 from Julie Lavertu, Legislative Coordinator, Environmental Advisory Committee, with respect to the status of outstanding issues from the Environmental Advisory Committee.

RECOMMEND RECEIPTINFORMATION ITEMS

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, November 6, 2012 at 9 a.m., Council Chamber

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### ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA  
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PRESENT:

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 Councillor Jim Tovey, Ward 1  
 Stephanie Crocker, EcoSource  
 Elaine Hanson, Sheridan College, Office for Sustainability  
 Lucas Krist, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance  
 Mayor Hazel McCallion, Ex Officio (departed at 9:55 a.m.)  
 Rahul Mehta, EcoSource  
 Peter Orphanos (departed at 9:55 a.m.)  
 Maureen Ricker, Citizen Member  
 Lucia Salvati, University of Toronto at Mississauga  
 Diana Yoon, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance

MEMBERS/AGENCY LIAISONS  
ABSENT:

Councillor Frank Dale, Ward 4 (Other Municipal Business)  
 Hassaan Basit, Citizen Member  
 Dr. Brad Bass, Citizen Member  
 Lea Ann Mallett, EcoSource  
 Val Ogori, Citizen Member

STAFF PRESENT:

Andrea J. McLeod, Environmental Specialist  
 Brenda Osborne, Manager, Environment  
 Andy Wickens, Manager, Parks

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CALL TO ORDER – 9:05 a.m.

The Chair welcomed Ms. Yoon to her first meeting as an Environmental Advisory Committee Member.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved (J. Tovey)

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT (OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST – NilPRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS – NilMATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED1. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held June 5, 2012.

Approved (J. Tovey)

2. Potential Ban of Plastic Shopping Bags in Mississauga

Corporate Report dated July 26, 2012 from the Commissioner of Community Services with respect to the potential ban of plastic shopping bags in Mississauga.

Mayor McCallion addressed the Committee and Environment staff and thanked the Committee for their hard work and discussed the potential ban of plastic shopping bags.

Mayor McCallion clarified that she did not recommend the ban of plastic bags. The press report was incorrect, as she stated that she was going to send this matter for consideration of the Environmental Advisory Committee for advice.

Mayor McCallion also noted that all necessary research needed to complete prior to making any recommendations and that the matter should be referred to the Region of Peel and EcoSource's "Clean City Committee". She felt there should be no resolution at this time.

Mayor McCallion commended Staff with respect to the Report and commented further that it was well written and suggested that the common practices of reusing plastic bags and purchasing recyclable bags be continued until such time as the City had solid evidence that banning plastic bags would be beneficial.

Recommendation

EAC-0039-2012

1. That the Corporate Report dated July 26, 2012 from the Commissioner of Community Services, entitled "Potential Ban of Plastic Shopping Bags in Mississauga," be received; and
2. That the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that the potential ban of plastic shopping bags in Mississauga be referred to the Region of Peel's Waste Management Committee for further research and recommendations to the Region of Peel's Regional Council and the City of Mississauga's Council.

Received/Referred (J. Tovey)3. Potential Ban of Plastic Shopping Bags in Mississauga

Email messages from various citizens to Mayor Hazel McCallion and Letters to the Editor in *The Mississauga News* with respect to the potential ban of plastic shopping bags in Mississauga.

Recommendation

EAC-0040-2012

That the email messages from various citizens to Mayor Hazel McCallion and Letters to the Editor in *The Mississauga News* with respect to the potential ban of plastic shopping bags in Mississauga be received.

Received (J. Tovey)4. Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative 2012 Resolutions (Wards 1 and 2)

Corporate Report dated August 14, 2012 from the Commissioner of Community Services with respect to the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative 2012 resolutions.

Councillor Tovey spoke with respect to the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative 2012 resolutions and the need for recommendations to be sent up to Council for endorsement.

Mayor McCallion thanked Councillor Tovey for assuming responsibility for this important issue. Mayor McCallion commented that there are boats that are not able to get out of the marina and suggested the possibility of a special appeal for dredging of the Credit River, as it is no longer a harbour, but a public space.

At this time, Peter Orphanos, Citizen Member, addressed the Committee to thank them for their support and briefly mentioned a project that he is currently working on with the Sierra Club.

It was recommended by the Committee that the Motion to Council be amended to mention funding of dredging the Credit River.

Recommendation

EAC-0041-2012

1. That the Corporate Report dated August 14, 2012 from the Commissioner of Community Services, entitled "Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative 2012 Resolutions," be received;
2. That the Environmental Advisory Committee supports the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative 2012 resolutions and requests that Resolution 2 – 2012M entitled "Sediment Management" be strengthened to request federal funding to support the dredging of non-commercial harbours (e.g., Snug Harbour); and
3. That the Environmental Advisory Committee forward the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative 2012 resolutions to Council for endorsement.

Received/Direction (J. Tovey))5. Clean Air Council's Green Economy Summit

Memorandum dated August 20, 2012 from Andrea J. McLeod, Environmental Specialist, Environmental Management Section, Community Services Department, with respect to the Clean Air Council's Green Economy Summit.

Ms. McLeod provided background on the Summit for the Committee's information at this time.

Recommendation

EAC-0042-2012

That the Memorandum dated August 20, 2012 from Andrea J. McLeod, Environmental Specialist, Environmental Management Section, Community Services Department, entitled "Clean Air Council's Green Economy Summit," be received.

Received (M. DeWit)6. Potential Ban/Restriction on Fertilizer Use in the City of Mississauga

Memorandum dated August 22, 2012 from Andy Wickens, Manager, Parks, with respect to the potential ban/restriction on fertilizer use in the City of Mississauga.

Mr. Wickens provided background information and shared traditional practices from other cities and municipalities at this time. He commented that the use of "buffers" to prevent the spreading of fertilizer products and that the City is focused only on parks at this time. Mr. Wickens suggested that an educational approach with Home Owners would be a beneficial approach to take the public.

Mr. Wickens noted that the sale and use of fertilizer is federally regulated and that currently the City of Mississauga does use fertilizer, but it is limited mostly to sports fields for safety and that the City has greatly reduced its use of fertilizer.

