Tuesday, August 16, 2016

Members Present: David Laing (Co-Chair)
Trevor Boston
Douglas Foster
Rosemary Keenan
Krista Kumar
Davika Misir
Roopinder Sandhu
Joshua Teves
Laila Zarrabi Yan

Members Absent: Shintu Cherian Manathara (Co-Chair) – regrets
Ian McGillivray – regrets
Filiz Ozmisir – regrets
City Councillor Doug Whillans – personal

Staff Present: M. Hoy, Acting Manager, Environmental Planning, Planning and Infrastructure Services
G. Linton, Manager, Central Operations, Planning and Infrastructure Services
S. Pacheco, Legislative Coordinator, Corporate Services
The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m. and adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

   The following motion was considered.

   EAC018-2016 That the Agenda for the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of August 16, 2016, be approved, as amended, to add the following items:

   8.3. Discussion at the request of David Laing, Co-Chair, re: Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) Stewardship Forum.

   8.4. Announcement from David Laing, Co-Chair, re: Townhall Meeting regarding Climate Change – Cassie Campbell Community Centre – August 17, 2016.

   Carried

2. **Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act** – nil

3. **Previous Minutes**

3.1. **Minutes – Environment Advisory Committee – June 21, 2016**

   The minutes are pending consideration by Planning and Infrastructure Services Committee on September 12, 2016, and approval by Council on September 14, 2016. The minutes are provided for information only.

4. **Delegations/Presentations**

4.1. Presentation by Gary Linton, Manager of Central Operations, Public Works, Planning and Infrastructure Services, re: Urban Forest Canopy Loss – Recovery Efforts

   Gary Linton, Manager, Central Operations, Public Works, Planning and Infrastructure Services, summarized his experience in forestry and career with the City of Brampton, and provided an overview of the urban forest canopy losses resulting from the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) and the 2013 ice storm. Mr. Linton provided an update on the ongoing recovery program and highlighted the following:
• Summary of Recovery Plans
  1. Removal of trees
  2. Stump removal
  3. Replacement tree planting
  4. Corrective pruning
  5. Canopy/environmental reinstatement initiatives
• Debris removal (disposal of wood)
• Completion Rates

Committee discussion on this matter included:
• Variety of trees being planted
• Disposal of excess wood
  o Mr. Linton explained why excess wood is not made available to the general public
• Process for watering recently planted trees
• Shortage of trees in tree nurseries

The following motion was considered.

EAC019-2016 That the presentation by Gary Linton, Manager of Central Operations, Public Works, Planning and Infrastructure Services, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of August 16, 2016, re: Urban Forest Canopy Loss – Recovery Efforts be received.

Carried

4.2. Presentation by Michael Hoy, Acting Manager, Environmental Planning, re: Potential Implications of Urban River Valley Designations

Michael Hoy, Acting Manager, Environmental Planning, Planning and Infrastructure Services, provided a presentation on the proposed Provincial legislative changes relating to Urban River Valleys, and highlighted the following:
• Province’s Co-ordinated Plan Review
• Impact of the following plans on the City of Brampton
  o Growth Plan Review
  o Greenbelt Review
    ▪ New Designation – Urban River Valleys
• Urban River Valleys
  o Brampton’s current Official Plan policies
• Next Steps

Committee discussion on this matter included:
• Timeline for municipalities to comment on the proposed changes
• Concerns regarding the development of wetlands, and clarification from staff on the City’s policy and evaluation of such lands
• The City’s approach to natural heritage planning
• Benefits and shortcomings of the Urban River Valley designation

The following motion was considered.

EAC020-2016  That the presentation by Michael Hoy, Acting Manager, Environmental Planning, Planning and Infrastructure Services, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of August 16, 2016, re: Potential Implications of Urban River Valley Designations be received.

Carried

5.  Reports/Updates – nil

6.  Sub-Committees

6.1.  Verbal update from the Database Subcommittee re: Status of Survey and Partnership Outreach

Roopinder Sandhu, Committee Member, advised that the survey was circulated to Committee members for review and feedback was received regarding its content.

Committee discussion on this matter included:
• review of the survey content by Committee members
• suggestion that the rationale for each survey question be presented to Committee prior to a final review by all members

The following motion was considered.

EAC021-2016  1.  That the verbal update from the Database Subcommittee, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of August 16, 2016, re: Status of Survey and Partnership Outreach be received; and,

2.  That Rosemary Keenan, Laila Zarrabi Yan and other interested Committee members undertake a review of the survey content/questions, examine the rationale for each question and consider the feedback from Committee members; and,

3.  That upon completion of this review, the survey be circulated to all Committee members via email for a final review, and the final version provided to Roopinder Sandhu, Committee member; and,
4. That Michael Hoy, Acting Manager, Environmental Planning, Planning and Infrastructure Services, provide Roopinder Sandhu with email addresses for various environmental agencies.

