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## ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

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**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2009 - 9:06 AM**

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

- PRESENT: Councillor George Carlson, Ward 11 (Chair)  
Councillor Carmen Corbasson, Ward 1  
Councillor Carolyn Parrish, Ward 6  
Michael DeWit, Citizen Member (Vice-Chair)  
Sophia Chalaidopoulos, Citizen Member  
Peter Orphanos, Citizen Member  
Kartik Sahay, Citizen Member  
Dr. Brad Bass, Geography Department, University of Toronto in Mississauga  
John Lohuis, Director of Recreation and Parks (Environmental Management)  
Edward Nicolucci, Manager, Environmental Management  
Andrea J. McLeod, Environmental Coordinator, Environmental Management  
Mary Bracken, Environmental Planner, Policy Planning Division  
Karin Ann Brent, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk
- ABSENT: Hassaan Basit, Citizen Member
- GUESTS: Glenn Gumulka, Executive Director, Smart Commute Mississauga

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DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT OR INDIRECT PECUNIARY INTERESTMINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(s)

- December 9, 2008

RECOMMEND ADOPTION

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DEPUTATIONS

A Car Free Day 2009

Glenn Gumulka, Executive Director of Smart Commute Mississauga gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 2009 Car Free Day events in Mississauga proposed for September 20<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009. Mr. Gumulka advised that SmartCommute Mississauga is working with Melissa Di Carlo, Manager of the “My Mississauga” program, to plan the subject event with interactivity and other entertainment to attract the public’s interest. Further, he advised that the event will be marketed toward achieving attendance of 5,000 targeting a primary audience of 18 to 35 year old residents, partnering with the City of Mississauga and the Sierra Club of Peel, noting that negotiations with the Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee for participation with the event are in progress. Further, Mr. Gumulka noted that counters will be used to measure attendance at the proposed events, media coverage is planned, and negotiation to attain information displays by various community organizations and groups is in progress. Mr. Gumulka concluded his deputation requesting that Committee express its endorsement of the 2009 Car Free Day events.

Citizen Member Kartik Sahay initiated discussion regarding local society being oriented to transportation by cars, and further suggested that it would be good to get schools involved with promoting car free activity such as encouraging children to walk to school. Mr. Gumulka responded that the process for change of attitude is starting by the dissemination of information about viable alternatives. Citizen Member Peter Orphanos suggested that other sectors of society need to get involved with inspiring people to participate with Car Free Day, such as providing free Transit passes that day. Dr. Brad Bass opined that there is a need to inspire people to travel by public Transit or pedestrian activity at least from Monday through Friday of the week, and suggested that this could be encouraged by the closure of local roads and setting up a street market in the City core area.

Citizen Member Peter Orphanos opined that there is a need to have activities which will draw people to the Car Free Day events. Chairman Councillor George Carlson suggested that the event scheduled for September 22, 2009 could be considered for another "Earth Day" activity for energy savings possibly including the distribution of compact light bulbs to the attendees.

Citizen Member Sophia Chalaidopoulos questioned what the City has planned for encouraging the use of public Transit. Mr. Gumulka advised that discounted Transit passes are offered to businesses that partner with the SmartCommute program by committing that a number of their employees will use Mississauga Transit for transportation to work for a twelve (12) month period.

Councillor Carolyn Parrish noted the Ottawa Transit system has developed to provide quick transportation throughout the city. Further, Councillor Parrish suggested that SmartCommute should provide an information display at the Canada Day event.

Committee recognized the attendance of Dan McDermott, Director with the Sierra Club of Ontario in support of the subject presentation and proposed Car Fee Day events.

Citizen Member Peter Orphanos advised Committee that he uses public Transit when there is a cost saving incentive, and subsequently moved receipt of the deputation by Glenn Gumulka, and that Smart Commute Mississauga be advised that the Mississauga Environmental Advisory Committee endorses the Car Free Day event, and further that staff be directed to liaise with Smart Commute Mississauga to assist with the plans for organization and marketing the 2009 Car Free Day event (s), and report back to the Environmental Advisory Committee. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Received / Directives (Peter Orphanos)  
Recommendation EAC-0001-2009  
PR.01

## MATTERS CONSIDERED

1. Business Arising From Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
  1. EcoSource's Peel Environmental Youth Alliance Submission  
re: Appointment of a Youth Member to the Environmental Advisory Committee

At its meeting on November 9, 2008, this Committee recommended that its Terms of Reference be amended to implement the position of a Member that represents Mississauga' youth. Subsequently, Council adopted this directive in Recommendation EAC-0078-2008 on January 21, 2009.