It was asked of Mr. Wickens if there was a ban on phosphorous and if it would be helpful. Mr. Wickens commented that it is an option, and there are several ways to approach this. Cities are doing different things to try to accommodate. He noted that this involves both education and enforcement, which would be difficult to do.

Mr. Wickens commented that golf courses have a separate set of regulations with respect to the use of fertilizers.

Recommendation

EAC-0043-2012

That the Memorandum dated August 22, 2012 from Andy Wickens, Manager, Parks, entitled "Potential Ban/Restriction on Fertilizer Use in the City of Mississauga," be received.

Received (J. Tovey)

7. Let Your Green Show Awareness Campaign

Brenda Osborne, Manager, Environment, provided a verbal update with respect to the Let Your Green Show awareness campaign.

Ms. Osborne congratulated Councillor Tovey and Ward One residents as they are in the lead for the Greenest Ward Award and mentioned that there would be a new promotion for all Wards in the coming months.

At this time Maureen Ricker, Citizen Member commented that a proper Farmer's Market in Mississauga was needed and requested clarification on how to make this happen.

Ms. Osborne agreed that Farmer's Markets are important to the City and that the Lion's Club needed a Space and that is being addressed by staff.

8. Upcoming Agenda Items and Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) Role

Chart from Environment staff with respect to upcoming agenda items and Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) role.

Councillor Tovey requested an update on the Storm Water Strategy. Ms. Osborne noted that Transportation and Works staff would be reporting back on this item in December 2012.

Lucas Krist, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance, requested clarification on Mayor McCallion's earlier request regarding Drive-through restaurants. Ms. Osborne advised that an update would be brought back to the Environmental Advisory Committee.



Recommendation

EAC-0044-2012

That the chart from Environmental Management staff with respect to upcoming agenda items and Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) role be received.

Received (L. Krist)9. Status of Outstanding Issues from the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC)

Chart dated September 4, 2012 from Julie Lavertu, Legislative Coordinator, Environmental Advisory Committee, with respect to the status of outstanding issues from the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC).

Recommendation

EAC-0045-2012

That the chart dated September 4, 2012 from Julie Lavertu, Legislative Coordinator, Environmental Advisory Committee, with respect to the status of outstanding issues from the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) be received.

Received (M. DeWit)INFORMATION ITEMS – NilDATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, October 2, 2012 at 9 a.m., Council ChamberOTHER BUSINESS

Councillor Tovey discussed The Great Lakes Conference that he recently attended and suggested that Environment staff attend in 2013, if at all possible, as the information would be beneficial for the City.

ADJOURNMENT – 10:04 a.m. (J. Tovey)

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## City Committees of Council Structure Review

The purpose of this project is to review the administration, mandate and structure of existing (and potential) City of Mississauga Committees of Council, and to make specific recommendations regarding these committees for Council approval.

The analysis will critically assess whether the committees operate effectively and efficiently while meeting the needs of City Council, citizens and the corporation.

In particular, the review will include:

- the purpose of each committee and how effectively it meets that purpose and whether it aligns with the City's Strategic Plan and corporate values
- the membership of the committee
- the citizen engagement opportunities within each committee
- the administration of the committee including time commitment, the decision-making framework, work processes, staff role, products and budgets
- the history of the committee, including significant revisions over time
- the mechanisms and opportunities to delegate authority

The research and analysis phase will be completed by November, 2012. The entire review will be completed by February, 2013 when the recommendations are formally approved by Council.

The Steering Committee members for this review include:

- Crystal Greer, Director of Legislative Services and City Clerk
- Gary Kent, Director of City Strategy and Innovations
- Mary Ellen Bench, City Solicitor

The Project Lead for this review is Karen Spencer, Advisor, City Manager's Office. Please contact Karen for further information at [karen.spencer@mississauga.ca](mailto:karen.spencer@mississauga.ca) or at (905) 615-3200 x5766.

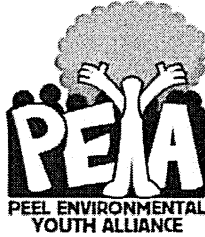
**Committees to be reviewed in this project:**

- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Advertising Review Panel
- Audit Committee
- Budget Committee\*
- Citizen Appointments
- Committee of Revision
- Council\*
- Election Campaign Finances Committee
- Environmental Advisory Committee
- General Committee\*
- Governance Committee
- Heritage Advisory Committee
- Incidents in City Facilities Appeal Committee
- Mississauga Celebration Square Events Committee
- Mississauga Appeal Tribunal
- Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee
- Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee
- Planning and Development Committee\*
- Property Standards Committee
- Public Vehicle Advisory Committee
- Road Safety Mississauga Advisory Committee
- Traffic Safety Council
- Towing Industry Advisory Committee

(Total 23 committees)

\* Governance Committee on May 14<sup>th</sup> 2012 gave direction that the governance structure for Council, General Committee, Planning and Development Committee and Budget Committee will remain as 'Committees of the Whole'.

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### PEYA EcoBuzz 2012 Backgrounder

The Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA) is holding the **tenth annual** EcoBuzz Conference for secondary school students at the new Sheridan Hazel McCallion Campus in downtown Mississauga on Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012! Every year, Peel schools come together at EcoBuzz to get inspired to take action for the rest of the school year. When schools commit to campaigns at EcoBuzz, they can receive support from the PEYA network throughout the school year whenever you need it. EcoBuzz is known provincially as a successful conference for young environmental leaders and has been recognized as such by the Ontario Ministry of Education in their document, "Ready, Set, Green."

This year, we expect EcoBuzz to bring together approximately 400 students and teachers from 30 secondary schools across Peel Region, as well as special guests in environmental education. EcoBuzz is planned and coordinated by youth themselves and provides direct opportunities for youth to build skills for sustainable actions. It will be a fun and effective venue to explore environmental issues concerning youth by using alternative forms of media, to inspire student action projects and campaigns in schools and the broader community, and to offer peer support to carry out these projects. This year, we are keen to make closer links with our local college and to open the eyes of young environmental activists to the possibilities for sustainable solutions for our communities.