Carried

7. **Environmental Ideas** – nil

8. **Other/New Business**

8.1. Discussion at the request of David Laing, Co-Chair, re: **Working Group Members – 2016/2017**

David Laing, Co-Chair, suggested that the three existing working groups of the Environment Advisory Committee be amalgamated into the following two working groups to enhance their effectiveness:

1. Community Outreach and Eco-Challenge Working Group
2. Web Page Content Working Group

Committee discussion took place regarding the working group memberships, and Mr. Laing requested that meetings for these groups be scheduled as soon as possible.

The following motion was considered.

EAC022-2016 That the three existing Environment Advisory Committee Working Groups be amalgamated into the following two working groups:

1. Community Outreach and Eco-Challenge Working Group
2. Web Page Content Working Group

Carried

8.2. Discussion at the request of David Laing, Co-Chair, re: **Committee Budget Expenditure Plan – 2016/2017**

Committee discussion took place with respect to the remaining 2016 budget for the Environment Advisory Committee and the need to identify goals and/or initiatives that may be achieved within this budget. Discussions included:

- Advertising and promotional costs
- Development of a communications strategy
  - The need to determine Committee’s key message(s) and how they should be communicated
The need to develop promotional material for display and distribution at future events (e.g. display tent with banner, pamphlets, pencils, games, etc.)

- Request that generic promotional material be produced in time for the Fletcher’s Creek SNAP Neighbourhood Event, scheduled to take place on September 24, 2016
- Committee goal to establish partnerships and a suggestion that the Committee host an “information night” to provide the community with an opportunity to learn more about this Committee

The following motion was considered.

EAC023-2016 That the Community Outreach and Eco-Challenge Working Group, with assistance from the Environment Advisory Committee, undertake the task of producing official messaging and promotional material for the Environment Advisory Committee for use during events (e.g. messaging on display tents, pamphlets, posters, etc.) and report back to Committee with a recommendation at the October 18, 2016 meeting.

Carried

8.3. Discussion at the request of David Laing, Co-Chair, re: Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) Stewardship Forum

David Laing, Co-Chair, provided an overview of his submission, on behalf of the Environment Advisory Committee, to the Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) Stewardship Forum on October 1, 2016 and highlighted the need to develop a communications plan prior to this event.

Committee discussion on this matter included:

- The need to provide information at the Forum regarding the Environment Advisory Committee and how the community can get involved
- The importance of establishing partnerships with other community groups
- The need to develop a communications plan and vision statement for this Committee
- Target audience at the forum

The following motion was considered.
That the Environment Advisory Committee endorse the submission by David Laing, Co-Chair, to the Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) Stewardship Forum on October 1, 2016 and endorse the presentation outline as presented by Mr. Laing to the Environment Advisory Committee on August 16, 2016.

Carried

8.4. Announcement from David Laing, Co-Chair, re: Townhall Meeting regarding Climate Change – Cassie Campbell Community Centre – August 17, 2016

David Laing, Co-Chair, announced that Kamal Khera, MP Brampton West, is hosting a Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at the Cassie Campbell Community Centre, on protecting the environment from climate change. Mr. Laing advised Committee that this meeting will provide a good opportunity to obtain information and ask questions regarding provincial initiatives.

Committee discussion included the following:

- The need for more support/funding from the provincial and federal governments for municipal environmental projects
- The manner in which consumer behaviour impacts the environment and the need to incorporate this component in the climate change action plan

9. Correspondence

9.1. Correspondence from Karen Bannister, Program Coordinator, Credit Valley Conservation, dated August 3, 2016, re: Fletcher's Creek SNAP – Neighbourhood Event

Committee discussion took place regarding the invitation from the Credit Valley Conservation to participate in the Fletcher's Creek SNAP Neighbourhood Event taking place on September 24, 2016. Discussions included the need to confirm the role of Committee members at this event and the number of attendees.

The following motion was considered.

That the correspondence from Karen Bannister, Program Coordinator, Credit Valley Conservation, dated August 3, 2016, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of August 16, 2016, re: Fletcher's Creek SNAP – Neighbourhood Event be received; and,
That the Environment Advisory Committee participate in the Fletcher’s Creek SNAP Neighbourhood Event, scheduled to take place on September 24, 2016 at the Chris Gibson Recreation Centre.

Carried

10. **Question Period** – nil

11. **Public Question Period** – nil

12. **Adjournment**

   The following motion was considered.

EAC026-2016  That the Environment Advisory Committee do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, October 18, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

Carried

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Shintu Cherian Manathara, Co-Chair  David Laing, Co-Chair