



MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

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TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2010 - 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 Carolyn Parrish, Ward 6
 - Michael DeWit, Citizen Member (Vice-Chair)
 - Sophia Chalaidopoulos, Citizen Member
 - Kelly Cook, Citizen Member
 - Peter Orphanos, Citizen Member
 - Dr. Brad Bass, Geography Dept., University of Toronto in Mississauga
 - Darius Chia, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA)
 - Simone Hacikyan, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA)
 - Brenda Osborne, Manager, Environmental Management
 - Lisa Urbani, Environmental Research Assistant
 - Mary Bracken, Environmental Planner, Policy Planning Division
 - Eva Kliwer, Planner, Policy Planning Division
 - Andy Wickens, Manager, Parks
 - Karin Ann Brent, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk
- ABSENT:
- Councillor Carmen Corbasson, Ward 1
 - Hassaan Basit, Citizen Member

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OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE(s)

- April 6, 2010

ADJOURNMENT

CALL TO ORDER – 9:05am

INTRODUCTIONS - Nil

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT OR INDIRECT PECUNIARY INTEREST – Nil

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Approved

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(s)

- February 2, 2010

Citizen Member Sophia Chalaidopolous moved adoption of the Minutes from the meeting of this committee on February 2, 2010 as amended on page -2- to correct the year to 2009 in the reference of the Committee's prior meeting held on November 30th last year. Carried.

Adopted as Amended

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DEPUTATIONS

A Prescribed Burn at University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) Campus

Nicholas C. Collins, Associate Chair, Graduate Studies, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology of the University of Toronto, Mississauga Campus, gave a PowerPoint presentation and explained how the proposed and prior controlled burns on a portion of the Mississauga campus is a method to and maintain the native plant species that require fire for perpetuation, and control invasive plants.

Planner Eva Kliwer advised that the proposed burn is consistent with the management activities recommended by the City's Natural Areas study consultants and also with Ontario's Biodiversity Strategy.

Received for Information

Recommendation EAC-0009-2010

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B Item 2.1 *The Endangered Species Act and Habitat Regulation for Jefferson Salamanders*

Melinda Thompson-Black, Species At-Risk Biologist with the Ministry of Natural Resources advised that she was present to answer any questions of committee regarding the Jefferson Salamander and other species located in the Cawthra site and woodlot.

C Item 2.1 Jefferson Salamander and its Protection as a Species

Resident Donald Barber, advised Committee of his interest in the preservation of the Jefferson Salamander and other species located at the Cawthra site and woodlot.

MATTERS CONSIDERED1. Business Arising From Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)1. Earth Hour 2010 Event and Campaign Target

A Memorandum dated January 27, 2010 from Brenda Osborne, Manager of Environment, Environmental Management section in the Community Services Department, outlining the plans for the City of Mississauga's participation with Earth Hour 2010 was presented at the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting on February 2, 2010.

Committee requested additional information about displays by community groups and promoting the subject campaign with a goal for energy savings that can be comparable to other municipal Earth Hour events to create a sense of challenge for current and future media.

Subsequently, a Memorandum dated February 24, 2010 from the Manager of Environmental Management about other municipal Earth Hour event planning, and Mississauga's Earth Hour event goals and targets was presented to Committee in its agenda for this meeting, to provide information about the campaign's key messages and promotion in response to questions raised on February 2nd.

Manager of Environmental Management Brenda Osborne reviewed the components of the civic event planned for Earth Hour 2010, responded to the Committee's prior questions and displayed the hand-held static charge flashlights provided by Enersource for distribution to the attendees of the subject event.

Received for Information

Recommendation EAC-0009-2010

PR.04.Earth Hour

2. New Business1. Jefferson Salamanders – *The Endangered Species Act* and Habitat Regulation

In response to a direction of Council issued at its meeting on January 20, 2010, a Memorandum dated March 2, 2010 from Andy Wickens, Manager of Parks, was presented for Committee's information on the matter of habitat for Jefferson Salamanders in the City of Mississauga.

