



MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008 - 9:04 AM

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 2ND 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)
Hassaan Basit, Citizen Member
Peter Orphanos, Citizen Member
Muktha Tumkur, Citizen Member
Dr. Brad Bass, Geography Department, University of Toronto in Mississauga
Edward Nicolucci, Manager, Environmental Management, Community Services
Mary Bracken, Environmental Planner, Policy Planning Division, Planning and
Building Department
Karin Ann Brent, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk

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- November 4, 2008

ADJOURNMENT

CALL TO ORDER – 9:04AM

INTRODUCTIONS – Nil

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT OR INDIRECT PECUNIARY INTEREST - Nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

- October 7, 2008

Councillor Carolyn Parrish moved adoption of the Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting on October 7, 2008. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Adopted as Presented (Councillor Carolyn Parrish)
MG.31

DEPUTATIONS

- A Item 2.1 Metrolinx Draft Regional Transportation Plan and Draft Investment Strategy by Steve Ganesh, Transportation Planner, Transportation and Works Department

Received for Information
See Recommendation EAC-0066-2008
RT.01

MATTERS CONSIDERED

1. Business Arising From Minutes Of Previous Meeting(s)
 1. Recycling Containers for Community Events

A copy of the Memorandum dated October 22, 2008 addressed to Councillor Maja Prentice (Ward 3) from Shawn Crawford, Manager of Facilities Maintenance of the Corporate Services Department, responding to the Councillor's enquiry, was provided to Committee as follow up to the information on a particular style of recycling containers for community events was presented to and received by the Environmental Advisory Committee at its meeting on September 9, 2008.

(1.) (1.)

Chairman Councillor George Carlson advised that Councillor Maja Prentice had requested this matter be referred to staff for further review and discussion with Region of Peel Waste Management staff. Subsequently, Councillor Carolyn Parrish moved that this matter be referred accordingly. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Received and Referred to Staff

Recommendation EAC-0065-2008

EC.04

2. New Business1. Draft Regional Transportation Plan & Draft Investment Strategy

A copy of the executive summary of the Metrolinx draft Regional Transportation Plan and the Chairman's message extracted from the related draft Investment Strategy was attached to the agenda for this meeting along with full copies of the subject draft documents provided to the Members of this committee for their review and comment.

Steve Ganesh, Transportation Planner with the Transportation and Infrastructure Planning Division of the Transportation and Works Department gave a Power Point presentation regarding the subject strategy documents. Mr. Ganesh advised that the strategy suggests the implementation of an integrated transportation system for the GTA region that enhances prosperity by being functional, integrated, efficient, safe and fiscally sustainable, as well as environmentally healthy by having a smaller carbon footprint than travel by separate vehicles, an ecosystem approach that will include land conservation, and enhancing quality of life through its comfort and reliability, with a choice of modes of transportation that are attractive and safe. The five (5) themes for the strategic directions were noted to be: increase choices for travel, reduced demands on the transportation system, putting the needs of the traveler first, building communities that make travelling easier and committing to continuous improvement.

Mr. Ganesh advised that the proposed local anchor hubs would be the Mississauga City Centre and the Lester B. Pearson International Airport (LBPIA) with gateway hubs in the Cooksville and Port Credit areas of Mississauga and the Renforth Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) station. The capital costs were noted to involve approximately \$50 billion and the operating costs for transit, with full program implementation being approximately \$1.5 billion per year. Mr. Ganesh noted that for roads and highways, approximately \$230 million per year would fund the required rehabilitation and reconstruction for the provincial 400-series highway and municipal "limited-access" highways.

(2.) (1.)

Mr. Ganesh advised that the strategy is to implement the proposed strategy in stages, involving a Phase 1 for Metrolinx “QuickWin” projects through \$744 million in funding from the 2008 Provincial Budget, a Phase 2 for Metrolinx “Transformational Projects” including foundation investment of \$11.5 billion from the MoveOntario 2020 Initiative, a long-term funding gap deferred to 2018 with an assumption for a Federal contribution of an additional \$6 billion to MoveOntario 2020, and Phase 3 for a long-term investment strategy. The ‘QuickWin’ projects for Mississauga were noted to be a study of the Hurontario Corridor, the Dundas Corridor, the acquisition of twenty-two (22) hybrid Transit buses, construction of an overpass for the Cooksville GO station, and implementation of a gateway Transit depot at Renforth Drive.

