



MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2011 – 9:05 AM

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR, CIVIC CENTRE
300 CITY CENTRE DRIVE, MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO L5B 3C1

- PRESENT:
- Councillor George Carlson, Ward 11 (Chair)
 - Councillor Frank Dale, Ward 4
 - Councillor Jim Tovey, Ward 1
 - Michael DeWit, Citizen Member (Vice-Chair)
 - Hassaan Basit, Citizen Member
 - Sophia Chalaidopoulos, Citizen Member
 - Peter Orphanos, Citizen Member
 - [Citizen Member Vacancy]
 - Dr. Brad Bass, Geography Dept., University of Toronto in Mississauga
 - Angie Sanchez, Student Rep. University of Toronto in Mississauga
 - Lucas Krist, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA)
 - Brenda Osborne, Manager, Environmental Management
 - Andrea J. McLeod, Environmental Coordinator
 - Mary Bracken, Project Lead, Living Green Master Plan
 - Karin Ann Brent, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk
- ABSENT:
- Chantal Wiktorek, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA)

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT OR INDIRECT PECUNIARY INTEREST

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(s)

- November 9, 2010

DEPUTATIONS

- A Lake Ontario Integrated Shoreline Strategy (LOISS)
presented by: Kate Hayes, Project Leader, Restoration and Stewardship
& Bob Morris, Biologist with the Credit Valley Conservation
- B Update - Living Green Master Plan
presented by: Jeff Evenson, Principal, Canadian Urban Institute
- C Litter Campaign
presented by: Ella Basic, Public Affairs Consultant, Communications Division,
Corporate Services Department
- D City Woodlot Review
presented by: Samantha Chung, Forest Ecologist, Urban Forestry Section,
Recreation and Parks Division, Community Services Department

MATTERS CONSIDERED

- 1. Business Arising From Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
 - 1. Proposed Living Green Master Plan
 - 2. Natural Heritage – Verbal Update
- 2. New Business
 - 1. Mississauga Official Plan
 - 2. Earth Hour 2011

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2. New Business cont'd...
 3. Solar Heating Project at Huron Park Recreation Centre
 4. Nominations for the “Hometown Heroes Award Program”
3. Information Items

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE(s)

- March 1, 2011 – 9: 00 AM – Council Chamber 2nd Floor, Civic Centre

ADJOURNMENT

CALL TO ORDER – 9:05am

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT OR INDIRECT PECUNIARY INTEREST - Nil

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Councillor Frank Dale nominated Councillor George Carlson for appointment to the office of the Chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee for the current term to November 30, 2014. No other nominations were received. Nominations were closed.

Appointment

Recommendation EAC-0001-2011

Citizen Member Peter Orphanos nominated Citizen Member Michael DeWit for appointment to the office of the Vice-Chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee pending appointment of Citizen Members for the current term (March 9, 2011 to November 30, 2014). No other nominations were received. Nominations were closed.

Appointment

Recommendation EAC-0002-2011

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(s)

- November 9, 2010

Adopted as Presented

DEPUTATIONS

A Lake Ontario Integrated Shoreline Strategy (LOISS)

Bob Morris, Manager of Biology and Kate Hayes, Project Leader, Restoration and Stewardship with Credit Valley Conservation gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Lake Ontario integrated shoreline strategy.

Discussion was held regarding the impact of climate change on the water level of the Great Lakes and how this might be addressed through the CVC strategy.

Dr. Brad Bass suggested that CVC be requested to provide a position for a representative of the Mississauga Environmental Advisory Committee on the LOISS advisory committee.

DEPUTATION A cont'd...

Councillor Frank Dale suggested that staff consult with appropriate Region of Peel staff to create a Fact Sheet about mitigating pollution of the great lakes through storm water run off, for distribution via the Region of Peel water bills.

A motion put by Councillor Jim Tovey to receive the subject deputation for information, carried.

Received for Information
Recommendation EAC-0003-2011

B Update - Living Green Master Plan

Jeff Evenson, Principal and Brent Gilmore of the Canadian Urban Institute gave an update regarding the work being done to produce the Living Green Master Plan, referencing the pillars identified in the City of Mississauga Strategic Plan adopted by Mississauga City Council on April 22, 2009. The results of the Work Shop held on October 22, 2010 were reviewed, and information about the communications strategy for the upcoming Plan was explained. It was noted that a full day event will be hosted on March 31, 2011 to engage the public and other stakeholders, including youth.