Subsequently, a letter (undated) was received December 19, 2008 from Stephanie Crocker, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance Coordinator with EcoSource, advising their recommendations about youth-adult partnerships on the Mississauga Environmental Advisory Committee.

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At the request of the Chair, Legislative Coordinator Karin Ann Brent explained that the Corporate Policy and Procedure for appointing citizen members to committees of Council would apply to the appointment of a youth member. Councillor Carolyn Parrish advised her preference to have a youth member who is sixteen (16) years of age.

Dr. Brad Bass noted that permission of a student's school principal would be required to allow them to be absent from class in order to attend the EAC meetings which are currently held during the morning of a school day. Citizen Member Sophia Chalaidopoulos suggested that a youth member who is eighteen (18) to twenty-two (22) years of age might be best for participation on this committee in regard to the time of day that EAC meets as well as transportation between home, school and the Civic Centre. Citizen Member Kartik Sahay suggested that a student from the University of Mississauga Toronto (UTM) would be a viable youth member, to which Dr. Bass advised his concurrence. The Legislative Coordinator advised that the faculty at UTM has been requested to seek interest of students to participate and/or attend the EAC meetings, and that no UTM student(s) have responded to date.

Subsequently, Councillor Carmen Corbasson moved that the letter (undated) received December 19, 2008 from Stephanie Crocker, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA) Coordinator with EcoSource advising their recommendations about potential youth participation on the Mississauga Environmental Advisory Committee be received and referred to staff for consideration during the process for appointing the youth Member directed in EAC-0078-2008. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Referred to Staff for Review and Report Back (Councillor Carmen Corbasson)

Recommendation EAC-0002-2009

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2. Update re: Request for Idling Control By-law

A Memorandum dated January 23, 2009 from Edward Nicolucci, Acting Manager of Environmental Management, was provided in response to a request issued by the Environmental Advisory Committee on October 7, 2008 in Recommendation EAC-0061-2008 requesting that staff draft a by-law for the regulation of vehicle idling toward air emission reduction in the City of Mississauga.

Manager of Environmental Management Edward Nicolucci advised that staff is researching the information required to formulate the requested by-law, noting that issues such as time perimeters (e.g. three (3) minute maximum) and temperature levels, need to be researched.

Councillor Carolyn Parrish noted that other jurisdictions have enacted anti-idling by-laws that can be consulted to assist with formulation of the requested by-law. Vice-Chair Michael DeWit noted that enforcement of any regulation of vehicle idling would have to be considered differently for occurrences on private versus public property.

Citizen Member Peter Orphanos questioned whether the City of Toronto by-law has been amended to restrict vehicle idling to thirty (30) seconds, to which Mr. Nicolucci responded in the negative. In response to a further question by Citizen Member Sophia Chalaidopoulos as to whether the City of Toronto has issued any notices of infraction to its anti-idling by-law, Andrea J. McLeod, Environmental Coordinator with the Environmental Management division, advised that Toronto staff have recently been directed to re-visit the Toronto anti-idling by-law; and further, noted that Mississauga's anti-idling campaign has been operating successfully toward reducing the amount of vehicle idling. Responding to the question by Chairman Councillor George Carlson as to whether federal funding is available from the funding received for the previous anti-idling program, Ms. McLeod responded in the negative.

Councillor Carolyn Parrish opined that the anti-idling stickers should be distributed through schools for the education of children regarding reducing air emissions. Citizen Member Kartik Sahay opined that emissions data could be used to show the fuel savings achieved by not idling vehicle engines.

Mr. Nicolucci noted that the proposed by-law would have to be launched along with a public education campaign. Director of Recreation and Parks John Lohuis advised that a communications plan for education about the proposed by-law to parents and children via local schools, the car industry and the general public, will be reported back to this Committee. Chairman Councillor George Carlson suggested that anti-idling information should be distributed at the Car Free Day events in 2009.