#### **What is EcoBuzz?**

The EcoBuzz Conference provides an interactive and hands-on venue for Peel secondary school students and teachers to explore environmental issues concerning youth by using alternative forms of media, and inspire student action projects with peer and partner support.

#### **This year's EcoBuzz Conference features:**

- A special opening address by water activist and comedian Derek Forgie
- Workshops led by partners and professionals in the environmental community
- Displays by local environmental groups
- Launch of PEYA's main campaigns
- Free healthy lunch and snacks
- Cool conference materials for attendees throughout the day!

#### **Conference Vibe**

This year, the conference theme is the new theme for PEYA: "Sustainability in our Communities". As such, this year's EcoBuzz Conference is now more than ever about empowering students to take action beyond the school and at home, in their communities and beyond. We have invited school teams who are committed to taking on campaigns throughout the school year with PEYA. Namely, our four campaigns for this year are: Urban Agriculture, Waste Management, Stewardship and Sustainable Transportation. Workshops at our conference will thus be highly interactive, provide crucial skill-building for running successful projects or campaigns in school/ the community and deliver educational/ inspirational information in relation to our above-mentioned themes.

#### **Location**

The Sheridan Hazel McCallion Campus is located at Duke of York Boulevard, Mississauga, ON, L5B 0G5 (bounded by Square One, the Civic Centre, the Living Arts Centre and Square One Drive), in Mississauga. A map with further directions on how to get to the school is posted on the PEYA website ([http://www.peyalliance.com/ecobuzz\\_directions.html](http://www.peyalliance.com/ecobuzz_directions.html))!

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### **Schedule**

EcoBuzz is a daytime event and will take place during school hours (approximately 9am to 4:15pm). Workshops will be one hour long and be run concurrently three times during the day. The conference schedule (draft form) is available online ([http://www.peyalliance.com/ecobuzz\\_schedule.html](http://www.peyalliance.com/ecobuzz_schedule.html)). Lunch and snacks will also be provided to all attendees.

### **Organization Background**

Established in 2004, PEYA is a network of action-oriented students in the Peel Region concerned about environmental issues and determined to make positive change. PEYA provides: a forum to share student ideas, support to other students and teachers looking to create sustained environmental change, a network of like-minded people with which to share tools and best practices and fun and effective educational events, such as the EcoBuzz Conference. PEYA is a project of EcoSource.

EcoSource is an Ontario-based organization that empowers the community to become more environmentally responsible through creative public education. Our vision is to move public attitudes and perceptions about environmental issues toward responsible personal action. EcoSource was established in 1979 as the Mississauga Clean City Committee and has been delivering environmental education to the Peel Region for 28 years. EcoSource serves over 20 000 youth each year in our youth-based programming. EcoSource is a registered charity (Business Number 11924 5645 RR0001).

We hope you will promote this opportunity to **secondary schools** across the city. Registration for secondary schools closes September 28<sup>th</sup>. EcoBuzz details, including student registration can be found at: <http://www.peyalliance.com/ecobuzz.html>

We look forward to sharing this fun day with you! If you have any questions, please contact us at [rahulm@peyalliance.com](mailto:rahulm@peyalliance.com) or 905.274.6222.

Warmest regards,



**Rahul Mehta**  
PEYA Facilitator  
@ EcoSource

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# Memorandum

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Environmental Advisory  
Committee

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**TO:** Environmental Advisory Committee  
Meeting Date: October 2, 2012

**FROM:** Mary Bracken, Environmental Specialist, Environmental Management Section,  
Community Services Department

**DATE:** September 20, 2012

**SUBJECT: Revised Council Support Resolution for Rooftop Solar Applications Under  
the Provincial Feed-in Tariff (FIT) Program**

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Council passed Resolution 0170-2012 on July 4, 2012 supporting rooftop solar applications in Mississauga applying to the Feed-in Tariff (FIT) program. The support resolution stipulated that Council's support was 'in principle' and it was subject to conditions relating to fire safety and glare. The resolution was based on the draft information provided by the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) for FIT 2.0.

On August 10, 2012, the OPA released the new FIT 2.0 program, which included the requirements for the municipal council resolutions that qualify for priority points as part of the evaluation of the FIT application. The requirements are very specific, namely, that municipalities support 'without reservation' and with no conditions. Staff have consulted with the OPA and have revised the resolution in order to qualify for priority points.

The following is the recommended resolution passed by General Committee September 19, 2012 (see Attachment 1):

"That Council pass a resolution supporting, without reservation, rooftop solar projects in Mississauga as outlined in the Corporate Report titled "Revised Council Resolution in Support of Rooftop Solar Applications Under the Provincial Feed-in Tariff (FIT) Program" dated August 29, 2012 from the Commissioner of Community Services and that a resolution repealing Resolution 0170-2012 be passed by Council."

Council will consider the resolution on September 26, 2012.

The application window for small FIT projects will open October 1, 2012 and remain open until November 30, 2012. Small FIT includes projects generating between 10 and 500 kilowatts (kW).

Passing the new resolution in the OPA's prescribed form shows Council's support of rooftop solar projects in Mississauga without reservation or conditions. It is unlikely that this new resolution will undermine any of the consents or permits that are required by the City or any other authority as the wording of the prescribed resolution provides that the sole purpose is to enable FIT applicants to gain priority points and that the resolution is not to be used for any other purpose. In addition, the revised resolution will increase FIT applicants' chances of being awarded priority points and

qualifying for a FIT contract, which will make development of rooftop solar installations more feasible in Mississauga.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M Bracken". The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.