Councillor Jim Tovey expressed concern with the proposal in which the Region of York will be sending its waste water to the Region of Peel for processing, and requested that this issue be considered as part of the Water Quality Strategy.

Stephanie Crocker of EcoSource noted that they affiliate with the Region of Peel Waste management operations and that they and the Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA) provide a framework through which communication can be done with the community. Jeff Evenson offered to send information to EcoSource for its input as a community partner.

A motion put by Citizen Member Hassaan Basit to receive the subject deputation for information, carried.

Received for Information
Recommendation EAC-0003-2011

C Litter Campaign

Ella Basic, Public Affairs Consultant with the Communications Division of the Corporate Services Department, reviewed the proposed campaign for reduction of litter in the community and showed a video clip.

DEPUTATION C cont'd...

Discussion was held regarding the Adopt a Park and Adopt a Street programs through which volunteer groups remove litter from public areas such as parks and boulevards throughout the city. Ms. Basic advised that signage is posted at the project locations to acknowledge the work of the respective groups.

In response to the request by Ms. Basic for representatives of this committee to assist with judging the videos being submitted as part of the Litternot Campaign, Dr. Brad Bass of the University of Toronto, Hassaan Basit of Halton Conservation and Lucas Krist representing the Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA) volunteered.

A motion put by Citizen Member Peter Orphanos to receive the subject deputation for information, carried.

Received for Information

Recommendation EAC-0003-2011

D City Woodlot Review

Samantha Chung, Forest Ecologist with the Urban Forestry Section of the Recreation and Parks Division of the Community Services Department gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the progress of the review of city-owned woodlots, advising that the Whiteoaks Park and Britannia Woods Community Forest will be reviewed this year.

During discussion Ms. Chung advised that fencing is proposed for the Cawthra wood lot to define the official trail for pedestrian and cycling travel through that forest. Citizen Member Peter Orphanos suggested that the term “wood lands” versus “wood lots” for the City’s forested areas would support the management and retention of natural area.

Dr. Brad Bass referenced the University of Toronto in Mississauga (UTM) thesis work as well as student participation with maintenance of the naturalized lands on the UTM campus. Dr. Bass suggested that UTM might be approached for student participation with the review and study of the Cawthra and other wood lots, noting that this would require authorization for entry to the restricted areas at that site.

Councillor Jim Tovey advised that he has only observed the Red Back Salamander species in the Cawthra wood lot and requested that Ms. Chung send him information about the Jefferson Salamander and other attributes of the Cawthra woodlot.

A motion put by Councillor Jim Tovey to receive the subject deputation for information, carried.

Received for Information

Recommendation EAC-0003-2011

MATTERS CONSIDERED1. Business Arising From Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)1. Proposed Living Green Master Plan

A Memorandum dated December 1, 2010 from Mary Bracken, Project Leader, Living Green Master Plan, Environmental Management Section, Community Services Department, provided an update about the Living Green Master Plan.

A motion put by Councillor Frank Dale to receive the subject memorandum for information, carried.

Received for Information

Recommendation EAC-0003-2011

2. Natural Heritage – Verbal Update

Planner Mary Bracken, Project Lead for the upcoming Living Green Master Plan, gave a verbal update, noting that the Province of Ontario's Growing the Greenbelt policy was targeted for rural areas at its inception. Ms. Bracken advised that this issue will be assessed within the Natural Heritage Strategy, starting in the year 2012 subject to budget approval.

Citizen Member Peter Orphanos requested a copy of the Corporate Report(s) regarding Natural Heritage conservation.

2. New Business1. Mississauga Official Plan

A Memorandum dated November 30, 2010 from John Calvert, Director of Policy Planning, Planning and Building Department provided information about the new proposed Mississauga Official Plan in regard to the environmental policies.

A motion put by Citizen Member Sophia Chalaidopoulos to receive the subject memorandum for information, carried.

Received for Information

Recommendation EAC-0003-2011

(2.) 2. Earth Hour 2011

A Memorandum dated January 25, 2011 from Andrea J. McLeod, Environmental Coordinator, Environmental Management section of the Community Services Department provided information about the 2011 Earth Hour event scheduled for 8:30am on March 26, 2011.

Discussion confirmed that community-based events are being encouraged and that a list of ideas for events will be published as part of this program. A declaration was presented for signature by the Members of the Environmental Advisory Committee and Environmental Management staff, and a photo taken for publicity purposes.

