



MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2011 – 9:05 A.M.

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

- MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor George Carlson, Ward 11 (CHAIR)
Councillor Frank Dale, Ward 4
Sophia Chalaidopoulos, Citizen Member
Michael DeWit, Citizen Member (VICE-CHAIR)
Maureen Ricker, Citizen Member
- MEMBERS ABSENT: Hassaan Basit, Citizen Member
Dr. Brad Bass, Citizen Member
Peter Orphanos, Citizen Member
Councillor Jim Tovey, Ward 1
- AGENCY LIAISONS: VACANT, Student Rep. University of Toronto in Mississauga
Lucas Krist, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA)
Chantal Wiktorek, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA)
Lee Anne Mallet, Eco Source
- STAFF LIAISONS: Brenda Osborne, Manager, Environmental Management
Andrea J. McLeod, Environmental Coordinator
Lisa Urbani, Environmental Research Assistant
Mary Bracken, Project Lead, Living Green Master Plan
- CONTACT: Laura Wilson, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk
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CALL TO ORDER

Councillor George Carlson, Ward 11, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED – (Councillor F. Dale, Ward 4)

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT OR INDIRECT PECUNIARY INTEREST

-Nil

PRESENTATIONS

-Nil

DEPUTATIONS

A. Landscape Scale Analysis

Aviva Patel, Supervisor, Natural Heritage Science and Monitoring, Credit Valley Conservation, presented “Mississauga Landscape Scale Analysis: Landscape Scale Assessment of the City’s Natural and Semi-Natural Areas”, which outlined the results of the Landscape Scale Analysis (LSA) for the City of Mississauga.

Ms. Patel described who was involved in the study and what was assessed. She spoke to the findings of the LSA and noted that the information emanating from the study could help with natural heritage systems planning and that it could assist with prioritizing protection, securement, restoration and stewardship.

Discussion ensued with respect to how the information gathered from the LSA could be applied to determine which natural areas would be appropriate for expansion. The Committee also discussed funding for the study and Ms. Patel noted that the study had received funding from the Region of Peel.

Discussion ensued with respect to how private companies could apply the findings of the LSA. Ms. Patel noted that those companies whose natural lands were identified in the study had received the results of the LSA. Sophia Chalaidopoulos, Citizen Member suggested that a cost benefit analysis would be helpful to encourage companies to use the information to improve natural areas on private property.

Discussion ensued with respect to natural areas adjacent to the City of Mississauga and Michael DeWit, Citizen Member asked if the study took these lands into consideration. Ms. Patel noted that some natural areas which about the City of Mississauga's borders were excluded while others areas beyond the borders were considered.

RECEIVED – (M. DeWit)
Recommendation - EAC-0015-2011

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

1. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting held on September 6, 2011.

APPROVED – (M. Ricker)

2. Living Green Master Plan – Verbal Update

Mary Bracken, Project Leader, Living Green Master Plan (LGMP), provided a verbal update with respect to the LGMP.

Mary Bracken noted that the LGMP was being finalized and outlined the next steps in the development process which included presenting the LGMP to the public and key stakeholders. Ms. Bracken advised that the Environmental Advisory Committee would be informed of the findings emanating from the presentation of the plan to the public and stakeholders. She also noted that the LGMP would be presented at City Council for approval in December 2011.

3. Review of the Revised Environmental Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

The Legislative Coordinator outlined the amendments made to the Environmental Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference.

Councillor George Carlson, Ward 11, Chair, noted that he was encouraged by the forming of the Environmental Advisory Committee and explained that revisions to the Terms of Reference are to be expected.

Councillor Frank Dale, Ward 4, suggested that the composition of the Environmental Advisory Committee be clarified by re-wording it in the Terms of Reference.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Environmental Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference be amended to state the following:

The membership of the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) will be appointed by a Resolution of Council, and will comprise of:

- three (3) Councillors
- five (5) Citizen Members and one (1) representative of the University of Toronto Mississauga faculty or six (6) Citizen Members
- one (1) representative of the University of Toronto Mississauga student body, assigned by UTM faculty
- one (1) to two (2) youth representatives

Through a partnership with the Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA) one (1) to two (2) youth representatives of PEYA are invited to participate with the meetings of the Environmental Advisory Committee, but will not be counted in regard to quorum. The PEYA representative(s) will be assigned by the PEYA Coordinator on a rotating basis, subject to parental/guardian consent and permission of the respective school principal to allow the youth to be absent from school classes in order to attend the EAC meetings.

APPROVED - (Councillor F. Dale, Ward 4)
Recommendation - EAC-0016-2011

OTHER BUSINESS

Lucas Krist, PEYA, requested that a representative from Mississauga Transit be invited to an Environmental Advisory Committee meeting to discuss concerns with respect to public transportation. Discussion ensued with respect to the suggestion and whether or not transit issues fall within the Environmental Advisory Committee's mandate. Councillor George Carlson, Ward 11, Chair, suggested that instead of inviting a representative from Mississauga Transit to a committee meeting, he would forward any concerns with respect to transit to the appropriate staff.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- November 8, 2011 at 9: 00 AM, Council Chamber 2nd Floor, Civic Centre

ADJOURNMENT – 9:43 a.m.

(Councillor F. Dale, Ward 4)