Mary Bracken  
Environmental Specialist  
Environmental Management Section  
Community Services Department

Attachment 1: Corporate Report titled "Revised Council Resolution in Support of Rooftop Solar Applications Under the Provincial Feed-in Tariff (FIT) Program"



# Corporate Report

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**DATE:** August 29, 2012

**TO:** Chair and Members of General Committee  
Meeting Date: September 19, 2012

General Committee

SEP 19 2012

**FROM:** Paul A. Mitcham, P.Eng., MBA  
Commissioner of Community Services

**SUBJECT:** Revised Council Resolution in Support of Rooftop Solar  
Applications Under the Provincial Feed-in Tariff (FIT) Program

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council pass a resolution supporting, without reservation, rooftop solar projects in Mississauga as outlined in the Corporate Report titled "Revised Council Resolution in Support of Rooftop Solar Applications Under the Provincial Feed-in Tariff (FIT) Program" dated August 29, 2012 from the Commissioner of Community Services and that a resolution repealing Resolution 0170-2012 be passed by Council.

**REPORT  
HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Based on the requirements of the draft Feed-in Tariff (FIT) 2.0 Program, on July 4, 2012 Council passed Resolution 0170-2012 supporting, in principle, rooftop solar applications under the FIT Program subject to certain conditions.
- On August 10, 2012, the Province of Ontario released the new Feed-in Tariff (FIT) 2.0 Program, which clarified the requirements for municipal council support resolutions to qualify applicants of the FIT 2.0 Program for priority points.
- The wording in the July 4, 2012 Council resolution does not meet the new FIT 2.0 Program requirements to enable applicants to qualify for priority points.



- A revised blanket Council resolution, which excludes the conditions listed in the July 4, 2012 Council resolution, is proposed for the purpose of enabling applicants to qualify for priority points.
- In order for applicants to the FIT 2.0 Program to qualify for priority points based on municipal council support, Council must pass the revised resolution in its prescribed form.
- The application window for small FIT projects (>10 kilowatt (kW) ≤ 500 kW) is anticipated to open October 1, 2012 and remain open until November 30, 2012.

**BACKGROUND:**

On July 4, 2012, Mississauga Council passed Resolution 0170-2012 to support, in principle, solar rooftop projects in Mississauga. The resolution was based on the requirements of the draft Feed-in Tariff (FIT) 2.0 Program and passed in anticipation of the new Feed-in Tariff (FIT) Program being released. The June 14, 2012 Corporate Report to General Committee is contained in Appendix 1.

On August 10, 2012, the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) released the new FIT 2.0 Program which clarified the requirements for municipal council support resolutions to qualify applicants of the FIT 2.0 Program for priority points. The application window for small FIT projects (>10 kW ≤ 500 kW) is anticipated to extend from October 1, 2012 to November 30, 2012. All applications received during the application window will be reviewed according to the new FIT 2.0 Program Rules for compliance and for the prioritization of applications. Where projects have the same number of priority points, the time stamp will be used to determine the order in which projects will be tested for available transmission and distribution capacity. The OPA anticipates awarding 200 megawatts of small FIT contracts.

The new FIT 2.0 rules stipulate that, in the application for the FIT Program, priority points will be awarded for certain factors. Two of the priority points will be given for a municipal council support resolution. A prescribed form/template for a municipal council blanket support resolution is provided under the FIT 2.0 Program. The wording in the template stipulates that a council support, without reservation, renewable energy projects. In addition, a confirming by-law demonstrating the support of the local municipality is required.

**PRESENT STATUS:** There are two aspects of the July 4, 2012 Council resolution that do not comply with the new FIT 2.0 Program:

1. The words support "in principle" do not meet the intent of the OPA's prescribed forms which state support "without reservation"; and
2. The three conditions do not meet the intent of supporting "without reservation".

**COMMENTS:**

City staff has consulted with the OPA to ensure that the revised resolution (Appendix 2) will be acceptable for the priority points.

In order to enable applicants to the FIT 2.0 Program to qualify for the priority points tied to municipal council support, Council must pass a resolution in the form prescribed by the OPA. The following outlines the differences between the July 4, 2012 resolution and the proposed resolution:

1. Change the wording to: "The Council of the City of Mississauga supports without reservation the construction and operation of Rooftop Solar Projects", thereby removing the words "in principle" and adding the words "without reservation".
2. Remove the three conditions relating to anti-reflective surfaces, fire safety and all applicable laws and regulations. Although the conditions would be removed, staff would ensure that, when providing copies of the Council resolution to applicants, information would be provided notifying applicants of these issues.

The requirement for a confirming by-law can be met with the confirmatory by-law which is passed after each Council meeting.

Passing the new resolution in its prescribed form shows Council's support of rooftop solar projects in Mississauga without reservations or conditions. It is unlikely that this new resolution will undermine any of the consents or permits that are required by the City or any other authority as the wording of the prescribed resolution provides

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that the sole purpose of the resolution is to enable FIT applicants to gain priority points and that the resolution is not to be used for any other purpose.

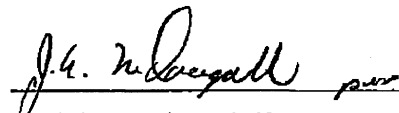
**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** There are no financial impacts of the revised blanket Council resolution in support of rooftop solar installations.

Where the rooftop solar installation is on a City-owned building, there will be revenue generated from the lease. The amount generated for each building will vary depending on the type and size of the installation.

**CONCLUSION:** The revised Council support resolution will increase FIT 2.0 Program applicants' chances of being awarded the opportunity to build rooftop solar projects in Mississauga by enabling such applicants to qualify for priority points.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Appendix 1: June 14, 2012 General Committee Corporate Report titled "Council Resolution in Support of Rooftop Solar Applications Under the Provincial Feed-in Tariff (FIT) Program".
- Appendix 2: Revised Council Support Resolution for Rooftop Solar Applications Under the Provincial Feed-in Tariff (FIT) 2.0 Program.



Paul A. Mitcham, P.Eng., MBA  
Commissioner of Community Services

*Prepared By: Mary Bracken, Environmental Specialist*

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## Corporate Report

Clerk's Files

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**DATE:** June 14, 2012

**TO:** Chair and Members of General Committee  
Meeting Date: June 27, 2012

**FROM:** Paul A. Mitcham, P.Eng., MBA  
Commissioner of Community Services

**SUBJECT:** Council Resolution in Support of Rooftop Solar Applications  
Under the Provincial Feed-in Tariff (FIT) Program

General Committee

**JUN 27 2012**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council pass a motion which supports, in principle, rooftop solar projects in Mississauga as outlined in the Corporate Report titled "Council Resolution in Support of Rooftop Solar Applications Under the Provincial Feed-in Tariff (FIT) Program" dated June 14, 2012 from the Commissioner of Community Services.