A motion put by Councillor Frank Dale to receive the subject memorandum for information, carried.

Received for Information

Recommendation EAC-0003-2011

3. Solar Heating Project at Huron Park Recreation Centre

A Memorandum dated January 27, 2011 from Rajan Balchandani, Manager of Energy Management, Facilities and Property Management Division, Corporate Services Department provided information about the solar panel water-heating project installed at the Huron Park Recreation Centre in December 2010.

During discussion, Citizen Member Peter Orphanos questioned the feasibility of installing solar panel energy generation at the Civic Centre.

Councillor Frank Dale requested information on the energy saving initiatives implemented to date by the City of Mississauga. Vice-Chair Mike DeWit suggested that the Energy Management staff be requested to provide a list of buildings where an opportunity exists for similar installations, complete with the cost of implementing the solar power equipment and the expected savings for its payback.

A motion by Councillor Frank Dale to receive the subject memorandum for information, carried.

Received for Information

Recommendation EAC-0003-2011

4. Nominations for the "Hometown Heroes Award Program"

A copy of information and eligibility criteria for the "Hometown Heroes Award Program" offered by the 2011 Earth Day Canada organization was provided for discussion about any nomination(s) committee might wish to recommend.

(2.) (4.)

Committee concurred that each Member of this committee could consider submitting nominations to the subject program on an individual basis or with their affiliate interest group(s).

A motion by Citizen Member Peter Orphanos to receive the subject memorandum for information, carried.

Received for Information

Recommendation EAC-0003-2011

3. Information Items

1. Copy of an extract of the article titled “Natural Capitalism” by Paul Hawken, published in the “Sustainability Step by Natural Step” eLearning course by The Natural Step Canada.
2. Copy of a flyer for the 2nd Annual Canadian Waster Management insight seminar scheduled for February 9 to 10, 2011 in Toronto.

A motion by Citizen Member Michael DeWit to receive the subject memorandum for information, carried.

Received for Information

Recommendation EAC-0003-2011

OTHER BUSINESS - Nil

NEXT MEETING DATE(s)

- March 1, 2011 – 9: 00 AM – Council Chamber 2nd Floor, Civic Centre

ADJOURNMENT – 11:28am

REPORT 1-2011

TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

The Mississauga Environmental Advisory Committee presents its first report of 2011, and recommends:

EAC-0001-2011

That Councillor George Carlson be appointed as Chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee for the current term running concurrent with the term of Council, to November 30, 2014.

(EAC-0001-2011)

EAC-0002-2011

That Citizen Member Mike DeWit be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee pending the appointment of Citizen Members for the current term (March 9, 2011 to November 30, 2014).

(EAC-0002-2011)

EAC-0003-2011

That it be acknowledged the following presentations and items were received for information by the Environmental Advisory Committee at its meeting on February 1, 2011:

- A deputation and PowerPoint presentation about the Lake Ontario Integrated Shoreline Strategy (LOISS) by Kate Hayes, Project Leader, Restoration and Stewardship and Biologist Bob Morris with Credit Valley Conservation.
- A deputation and PowerPoint presentation providing an update of the upcoming Living Green Master Plan by Jeff Evenson, Principal and Brent Gilmore of the Canadian Urban Institute.
- A deputation regarding the City of Mississauga LitterNot Campaign presented by Ella Basic, Public Affairs Consultant, Communications Division, Corporate Services Department.
- A deputation and PowerPoint presentation regarding the City of Mississauga Woodlot Review by Samantha Chung, Forest Ecologist, Urban Forestry Section, Recreation and Parks Division, Community Services Department.
- A Memorandum dated December 1, 2010 from Mary Bracken, Project Leader, Living Green Master Plan, Environmental Management Section, Community Services Department, regarding the upcoming Living Green Master Plan.
- A Memorandum dated January 25, 2011 from Andrea J. McLeod, Environmental Coordinator, Environmental Management Section, Community Services Department presenting information about the 2011 Earth Hour event.
- A copy of information and eligibility criteria for the "Hometown Heroes Award Program" offered by the 2011 Earth Day Canada organization.
- A copy of an article titled "Natural Capitalism" by Paul Hawken, published in the "Sustainability Step by Natural Step" eLearning course by The Natural Step Canada.
- A copy of a flyer for the 2nd Annual Canadian Waster Management insight seminar scheduled for February 9 to 10, 2011 in Toronto.(EAC-0003-2011)