



# MINUTES

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## ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

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**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2012 – 9 A.M.**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER**

**SECOND FLOOR, CIVIC CENTRE**

300 CITY CENTRE DRIVE, MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO, L5B 3C1

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MEMBERS/AGENCY LIAISONS

PRESENT:

Councillor George Carlson, Ward 11 (CHAIR)  
Michael DeWit, Citizen Member (VICE-CHAIR)  
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 – Nil

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, October 2, 2012 at 9 a.m., Council Chamber

OTHER 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)