**REPORT  
HIGHLIGHTS:**

- The Province of Ontario will be releasing a new Feed-in Tariff (FIT) program.
- The draft FIT 2.0 program provides municipalities the opportunity to show their support for renewable energy projects by issuing a council support resolution.
- Mississauga has received numerous requests for Council resolutions supporting rooftop solar projects.
- The City has entered into an agreement with a solar photovoltaic company where the City will lease the roof space at selected City facilities and the company installs, owns, and operates the rooftop solar systems. Applications will be submitted to the FIT program for installation of solar photovoltaic systems on selected City

buildings. A Council resolution will be required to qualify for two priority points under the FIT application process.

- *Planning Act* approvals do not apply to renewable energy projects.
- The *Building Code Act* applies to renewable energy projects.
- A blanket Council resolution is proposed that supports rooftop solar projects, in principle, subject to a number of issues being addressed, such as those relating to: glare, safe access during emergencies, and heritage buildings.
- Supporting renewable energy projects is consistent with goals in the Strategic Plan, Living Green Master Plan, Official Plan, Economic Development Strategy and the City's Corporate Energy Management Plan.

#### BACKGROUND:

##### Province of Ontario Renewable Energy Initiatives

The *Green Energy Act* (the "Act") came into effect in 2009. The Act addresses energy efficiency, energy conservation and demand management, and the promotion of renewable energy technologies. Renewable energy sources include: wind, waterpower, biomass, biogas, landfill gas, solar photovoltaic, and geothermal. The Act removes *Planning Act* authority over renewable energy projects. The *Building Code Act* remains applicable law and, as such, building permits are required depending on the size of the project.

In 2009, the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) released a Feed-in Tariff (FIT) program which included two purchase agreement programs for renewable energy projects:

- FIT program – Applies to renewable energy projects over 10 kilowatts (kW);
- microFIT program – Projects 10 kW or less, focussed on homeowners and small businesses.

The purpose of the FIT program was to encourage renewable power generation through a guaranteed pricing structure for renewable electricity production. It included standardized program rules, prices

and contracts for those interested in developing a qualifying renewable energy project.

This report focuses on the FIT program and does not discuss the details of the microFIT program.

In 2011, the Ontario Ministry of Energy undertook a review of the FIT program. The feedback received from municipalities included concern relating to the lack of municipal authority over renewable energy projects. In April 2012, a draft of the revised FIT program (FIT 2.0) was released for comment. At the time of writing this report, the final FIT 2.0 program had not been released, but is anticipated any time.

The draft FIT 2.0 program includes revised rules for applications and a revised FIT price schedule.

The 2009 FIT program pricing was designed to kick-start the development of a domestic renewable energy industry. Prices for solar rooftop projects ranged from 53.9 cents per kilowatt hour (¢/kWh) to 71.3 ¢/kWh, depending on the size of the project (higher prices for smaller projects). The present domestic renewable energy sector is now of sufficient size to drive economies of scale and lower prices. The draft FIT 2.0 price schedule proposes a 10% to 25% reduction for rooftop solar installations. Prices in the draft FIT 2.0 program price schedule range from 48.7 ¢/kWh to 54.9 ¢/kWh, depending on the size of the project. A 15% price reduction for wind generation is proposed and no price changes are proposed for biomass, biogas and landfill gas projects. The OPA intends to review the FIT price schedule annually or as necessary based on changes in market conditions.

The draft FIT 2.0 program also introduces a point system for evaluating renewable energy projects. Of these priority points, there is the opportunity to submit support from the municipality in the form of a council support resolution. In the context of Mississauga, for rooftop solar projects, there would be a total of seven priority points available, two of which are attributed to an applicant having a supporting municipal council resolution.

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The draft FIT 2.0 process has a number of stages. Initially, when an applicant submits a FIT application to the OPA for a renewable energy project they need to provide information such as proof of leasing or ownership of the building rooftop and general details of the project. It is at this stage that the council support resolution is requested for submission as part of the FIT application. The application is then reviewed by the OPA and successful applicants are selected and contracts awarded. This allows the applicant to pursue financing and further details of the project. The applicant has 18 months to install the project. During this time, the applicant must submit a notice to proceed, which includes a financing plan, impact assessment, domestic content, etc. The applicant must apply to the municipality for a building permit and the building permit must be issued prior to installation of the project. During the review of the building permit application, the municipality ensures that the solar installation is safe and abides by the Building Code. Structural implications such as the roof's structural integrity, the additional loading from the solar panels and how they are fastened are some of the factors that are examined.

#### **City of Mississauga Renewable Energy Projects**

In 2007, the City installed a 25 kW solar photovoltaic generation plant on the roof of the Hershey Centre as a pilot program. Originally, the City entered into an agreement under the Renewable Energy Standard Offer Program, which was upgraded to a FIT agreement in 2010. The pilot installation has been successful and has generated revenue for the City.

In 2011, the City issued a Request for Proposal to qualified photovoltaic power generation developers for leasing rooftop space at selected City facilities. The City completed a procurement process and has entered into an agreement with a solar photovoltaic company where the City will lease the roof space and the company installs, owns, and operates the rooftop solar systems. Once the FIT 2.0 program is released and the window for applications is open for rooftop solar projects, the company will submit applications to the OPA. Although the installations will be on City-owned buildings, the solar photovoltaic company will still require a Council resolution to qualify for the two priority points under the FIT application process.

### **Rooftop Solar Installations in Mississauga**

There are many rooftop solar installations in the City of Mississauga. The majority are small installations on residential dwellings. Some are larger installations on industrial or institutional buildings. Building permits have been issued for rooftop solar installations that have a surface area greater than or equal to 5 square meters (53.8 square feet) or if it constitutes a material alteration to the building. To date, no issues have been noted relating to rooftop solar installations.

