

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

6:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting

**Boardroom WT-2C/2D
2nd Floor – West Tower**

Members: Trevor Boston **(Co-Chair)**
David Laing **(Co-Chair)**
Harripaul Bridgemohan
Shintu Cherian Manathara
Douglas Foster
Rosemary Keenan
Davika Misir
Roopinder Sandhu
Joshua Teves
Laila Zarrabi Yan
City Councillor Doug Whillans

Student Project Members: Gurkirat Batth
Linda Bui
Aaraby Mohanathas

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1. **Approval of Agenda**

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

3. **Previous Minutes**

3.1. **Minutes – Environment Advisory Committee – April 10, 2018**

The minutes were considered by Committee of Council on April 25, 2018 and the recommendations were approved by Council on May 2, 2018. The minutes are provided for Committee's information.

4. **Delegations/Presentations**

4.1. Ryan Ness, Senior Manager and Humber River Watershed Specialist, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, re: **Developments in Provincial Watershed Planning Policy and Guidance.**

5. **Reports/Updates**

6. **Sub-Committees**

6.1. Verbal update from Davika Misir, Committee Member, re: **Grow Green Network Meeting Date – July 2018.**

6.2. Verbal update from Rosemary Keenan, Committee Member, re: **Eco-pledge Summer Calendar of Events (CeleBrampton, Canada Day, Bike the Creek and Farmers' Market).**

7. **Other/New Business**

7.1. Discussion re: **Grow Green Network Meeting Agenda for July 2018 – Development of a Proposal for a Brampton Sustainability Institute, as described in the City's 2040 Vision.**

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- 7.2. Verbal Advisory by the City Clerk's Office, re: **Reduction of Quorum and Deemed Resignation of Joshua Teves from the Environment Advisory Committee.**
8. **Correspondence**
9. **Question Period**
10. **Public Question Period**
15 Minute Limit (regarding any decision made at this meeting)
11. **Adjournment**
Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Members Present:

Trevor Boston (**Co-Chair**)
David Laing (**Co-Chair**)
Harripaul Bridgemohan
Rosemary Keenan
Davika Misir
Roopinder Sandhu
Laila Zarrabi Yan
City Councillor Doug Whillans

Members Absent:

Ian McGillivray (See Item 8.1)
Douglas Foster (regrets)
Shintu Cherian Manathara (regrets)
Joshua Teves

Staff Present:

Michael Hoy, Environmental Policy Planner, Public Works
and Engineering
Stavroula Kassaris, Environmental Policy Planner, Public
Works and Engineering
Anand Balram, Planner, Planning and Development
Services
Sonya Pacheco, Legislative Coordinator, City Clerk's Office

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The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. and adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

The following motion was considered.

EAC010-2018 That the agenda for the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of April 10, 2018, be approved, as amended, to add the following items:

- 4.2. Presentation by Anand Balram, Planner, Planning and Development Services, re: **Planning Vision**.
- 5.4. Discussion at the request of Trevor Boston, Co-Chair, re: **Delegation to Committee of Council – Environmental Master Plan**.
- 7.3. Verbal update from City Councillor Whillans, re: **Expression of Thanks to Staff – Energy and Emissions Reduction Strategy Presentation**.

Carried

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

3. Previous Minutes

3.1. **Minutes – Environment Advisory Committee – February 13, 2018**

The minutes were approved by Council on March 7, 2018 and were provided for Committee's information.

4. Delegations/Presentations

4.1. Delegation by Darnel Harris, resident of Toronto, re: **Living Green Infrastructure Design**.

Darnel Harris, resident of Toronto, provided a presentation entitled "Different Spokes. Different Folks. Dignified Mobility in Our Suburban Nation", which included information regarding:

- various modes of mobility
- pathways to make mobility/active transportation safe and easy, while supporting jobs and the environment

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- benefits of a “mobility greenway” to support active modes of transportation and manage storm water

In response to questions from Committee, Mr. Harris provided information with respect to the following:

- Potential locations to implement a “mobility greenway”, including along the Hurontario LRT corridor
- Indication that this greenway is suitable for various modes of mobility, including wheelchairs
- Potential benefits of a greenway and space required for its construction
- The need to address traffic gridlock and impacts of the environment on health
- Potential economic impact of the greenway (e.g. cost savings from using alternative modes of transportation)
- Indication that the materials used to construct the greenway would be suitable for all seasons

It was noted that staff will be reviewing new legislation relating to storm water management.

The following motion was considered.

EAC011-2018 That the delegation from Darnel Harris, resident of Toronto, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of April 10, 2018, re: **Living Green Infrastructure Design – Mobility Greenway** be referred to a future Committee of Council Meeting.

Carried

4.2. Presentation by Anand Balram, Planner, Planning and Development Services, re: **Planning Vision**.

Anand Balram, Planner, Planning and Development Services, provided a presentation entitled “Brampton 2040 Vision”, and provided details with respect to the areas of work, engagement, regulatory framework, advocacy strategy and next steps. Mr. Balram added that additional information regarding the Planning Vision will be available on the City’s website on April 24, 2018.

Committee discussion on this matter included the engagement strategy, including efforts to engage youth, and integration of the environment throughout the Planning Vision.

The following motion was considered.

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EAC012-2018 That the presentation by Anand Balram, Planner, Planning and Development Services, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of April 10, 2018, re: **Planning Vision** be received.

Carried

5. Reports/Updates

5.1. Verbal update from Michael Hoy, Environmental Planner, Public Works and Engineering, re: **City Plans for 100 in 1 Day Event**.

Michael Hoy, Environmental Planner, Public Works and Engineering, provided an update on the City's plans for the 100 in 1 Day event. He advised that Laura Lukasik, Manager, Tourism and Special Events, will be managing this event, and further information will be provided to Committee when available.