Melinda Thompson-Black, Species At-Risk Biologist with the Ministry of Natural Resources attended this meeting to answer any questions of committee regarding the Jefferson Salamander and other species located in the Cawthra site and woodlot.

A deputation by resident Donald Barber was heard. Mr. Barber reviewed his long time interest in the Cawthra bush and the protection of the Jefferson Salamander population and other at-risk species at that location.

(2.) (1.)

Chairman Councillor George Carlson requested that staff provide information in response to Mr. Barber's comments about use of pesticide for maintenance of the lawn bowling greens at Cawthra park and also Mr. Barber's request for new signage and enforcement of leash requirements for dogs being walked through the Cawthra site.

Discussion was held regarding the monitoring and protection of the at-risk species located at the Cawthra site and woodlot and maintenance of its eco-system, including the study of the vernal pools and other hydrological aspects of the Cawthra site.

Dr. Bass advised that there are intern programs such as 'Bio 400' that could be used as a resource to perform the suggested study. Further discussion by Dr. Bass and Environmental Eva Kliwer addressed the need to avoid foot traffic at certain locations of the Cawthra site to preclude harming the local salamanders and other flora and fauna.

Chairman Councillor George Carlson suggested that a meeting be convened at the Cawthra Estate and a walking tour of the woods be arranged for this committee in the spring of 2010.

Environmental Planner Eva Kliwer addressed the need to obtain Ministry of Natural Resources permits prior to doing a walking tour of the Cawthra woods in regard to protecting the resident Jefferson Salamanders from harm, suggesting that viewing those animals should be done at a distance.

Received for Information / Directives

Recommendation EAC-0009-2010

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3. Information Items

1. Copy of the letter dated December 10, 2009 from the Toronto and Region Conservation authority (TRCA) regarding the Humber Watershed Alliance and Etobicoke-Mimico Watersheds Coalition 2010-2012, and Resolutions 0025-2010 and 0026-2010 appointing individuals to represent Mississauga.

Information regarding the appointment of a citizen representative to the Etobicoke-Mimico Watersheds Coalition 2010-2012 was requested.

Received for Information

MG.31.Information Items

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Recycling of Road Sand

Chairman Councillor George Carlson noted a new operation being done by the City of Brampton to recycle road sand by extracting it from catch basins and through street sweeping operations. Vice-Chair Mike DeWit requested that staff report to EAC on this matter at the next EAC meeting.

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NEXT MEETING DATE

- April 6, 2010

ADJOURNMENT – 10:53am

REPORT 3-2010

TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

The Mississauga Environmental Advisory Committee presents its third report of 2010, and recommends:

EAC-0009-2010

That the Environmental Advisory Committee's receipt of the following deputations and items of information at its meeting on March 2, 2010, be acknowledged:

- a deputation by Professor Nicholas Collins Associate Chair, Graduate Studies, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology of the University of Toronto regarding the controlled burn on a portion of their Mississauga campus for the purpose of maintaining native plants.
- a memorandum dated February 24, 2010 from Brenda Osborne, Manager of Environmental Management, Community Services Department regarding the 2010 Earth Hour event scheduled for 7:30pm on Saturday March 27, 2010 at the Civic Centre.
- a deputation by resident Donald Barber regarding the protection of the Jefferson salamanders and other species of animals found in the City-owned Cawthra woodlot.
- a memorandum dated March 2, 2010 regarding Jefferson Salamanders in regard to the Endangered Species Act and Habitat Regulation from Andy Wickens, Manager of Parks Community Services Department.
- a copy of the letter dated December 10, 2009 from the Toronto and Region Conservation authority (TRCA) regarding the Humber Watershed Alliance and Etobicoke-Mimico Watersheds Coalition 2010-2012, and Resolutions 0025-2010 and 0026-2010 appointing individuals to represent Mississauga.

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