### **City of Mississauga Plans**

The Living Green Master Plan recognizes the importance of Mississauga's energy future and directs Mississauga to: assess energy efficiency and renewable fuel strategies; and continue to identify, invest in and implement renewable energy actions identified in the City's Corporate Energy Management Plan.

The Economic Development Strategy: Building on Success highlights the City's positive position through its economic base and skilled workforce to capitalize on the opportunities that lie in the emergence of the green economy, and the increasing importance of the use and development of clean technologies and their implications for sustainable growth. These opportunities will advance the City's economic future, both in terms of environmental stewardship and in its support for the incubation and production of new green technologies and services.

In addition, the new Mississauga Official Plan, which has been adopted by City of Mississauga Council and Region of Peel Council, but which is currently under appeal, highlights Mississauga's support for renewable energy systems by:

- promoting renewable energy systems; and
- working jointly with other levels of government and agencies to investigate the need, feasibility, implications and suitable locations for renewable energy projects and to promote local clean energy generation, where appropriate.



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**Other Municipalities**

The Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc Council passed two Resolutions on May 7, 2012 supporting individual rooftop solar projects.

The City of Vaughan Committee of the Whole approved a Recommendation on June 5, 2012 that City of Vaughan Council:

- endorse a resolution to support individual solar rooftop projects making application under the FIT 2.0 program; and
- give staff the authority to provide applicants a copy of the resolutions where the application meets certain criteria.

This will involve staff reviewing each application and issuing individual resolutions. The criteria stipulate that the rooftop solar project be for industrial applications, public use buildings, or site plans with solar rooftop applications that have been approved by the City of Vaughan. At the time of writing this report, City of Vaughan Council had not considered the Recommendation.

The City of Brampton Committee of Council passed a Resolution on June 13, 2012 supporting eight rooftop solar photovoltaic projects that are subject to applications under the FIT program.

There are several other municipalities in Ontario that are considering council resolutions for applications under the FIT program, but, to date, have not passed a resolution.

**PRESENT STATUS:**

The City of Mississauga has received requests from three solar energy companies, involving approximately ten different locations, for Council to pass a resolution in support of their rooftop solar projects. It is anticipated that, once the Province's FIT 2.0 program is released and the application window is opened, the City will receive more requests for Council resolutions.

**COMMENTS:**

Presently, all of the requests received for a City of Mississauga Council support resolution have been for rooftop solar installations.

This is attributed to the fact that there are many large flat roofs in Mississauga, primarily in industrial areas, and there are no large tracks of land suitable for ground mounted solar farms. In addition, average wind speeds in Mississauga are relatively low and do not provide enough capacity to make wind generation profitable. This report therefore proposes that a Council support resolution for FIT applications only be applicable to rooftop solar projects.

The draft FIT 2.0 program provides municipalities the opportunity to provide a council support resolution for FIT applications. This gives municipalities the ability to let the OPA know whether they support the project.

City staff has consulted with all City departments, the Region of Peel, other municipalities, the Environmental Advisory Committee, the OPA, and the solar industry. Although certain structural requirements are addressed through the building permit application, there are two issues that are not covered under the Building Code and one issue that should be highlighted early in the project:

1. **Glare:** The types of rooftop solar applications under the FIT program generally use anti-reflective solar photovoltaic systems. However, Mississauga is in an area of influence for both Toronto Pearson International Airport and Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport. Glare from solar panels could pose a risk to airplanes taking off and landing. As such, it should be stipulated that anti-glare surfaces be used.
2. **Fire safety:** In an emergency situation, access to the roof may be necessary. During a fire, ventilation may be required and emergency services staff may need to create holes in the roof. Access on the roof may also be required with enough space for emergency services staff to move around. While accessing the roof, live electricity may pose a risk. A main cut-off or breaker, that is readily accessible to emergency services, will assist in reducing risk during an emergency situation. However, the solar system may be live as long as the solar panels are producing electricity. Emergency services staff are trained to take appropriate measures around live solar panels. However, there

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should be signage at the main breaker advising that the solar panels may still be live even if the breaker is off.

3. Heritage buildings: The types of rooftop solar applications received under the FIT program are generally on large buildings with flat roofs. Therefore, it is anticipated that few, if any, applications under the FIT program would be proposed on heritage buildings. However, should a situation arise where a rooftop solar installation is proposed on a heritage building, the applicant should be advised that the *Ontario Heritage Act* applies and therefore a permit is required for the alteration of the building prior to the building permit being issued.

There are two types of council resolutions proposed under the draft FIT 2.0 rules:

- a blanket support resolution which would cover all applications; and
- a project-specific support resolution.

In order to issue project-specific Council support resolutions, each application will have to be reviewed in advance of the building permit application. In order to review each application, criteria and a process for review would have to be established. This will have resource implications. Other than the factors noted above (glare, fire), the building permit process will ensure safety requirements are met and other applicable laws such as the *Ontario Heritage Act* are addressed. There have been several large rooftop solar projects installed in Mississauga and no issues have been noted to date. However, endorsing the proponent of a specific project could present some liability issues for the City should there be issues with the installation.

A blanket resolution supporting rooftop solar installations provides the opportunity for the City to provide support, in principle, for renewable energy production, while highlighting to the applicant and the OPA specific criteria that is important to Mississauga, but not covered as part of the building permit process. The proposed blanket Resolution, contained in Appendix 1, provides support for rooftop solar projects

subject to the glare and fire issues being addressed and highlights the need to obtain a heritage permit, if required. These criteria have been vetted by all City departments to ensure that rooftop solar applications under the FIT program will be compatible in Mississauga.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:**

The Strategic Plan stipulates that renewable energy is important to ensure Mississauga's sustainability. Action 1 of the Green Pillar states that Mississauga "will pursue renewable energy production and use to reduce green house gas emissions, improve air quality and protect natural resources."

Support of renewable energy projects, specifically rooftop solar installations, helps to achieve the goals of the Strategic Plan.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There are no financial impacts of a blanket Council resolution in support of rooftop solar installations.

Where the rooftop solar installation is on a City-owned building, there will be revenue generated from the lease. The amount generated for each building will vary depending on the type and size of the installation.