In response to questions from Committee, Mr. Hoy confirmed that suggestions from the Grow Green Network have been provided to staff.

The following motion was considered.

EAC013-2018 That the verbal update from Michael Hoy, Environmental Planner, Public Works and Engineering, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of April 10, 2018, re: **City Plans for 100 in 1 Day Event** be received.

Carried

5.2. Verbal update from Stavroula Kassaris, Environmental Planner, Public Works and Engineering, re: **Future Ready Brampton Vision Planning Session and Presentation to Council on May 7, 2018**.

Stavroula Kassaris, Environmental Planner, Public Works and Engineering, advised Committee that the Planning Vision makes reference to improving Brampton's environmental sustainability, which aligns with the Environmental Master Plan. She added that public feedback shows the environment is a priority, and as such, it has formed part of the vision framework. Ms. Kassaris requested that Committee members attend the Special Council Meeting on May 7, 2018 to show their support for the Planning Vision.

The following motion was considered.

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- EAC014-2018 That the verbal update from Stavroula Kassaris, Environmental Planner, Public Works and Engineering, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of April 10, 2018, re: **Future Ready Brampton Vision Planning Session and Presentation to Council on May 7, 2018** be received.

Carried

- 5.3. Verbal update from David Laing, Co-Chair, re: **Eco-pledge Launch Events – Environmental Town Hall**.

David Laing, Co-Chair, advised Committee that he attended the Brampton Blue Dot Environmental Town Hall meeting and provided information on the topics discussed, which included various environmental issues and the Environmental Bill of Rights. Mr. Laing indicated that he presented information regarding climate change, Brampton's Environment Advisory Committee, and the eco-pledge program.

The following motion was considered.

- EAC015-2018 That the verbal update from David Laing, Co-Chair, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of April 10, 2018, re: **Eco-pledge Launch Events – Environmental Town Hall** be received.

Carried

- 5.4. Discussion at the request of Trevor Boston, Co-Chair, re: **Delegation to Committee of Council – Environmental Master Plan**.

Trevor Boston, Co-Chair, provided an overview of his presentation, on behalf of the Environment Advisory Committee, to the April 11, 2018 Committee of Council meeting regarding the Brampton Grow Green Environmental Master Plan. He advised that the presentation highlights current environmental issues and the benefits of environmental sustainability.

6. Sub-Committees

- 6.1. Verbal update from Davika Misir, Committee Member, re: **Grow Green Network Meeting #3 – Summary and Plan for Grow Green Network Meeting #4 – May 2018**.

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Davika Misir, Committee Member, provided an update regarding the third meeting of the Grow Green Network. She advised that the vision and mission statements have been finalized and various initiatives were discussed. Ms. Misir added there is a desire for the City to maintain its role in the Network and provided information regarding the next meeting, scheduled to take place in May 2018.

The following motion was considered.

- EAC016-2018 That the verbal update from Davika Misir, Committee Member, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of April 10, 2018, re: **Grow Green Network Meeting #3 – Summary and Plan for Grow Green Network Meeting #4 –May 2018** be received.

Carried

- 6.2. Verbal update from Rosemary Keenan, Committee Member, re: **Earth Day Eco-Pledge Launch Event at Eldorado Park – April 21, 2018.**

Rosemary Keenan, Committee Member, provided an update on the Earth Day Eco-Pledge Launch Event at Eldorado Park on Saturday, April 21, 2018. She highlighted the need for Committee members to assist in promoting this event, encourage participation for the eco-challenge and attend and assist where needed.

Committee discussion took place with respect to the following:

- Signage at Eldorado Park
- Advertising and promotional materials for this event (e.g. social media, posters at City facilities, etc.)
- Event logistics and brochures
- Outreach opportunities at City events, including CeleBrampton and the Farmers' Market

The following motion was considered.

- EAC017-2018 That the verbal update from Rosemary Keenan, Committee Member, to the Environment Advisory Committee meeting of April 10, 2018, re: **Earth Day Eco-Pledge Launch Event at Eldorado Park – April 21, 2018** be received.

Carried

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7. **Other/New Business**

7.1. Discussion at the request of Roopinder Sandhu, Committee Member, re: **Dog-waste Receptacles in City Parks to Increase Recycling, Reduce Waste and Generate Renewable Power.**

Roopinder Sandhu, Committee Member, provided information to Committee regarding the issue of dog waste placed in recycling/garbage bins in City parks. Mr. Sandhu advised that:

- the City of Waterloo has installed dog waste containers in three parks and has diverted 2350 kilograms of dog waste from the landfill and half a tonne of CO₂ from the atmosphere
- dog-waste can be sent to organic waste plants to be converted into energy and fertilizer
- the City of Mississauga will be installing a number of in-ground waste containers in various City parks

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- Indication that staff are aware of this initiative and consideration is being given to implementing a pilot project
- The need for a larger waste diversion strategy in Brampton
- Significant amount of dog waste found in recycling/garbage bins in City parks

7.2. Discussion re: **Implications of the Future Ready Brampton Vision on the Environment Advisory Committee and Grow Green Network.**

David Laing, Co-Chair, addressed Committee with respect to exploring the possibility of the Environment Advisory Committee evolving into an environmental institute, and advised that further information regarding this concept would be provided through the Planning Vision and discussed at a future meeting.

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- Differences between an environmental committee and institute
- Possible advantages of establishing an institute
- Clarification regarding the potential function and membership of an environmental institute, and its relationship with the City

7.3. Verbal update from City Councillor Whillans, re: **Expression of Thanks to Staff – Energy and Emissions Reduction Strategy Presentation.**