Mr. Ganesh presented a table of the factors that will indicate success in a twenty-five (25) year scope, where 75% of the population will reside within 2 kilometres of a rapid transit service with routes that run 1,650 kilometres, there will be 9,000 kilometres of dedicated bicycle lanes in the GRA Region, between fifty-two (52%) and fifty-six (56%) percent of commuters can get to work in forty-five (45) minutes or less by car, there will be 1.26 billion transit trips taken every year, and the annual greenhouse gas emissions from passenger transportation will be approximately 1.5 tonnes per person.

The roles of Metrolinx were reviewed to include prioritizing investments, integrating services, implementing infrastructure projects, the delivery of programs and pilot projects, establishing a rolling capital plan, setting common performance standards to ensure that equitable levels of service and maximize the return on investments, link the land use and transportation planning, monitor and report its progress and advocate the transformation of transportation across the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). Mr. Ganesh concluded his presentation advising that the public consultation done for the Metrolinx proposals and advised that the final Regional Transportation Plan and Investment Strategy is expected to be presented to the Metrolinx Board at its meeting scheduled for November 28, 2008.

Citizen Member Peter Orphanos spoke to the number of transport trucks travelling the Highway 401 corridor and questioned if there are any plans to reduce the number of large vehicles on this highway. Mr. Ganesh replied that there is a Goods Movement Strategy proposed and that its terms of reference are currently being formulated. Councillor Carolyn Parrish referenced prior surveys indicating a preference for light rail transit, and questioned the percentage of light rail versus transit bus service proposed. Mr. Ganesh responded that the environmental studies will determine the percentage of each mode of transit to be implemented.

Dr. Brad Bass of the University of Toronto in Mississauga (UTM) referenced the proposal in regard to the proposed transit hubs appearing to be concentrated in the south areas of Mississauga, and questioned if any are proposed for the northern quadrants in relation to connection with transit systems in adjacent municipalities.

(2.) (1.)

Mr. Ganesh noted the two (2) anchor hubs, and explained that the transit hubs are set by established criteria including the two (2) regional transit lines and the percentages of population in different areas, and that Official Plans will be used to determine needs in other areas. Subsequently, Councillor Carmen Corbasson moved receipt of the subject deputation and draft Metrolinx Draft Regional Transportation Plan and Draft Investment Strategy for information. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Received for Information (Councillor Carmen Corbasson)

Recommendation EAC-0066-2008

RT.01

2. Report on the Great Lakes Great Water Symposium on October 4, 2008

Citizen Member Peter Orphanos submitted a written report on his attendance of the Great Lakes Great Water Symposium on October 4, 2008, for Committee's review and discussion.

Mr. Orphanos reviewed his report and suggested that other Members of this Committee attend the symposium next year. Chairman Councillor George Carlson noted that the Town of Ajax has a high school student on its environmental committee and suggested that this be contemplated for this committee.

Subsequently, Citizen Member Peter Orphanos moved that his report be received for information. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Received for Information (Citizen Member Peter Orphanos)

Recommendation EAC-0067-2008

EC.03

3. Extension of Length of Environmental Advisory Committee Term

A copy of the Corporate Report dated October 3, 2008 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services & Treasurer regarding the first term of the Environmental Advisory Committee and its continuation was provided for information of this committee, along with an extract of Recommendation GC-0778-2008 adopted by Resolution 0254-2008 being Council's decision.

Councillor Carolyn Parrish moved receipt of the subject item for information. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Received for Information (Councillor Carolyn Parrish)

Recommendation EAC-0069-2008

MG.29

(2.) (3.)

Further, Councillor Carolyn Parrish questioned the status of Dr. Bass's participation on this committee representing the University of Toronto in Mississauga.

Subsequently, Councillor Parrish moved that a fixed position of a Member to represent the University of Toronto in Mississauga (UTM) on the Mississauga Environmental Advisory Committee, with assignment of an individual to this position being at the discretion of the UTM faculty be implemented and the Terms of Reference amended accordingly. The motion was voted upon and carried.

Directive (Councillor Carolyn Parrish)
Recommendation EAC-0069-2008
MG.29

3. Information Items

Councillor Carmen Corbasson moved receipt of the following items for information:

1. An extract of Recommendation GC-0777-2008 adopted in Resolution 0254-2008 by Council on October 22, 2008 and the related Corporate Report dated September 24, 2008 and titled "Mid-Term Review of Advisory Committee Appointments" from the Commissioner of Corporate Services & Treasurer.
2. Copy of the News Release dated October 15, 2008 from General Electric Canada advising that its headquarters located in Mississauga has been awarded the LEED Existing Building Certification.
3. Copy of the letter dated September 29, 2008 from Kathy Stranks, Manager of the Chair and CAO's Office for the Toronto and Region Conservation authority, acknowledging the participants and success of the Malton Environmental Stewardship Project (MESP) from 2004 to 2008.
4. A copy of the email dated October 24, 2008 advising the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) on Council's adoption of its Recommendations EAC-0057-2008 (GC-0779-2008) through EAC-0065-2008 (GC-0787-2008) issued by EAC on October 7, 2008.
5. Copy of an email dated November 3, 2008 from the Region of Peel Environment Section in the Transportation and Planning Services Department, inviting participation with its Peel Region Official Plan Review Environmental Workshop scheduled for November 24, 2008.