**CONCLUSION:**

Council support of rooftop solar renewable energy projects supports the directions in the Strategic Plan, the Living Green Master Plan, the Economic Development Strategy and the Official Plan, and will clearly demonstrate the desire for Mississauga to be recognized for its innovation and leadership in an emerging and green economy.

Although the 2009 *Green Energy Act* removed *Planning Act* approvals from renewable energy projects, the draft FIT 2.0 program provides municipalities the opportunity to state whether they support renewable energy projects through council resolutions. Mississauga has received requests for Council resolutions only for rooftop solar installations. By providing a Council resolution supporting rooftop solar projects, in principle, Mississauga has the opportunity to show support for rooftop solar projects while highlighting factors that are not covered under the building permit process relating to glare, fire and heritage buildings.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

Appendix 1: Proposed Motion for City of Mississauga Council  
Blanket Support Resolution



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**Proposed Motion for  
CITY OF MISSISSAUGA COUNCIL SUPPORT RESOLUTION  
FOR ROOFTOP SOLAR GENERATION PROJECTS**

RESOLUTION NO.: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS the Province's Feed-in Tariff (FIT) program encourages the construction and operation of rooftop solar generation projects ("Rooftop Solar Projects");

AND WHEREAS it is likely that one or more Rooftop Solar Projects will be considered for construction and operation in the City of Mississauga;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to the rules governing the FIT program (the "FIT Rules"), applicants whose Rooftop Solar Projects receive the support of municipalities will be awarded priority points, which may result in these applicants being offered a FIT contract by the Province prior to other persons applying for FIT contracts;

AND WHEREAS the *Green Energy Act, 2009*, S.O. 2009, c.12, as amended, stipulates that a municipal Official Plan and Zoning By-law does not apply to a renewable energy undertaking;

AND WHEREAS the *Building Code Act, 1992*, S.O. 1992, c.23, as amended, applies to renewable energy projects and, as such, each Rooftop Solar Project will require a building permit issued by the City of Mississauga Building Division;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.0.18, as amended, each Rooftop Solar Project that is proposed to be located on a property listed on the City of Mississauga's Heritage Register or designated as a heritage property will require a Heritage Permit from the City of Mississauga prior to work commencing on such properties;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Council of the City of Mississauga supports, in principle, the construction and operation of Rooftop Solar Projects in the City of Mississauga, including but not limited to Rooftop Solar Projects on City-owned buildings, subject to the following:

1. That all solar panels have an anti-reflective surface;
2. That fire safety issues be addressed to the satisfaction of the City of Mississauga's Fire and Emergency Services division with respect to emergency situations; and
3. That each Rooftop Solar Project shall have complied with all applicable laws and regulations, including but not limited to applicable City of Mississauga policies and procedures.

And further, that this Resolution's sole purpose is to enable the participants in the FIT program to receive priority points under the FIT program, and that this Resolution may not be used for the

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purpose of any other form of municipal approval in relation to a FIT application or a Rooftop Solar Project or any other FIT project or for any other purpose.

And further, that Council support in principle shall lapse twelve (12) months after its adoption by Council.

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**Revised Motion for  
CITY OF MISSISSAUGA COUNCIL SUPPORT RESOLUTION  
FOR ROOFTOP SOLAR GENERATION PROJECTS**

RESOLUTION NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

WHEREAS the Province's Feed-in Tariff (FIT) Program encourages the construction and operation of rooftop solar generation projects ("Rooftop Solar Projects");

AND WHEREAS it is likely that one or more Rooftop Solar Projects will be considered for construction and operation in the City of Mississauga;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to the rules governing the FIT Program (the "FIT Rules"), applicants whose Rooftop Solar Projects receive the formal support of local municipalities will be awarded priority points, which may result in these applicants being offered a FIT contract by the Province prior to other persons applying for FIT contracts;

AND WHEREAS the *Green Energy Act, 2009*, S.O. 2009, c.12, as amended, stipulates that a municipal Official Plan and Zoning By-law does not apply to a renewable energy undertaking;

AND WHEREAS the *Building Code Act, 1992*, S.O. 1992, c.23, as amended, applies to renewable energy projects and, as such, each Rooftop Solar Project will require a building permit issued by the City of Mississauga Planning and Building Department;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.0.18, as amended, each Rooftop Solar Project that is proposed to be located on a property listed on the City of Mississauga's Heritage Register or designated as a heritage property will require a Heritage Permit from the City of Mississauga prior to work commencing on such properties;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Council of the City of Mississauga supports without reservation the construction and operation of Rooftop Solar Projects anywhere in the City of Mississauga, including but not limited to Rooftop Solar Projects on City-owned buildings.

And further, that this Resolution's sole purpose is to enable the participants in the FIT Program to receive priority points under the FIT Program, and that this Resolution may not be used for the purpose of any other form of municipal approval in relation to a FIT application or a Rooftop Solar Project or for any other purpose.

And further, that Council support shall lapse twelve (12) months after its adoption by Council.

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Upcoming Agenda Items and Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) Role

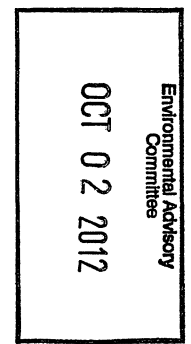
Legend: Potential Role for EAC	
<b>Comments</b> (Provide feedback for consideration.)	<b>Leadership</b> (Participate in event or lead external group participation.)
<b>Community Engagement</b> (Champion LGMP awareness campaign, promote Living Green blog, etc.)	<b>Receive</b> (For information.)
<b>Direction</b> (Provide direction to staff.)	<b>Recommendation</b> (To General Committee.)
<b>Deputation</b> (Present to General Committee, Council, other.)	<b>Sub-committee</b> (To further develop or research initiative.)