Subsequently, Citizen Member Sophia Chalaidopoulos moved receipt of the subject Memorandum for information. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Received for Information (Sophia Chalaidopoulos)  
Recommendation EAC-0003-2009  
EC.06

### 3. Information re: Sustainable Yard Landscaping

A copy of an email dated December 12, 2008 from Environmental Advisory Committee Vice-Chair (Citizen Member) Michael DeWit was provided to relay a source of information about sustainable landscaping, further to discussion about increasing natural area in the City of Mississauga that occurred at the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting on December 9, 2008.

Chairman Councillor George Carlson advised Committee that the Region of Peel has published a booklet regarding sustainable landscaping. Citizen Member Michael DeWit noted that locations with arid climates or drought seasons tend to use "xeriscaping" and/or use native plants species for sustainable gardening. Planner Mary Bracken advised that the Water Quality Strategy addresses "xeriscaping" as a means to reduce water consumption and to treat rain water run off through natural means.

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Director of Recreation and Parks John Lohuis advised that the City is looking to use plant species that require less water and suggested that a brochure should be distributed to provide public awareness. Citizen Member Michael DeWit suggested that retailers should be encouraged to sell native plant species for gardening. Councillor Carolyn Parrish advised that the application of mulch in gardens helps retain ground moisture thus reducing the amount of watering required.

Citizen Member Sophia Chalaidopoulos suggested that this Committee might invite a presentation by the North American Native Plant Society about native plant species and naturalized areas or public gardens such as those in Memorial Park. Director of Recreation and Parks John Lohuis noted that practitioners and landscape architects are involved with gardens in city parks. Citizen Member Peter Orphanos referenced Riverwood Park for its gardens and naturalized areas that have both native and non-native plant species that are compatible with the local climate and eco-system.

Subsequently, Councillor Carmen Corbasson moved that the subject information be received for information, with direction that Environmental Management staff report back to the Environmental Advisory Committee with information about native versus non-native species found in City-owned naturalized areas and gardens. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Received for Information / Directive (Councillor Carmen Corbasson)

Recommendation EAC-0004-2009

EC.01

## 2. New Business

### 1. Mississauga's Communities in Bloom Program

A Memorandum dated January 27, 2009 from Edward Nicolucci, Acting Manager of Environmental Management responding to an enquiry by Mayor Hazel McCallion about the Communities in Bloom program, was provided for Committee's consideration. A copy of Mayor McCallion's memorandum dated December 22, 2008 issuing the subject enquiry was provided for additional information.

Chairman Councillor George Carlson acknowledged that Hazel McColl, a Community Development Coordinator with the Recreation and Parks division who was seconded to the Communities in Bloom project for the year 2008, was present to answer any questions of Committee.

Councillor Carolyn Parrish noted that the budget for the Communities in Bloom project had been cut during consideration of the City's 2009 operating budget, noting that she is very proud of the gardens and boulevard plantings done by Mississauga, and the achievements and awards received in 2007 and 2008.

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Subsequently, Councillor Carmen Corbasson moved receipt of the subject memorandum for information. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Received for Information (Councillor Carmen Corbasson)  
Recommendation EAC-0005-2009  
PR.01

3. Information Items

Citizen Member Michael DeWit moved receipt of the following items of information:

1. A copy of the receipt dated December 21, 2008 from the Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) email system acknowledging receipt of the City of Mississauga's submission on December 21, 2008 regarding the proposed *Cosmetic Pesticides Ban Act*, is provided for information, along with:
  - a copy of the letter dated December 21, 2008 addressed to Robert Bilyea, Senior Policy Advisory with the Ministry of the Environment from Councillor George Carlson as Chair of Mississauga's Environmental Advisory Committee; and
  - an extract of Recommendation EAC-0076-2008 (as amended and adopted by Council on January 21, 2009); and
  - the extract of the draft Minutes of the meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee from its meeting on December 9, 2008 issued with the submission to the EBR.
2. A copy of the letter dated December 12, 2008 from the City of Vaughan regarding the *Cosmetic Pesticides Ban Act* draft Regulations, which was received by Council at its meeting on January 21, 2009 and referred to the Environmental Advisory Committee, is provided for information.
3. A copy of an email dated December 19, 2008 from Environmental Advisory Committee Citizen Member Peter Orphanos referring a copy of an article issued by the Ontario Environmental Commissioner's office about bottled water bans and the quality of water provided by municipal systems, is provided for information.
4. A copy of a News Release from Director of Waste Management Policy Branch of the Ministry of the Environment seeking input from through their e-consultation system by January 30, 2009, is provided for information.  
*The noted information was relayed to the Members of the Environmental Advisory Committee to accommodate their respective input by the noted time line.*