Received for Information (Councillor Carmen Corbasson)
Recommendation EAC-0070-2008
MG.31. Correspondence

OTHER BUSINESS1. Cities Alive International Conference

Dr. Brad Bass of the University of Toronto in Mississauga noted Cities Alive International Conference held in Toronto on October 22 through 24, 2008, advising that this event provided a venue for local governments from around the world to engage in dialogue with leaders from both business and academia and the achievements in global greenhouse gas emission reductions.

PR.01.Environment (EC.06)

2. Sierra Club of Peel – Practical Green Energy Workshop on November 25, 2008

Citizen Member Peter Orphanos announced that the Sierra Club of Peel will be hosting an event at 7:00pm on November 25, 2008 at the Unitarian Congregation of South Peel Hall located at 84 South Service Road in Mississauga, at which there will be presentations by experts in Residential Applications, including a Home Energy Auditor, Solar Energy Specialist, and Geothermal Energy Specialist.

PR.01.Environment (EC.06)

3. Town Planning Day Display – Mississauga Civic Centre– November 4, 2008

Planner Mary Bracken invited the Members of Committee to visit the Town Planning day display in the Great Hall of the Civic Centre after conclusion of this meeting.

PR.01.Environment

NEXT MEETING DATE(s)

Committee concurred to schedule its next meeting on Tuesday, December 9, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT – 9:44am

REPORT 8-2008

TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

The Mississauga Environmental Advisory Committee presents its eighth report of 2008, and recommends:

EAC-0065-2008

That the copy of the Memorandum dated October 22, 2008 addressed to Councillor Maja Prentice (Ward 3) from Shawn Crawford, Manager of Facilities Maintenance of the Facilities and Property Management Division in the Corporate Services Department, responding to the Councillor's referral of information about a particular style of recycling containers for community events that was presented to and received by the Environmental Advisory Committee at its meeting on September 9, 2008, be received and referred to staff for their review and consultation with Region of Peel Waste Management staff.

EC.04

(EAC-0065-2008)

EAC-0066-2008

That the deputation by Transportation Planner Steven Ganesh from the Transportation and Infrastructure Planning Division of the Transportation and Works Department, in conjunction with distribution of the Metrolinx Draft Regional Transportation Plan and Draft Investment Strategy to the Environmental Advisory Committee at its meeting on November 4, 2008, be received for information.

RT.01

(EAC-0066-2008)

EAC-0067-2008

That the copy of the written report of Citizen Member Peter Orphanos to the Environmental Advisory Committee at its meeting on November 4, 2008, regarding his observations at the Great Lakes Great Water Symposium on October 4, 2008, be received for information.

EC.03

(EAC-0067-2008)

EAC-0068-2008

That the copy of the Corporate Report dated October 3, 2008 from the Commissioner of Corporate Services & Treasurer regarding the extension of the first term of the Environmental Advisory Committee to November 30, 2010, and an extract of Council's decision on this matter provided in an extract of Recommendation GC-0778-2008 adopted by Resolution 0254-2008, be received for information.

MG.31

(EAC-0068-2008)

EAC-0069-2008

1. That Council pass a Resolution to implement a fixed position of a Member to represent the University of Toronto in Mississauga (UTM) on the Mississauga Environmental Advisory Committee, with assignment of an individual to this position being at the discretion of the UTM faculty.
2. That the Terms of Reference for the Environmental Advisory Committee be amended to incorporate the position for a representative of the University of Toronto in Mississauga (UTM) as set out in paragraph 1.

MG.31

(EAC-0069-2008)

EAC-0070-2008

That the following items presented to the Environmental Advisory Committee at its meeting on November 4, 2008, be received for information:

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5. A copy of the notice issued by the Region of Peel for its Environment Workshop for input on policy options for the Peel Region's Official Plan's focus areas of Natural Heritage, Agriculture, Greenbelt Conformity, Sustainability, Energy and Air Quality, scheduled for November 24, 2008 at The Royal Ambassador 15430 Innis Lake Road, Caledon, Ontario.

MG.31. Correspondence

(EAC-0070-2008)