Year   Quarter	Item	Description	Potential EAC Role
2012   Q4	Living Green Master Plan (LGMP) Update	A mid-year update on LGMP progress and indicators.	Receive
	Stormwater Financing Study	An update on the progress of the study.	Receive
	Tree Permit By-law (Tentative)	An update on the results of public consultation around proposed amendments to the Tree Permit By-Law.	Receive
	Natural Heritage System Strategy	To present preliminary research findings.	Receive
	Sustainable Neighbourhood Retrofit Action Plan (SNAP) (Tentative)	SNAP brings various stakeholders together to develop an action plan for change that fits the needs of a particular neighbourhood.	Receive
	Corporate and Community Greenhouse Gas (GHG) and Criteria Air Contaminant (CAC) Inventories	Updated GHG and CAC inventories' results will be presented and used to benchmark and prioritize future efforts to reduce local sources of emissions.	Recommendation
	Stormwater Quality Control Strategy Update	Update of the City's strategy for managing and improving the quality of stormwater runoff.	Recommendation
	Corporate Environmental Principles Policy Update	An update is planned to better align the policy with environmental principles in the Strategic Plan and LGMP.	Receive
	Let Your Green Show	Announcing Phase 1 results.	Receive

<b>Other Anticipated Items</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Description</b>
Nuisance Weed and Tall Grass Control By-law	The City's Nuisance Weed and Tall Grass Control By-law is scheduled to be revised as per the LGMP.
Green Development Strategy (GDS)	An update on GDS implementation.
Waste Management	An update on various waste-related initiatives.
Drive-Throughs	An update on drive-throughs.
Air Quality By-law Evaluation	An updated evaluation of whether to pursue the development of a City of Mississauga air quality by-law.
Idling Update	An update on idling in Mississauga.
Home Wood Stoves	A report back subsequent to the April 2012 EAC meeting where home wood stoves were discussed.
Transportation Strategy	Finalized version of interim strategy.
Smoke-Free Outdoor Spaces	Update to EAC subsequent to a deputation entitled "Smoke-Free Outdoor Spaces Policy Options" at the Committee's November 9, 2010 meeting.
Lake Ontario Integrated Shoreline Strategy (LOISS)	Update on potential position for an EAC representative on a LOISS advisory committee.
Quest 2013	Ontario Caucus Conference.
Corporate Energy Conservation Plans	The new Provincial <i>Green Energy Act</i> (2009) requires municipalities to provide corporate energy conservation plans for all municipally owned and operated buildings and to report annually on actual performance against plans. The first report will be due on July 1, 2013.

**STATUS OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EAC)**  
**Prepared by Julie Lavertu, Legislative Coordinator, for the October 2, 2012 EAC Agenda**

<b>EAC MEETING FIRST DISCUSSED</b>	<b>ISSUE</b>	<b>EAC RECOMMENDATION/DIRECTION</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
Feb/12	Transportation Strategy Presentation	Michael DeWit, Vice-Chair, indicated that a presentation on the transportation strategy would be beneficial to the Committee.	<b>May 1/12 EAC Meeting Update:</b> Ms. Osborne added that she did not have a specific timeline for the transportation strategy at this time.
Apr/12	Smoke from Home Wood Stoves	EAC-0018-2012 That the Memorandum dated March 13, 2012 from Mayor Hazel McCallion with respect to smoke from home wood stoves be received and referred to Environmental Management staff for further review and preparation of a draft by-law, in consultation with Legal staff, and a Corporate Report on short- and long-term policy options (including addressing the improper use of home wood stoves and regulation by the provincial government) for home wood stoves for consideration at a future Environmental Advisory Committee meeting.	<b>May 1/12 EAC Meeting Update:</b> Ms. Osborne noted that staff is working with Legal staff on the smoke from home wood stoves issue and that this matter was being targeted for the Committee's September or October 2012 meetings.
Apr/12	Oakville-Clarkson Air Quality Advisory Committee Terms of Reference	Ms. Osborne provided a verbal update with respect to the Oakville-Clarkson Air Quality Advisory Committee Terms of Reference. She said that the Advisory Committee has been formed to examine air quality in the Oakville-Clarkson area, that a smaller Subcommittee drafted the Terms of Reference, and that the Terms of Reference would be shared with the Committee once they had been approved by the Advisory Committee.	<b>May 1/12 EAC Meeting Update:</b> Ms. Osborne noted that that she hoped to have an update on the Oakville-Clarkson Air Quality Advisory Committee Terms of Reference at the Committee's June 2012 meeting. <b>June 5/12 EAC Meeting Update:</b> Ms. Osborne said that staff did not receive the Oakville-Clarkson Air Zone Management Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference in time for the Committee's agenda, that a Corporate Report regarding this matter would be considered by General Committee on June 13, 2012, and that she was requesting that Council appoint her to the Advisory Committee. Councillor Tovey suggested that the Committee pass a recommendation supporting her appointment.


  
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EAC MEETING FIRST DISCUSSED	ISSUE	EAC RECOMMENDATION/DIRECTION	STATUS
May/12	Committee's Off-Site Meeting in October 2012	Ms. Osborne said that the Committee could establish a Subcommittee to plan the Committee's off-site meeting in October 2012. The Chair suggested that Ms. Osborne meet with him to discuss potential options for the off-site meeting and that this matter be returned to the Committee's June or September 2012 meetings.	<b>June 5/12 EAC Meeting Update:</b> Committee members discussed the Committee's off-site meeting and the purpose, topics, and various possible venues for the meeting. Ms. Osborne said that Environment staff would continue to work on this matter and had not chosen a venue. She noted that Mr. Basit and Dr. Bass had suggested educational workshops for social media tools and innovative technologies and that Environment staff could pursue a combination of the potential topics. In response to a question from Ms. Ohori, Ms. Osborne discussed the purpose of this meeting and explained that it would occur for a half-day on a Saturday in October 2012.
Sept/12	Potential Ban of Plastic Shopping Bags in Mississauga	EAC-0039-2012 1. That the Corporate Report dated July 26, 2012 from the Commissioner of Community Services, entitled "Potential Ban of Plastic Shopping Bags in Mississauga," be received; and 2. That the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that the potential ban of plastic shopping bags in Mississauga be referred to the Region of Peel's Waste Management Committee for further research and recommendations to the Region of Peel's Regional Council and the City of Mississauga's Council.	