(3.)

5. A copy of the letter dated January 29, 2009 from Mayor McCallion to The Honourable John Gerretsen, Minister of the Environment, submitting Mississauga's requests for exemptions to the *Cosmetic Pesticides Ban Act, 2008*, and concerns regarding the provision of adequate enforcement and public information on the subject ban. (EAC-0076-2008)

Received for Information

Recommendation EAC-0006-2009

MG.31.Information Items

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Earth Hour 2009

Councillor Carolyn Parrish questioned what the City is planning for the 2009 Earth Hour. Chairman Councillor George Carlson noted that the City achieved 3.8% reduction in energy use during the 2008 Earth Hour. Director of Recreation and Parks John Lohuis advised that Environmental Management staff will be reporting about the 2009 Earth Hour activities to this Committee at its meeting scheduled for March 3, 2009. Dr. Brad Bass advised his concurrence with not booking city facility rentals during Earth Hour, to which Mr. Lohuis explained that the time of 8:30pm to 9:30pm this year's Earth Hour will accommodate the shut down of compressors and other mechanical devices at community centres and arenas.

Chairman Councillor George Carlson suggested that Enersource be contacted to partner with the City for distribution of low wattage compact light bulbs to all Mississauga Transit riders on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Councillor Carolyn Parrish suggested that 'brown outs' could be done at city-owned facilities on a rotating basis to achieve additional energy savings.

Citizen Member Kartik Sahay suggested that all City facilities be equipped with motion sensor light fixtures, to which Mr. Lohuis advised that this is being implemented at the Civic Centre and 201 City Centre Drive in particular for washroom areas. Councillor George Carlson opined that he was of the understanding that at this point in time the Ontario Building Code does not support those types of applications.

Citizen Member Peter Orphanos suggested that outreach be done to obtain input on the energy reducing ideas from the local corporate sector.

EC.06.Climate

NEXT MEETING DATE(s)

- March 3, 2009

ADJOURNMENT – 10:14am

REPORT 1-2009

TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

The Mississauga Environmental Advisory Committee presents its first report of 2009, and recommends:

EAC-0001-2009

1. That the deputation by Glenn Gumulka, Executive Director, Smart Commute Mississauga regarding Car Free Day 2009 to the Environmental Advisory Committee at its meeting on February 3, 2009, be received for information.
2. That Smart Commute Mississauga be advised that the Mississauga Environmental Advisory Committee endorses the Car Free Day event.
3. That staff be directed to liaise with Smart Commute Mississauga to assist with the plans for organization and marketing the 2009 Car Free Day event (s), and report back to the Environmental Advisory Committee.

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(EAC-0001-2009)

EAC-0002-2009

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(EAC-0002-2009)

EAC-0003-2009

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(EAC-0003-2009)

EAC-0004-2009

1. That the copy of the email dated December 12, 2008 from Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) Vice-Chair (Citizen Member) Michael DeWit provided to EAC at its meeting on February 3, 2009 to relay a source of information about sustainable landscaping, further to discussion about increasing natural area in the City of Mississauga at the EAC meeting on December 9, 2008, be received for information.

2. That Environmental Management staff report back to the Environmental Advisory Committee with information about native versus non-native species found in City-owned naturalized areas and gardens.

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(EAC-0004-2009)

EAC-0005-2009

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(EAC-0005-2009)

EAC-0006-2009

That the following items presented to the Environmental Advisory Committee at its meeting on February 3, 2009, be received for information:

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MG.31.Information Items

(EAC-0006-2009)