Minutes
Brampton Environmental Planning Advisory Committee
Committee of the Council of
The Corporation of the City of Brampton

October 15, 2013
Council Committee Room
4th Floor, City Hall

Members Present:  City Councillor John Hutton, Council Representative on the Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVC) (Co-Chair)
Ian Drever, Development Industry
Pauline Dykes, Academic Community
Kelly Cook, Citizen Member
David Laing, Citizen Member
Francis Sim, Citizen Member

Members Absent:  Jayne Pilot, Industry/Business Member (Co-Chair)
Regional Councillor Paul Palleschi, Chair of the Planning Design and Development Committee (other municipal business)
City Councillor Bob Callahan, Council Representative on the Toronto Regional Conservation Authority (TRCA) (personal)

Staff Present:  Henrik Zbogar, Director, Planning Policy and Growth Management, Planning and Infrastructure Services
Susan Jorgenson, Manager, Environmental Planning, Planning and Infrastructure Services
Michael Hoy, Environmental Policy Planner, Planning and Infrastructure Services
Shauna Danton, Legislative Coordinator, City Clerk’s Office, Corporate Services
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The meeting was called to order at 3:36 p.m., and adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

After due consideration of the matters placed before this Committee, the members beg leave to present its report as follows:

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City Councillor John Hutton, Council Representative on the Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVC) (Co-Chair)
Jayne Pilot, Industry/Business Member (Co-Chair)
A. Approval of Agenda

EPA009-2013 That the agenda for the Brampton Environmental Planning Advisory Committee Meeting of October 15, 2013, be approved as printed and circulated.

Carried

B. Conflicts of Interest - nil

C. Previous Minutes

C 1. Minutes of the Brampton Environmental Planning Advisory Committee Special Meeting of June 18, 2013

The subject minutes were considered by Planning, Design and Development Committee on September 9, 2013 and approved by Council on September 11, 2013. The minutes were provided for the Committee’s information.

D. Delegations/Presentations

D 1. Delegation by Kristina Jackson, Chapter Coordinator, Sierra Club Canada, Ontario Chapter, re: Sierra Club Natural Capital Campaign in Peel Region

Kristina Jackson, Chapter Coordinator, Sierra Club Canada explained that Natural Capital refers to natural resources and environmental assets and how they contribute to building healthy communities. The Natural Capital perspective places a monetary value on ecological goods and services. Natural Capital includes minerals, trees, plants, air, animals, water, soil and other living organisms. Ecological Goods are consumable products provided by ecosystems, such as food, fuel or building materials. Ecological Services are interactions and functions of ecosystems that provide benefits to humans, such as purification of air and water, decomposition of wastes and pollination of crops and natural vegetation.

The Natural Capital Campaign is designed to increase awareness and educate the community on the importance of healthy ecosystems. Sierra Club Canada, Ontario Chapter, will be hosting "walk and talk" events in Brampton conservation areas and distributing information booklets to the public.
In response to questions from Committee, Ms. Jackson explained that the campaign will reach a broad spectrum of people, but it is generally geared to an adult audience. However, participation in “walk and talk” events and tree plantings are encouraged for all ages. Monetary value of ecological goods and services is calculated through standardized international environmental accounting. Sierra Club Canada would like to work with the City of Brampton on restoration projects and tree planting initiatives. Any interested participants are encouraged to visit the Sierra Club Canada webpage for further information.

The following motion was considered:

EPA010-2013 That the delegation by Kristina Jackson, Chapter Coordinator, Sierra Club Canada, Ontario Chapter, to the Environmental Planning Advisory Committee Meeting of October 15, 2013, re: Sierra Club Natural Capital Campaign in Peel Region be received.

Carried

D 2. Presentation by Michael Hoy, Environmental Policy Planner, Planning and Infrastructure Services, re: Sustainable Community Design Guidelines – Implementation and Expected Outcomes (File G25 EN)

Michael Hoy, Environmental Policy Planner, Planning and Infrastructure Services, made a presentation on Sustainable Community Design Guidelines – Implementation and Expected Outcomes. The presentation included the following:

- City of Brampton’s Sustainable Community Design Guidelines (SCDG) current situation and Council approval of Phase 1 and 2
- SCDG Scales, Themes and Indicators
- Phase 1 Guideline – Neighbourhood Walkability
- Phase 2 – Measuring Sustainability Performance of New Development
- Sustainability Performance Metrics
- Dynamic tool and scoring system
  - Excel spreadsheet to be used by developers and City planners
  - Differentiates plan types and users
  - Divided into 4 core themes and scores sustainability performance
  - Measures compliance against mandatory requirements
  - Identifies minimum and aspirational thresholds
  - Opportunity to identify scenarios of plan improvements
- Next steps and implementation
  - Pre-Pilot Stage – September to December 2013
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- Pilot Testing Stage – January to September 2014
- Comprehensive Stage - January 2015 and beyond

In response to questions from committee, staff noted that the proposed guidelines may include incentive for developers to strive for the highest performance score. The community design guidelines will also be applicable to redeveloping communities. The Sustainable Development Community Guidelines exceed what provincial legislation outlines as development standards and focuses on new development and density.

The following motion was considered:

EPA011-2013 That the presentation by Michael Hoy, Environmental Policy Planner, Planning and Infrastructure Services, to the Brampton Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting of October 15, 2013, re: Sustainable Community Design Guidelines – Implementation and Expected Outcomes (File G25 EN) be received.

Carried

E. Reports/Updates

E 1. Verbal Update by Susan Jorgenson, Manager, Environmental Planning, Planning and Infrastructure Services, re: BEPAC Symposium – Draft Report to Planning, Design, and Development Committee (File G25 EN)

Susan Jorgenson, Manager, Environmental Planning, Planning and Infrastructure Services stated that the staff report regarding the proposed 2014 Environmental Symposium will be considered by Planning, Design and Development Committee on November 18, 2013. Conservation partners and Environmental Advisory Committees from around the province will be invited to participate in the symposium and share their experiences. The agenda and program are being finalized and staff will provide updates at a future BEPAC meeting.

Item E 5 was dealt with at this time.

Francis Sim, Committee Member, noted that the Environmental Symposium Subcommittee has recommended that the Environmental Symposium follow a format similar to other municipalities that have held successful symposiums. The symposium will be attended by members of Environmental Advisory Committees, invited guests and speakers only.
The subcommittee will report to a future BEPAC meeting with possible topics and invited speakers.

Committee requested that the Sierra Club of Canada be invited to participate.

The following motion was considered:

EPA012-2013 1. That the verbal update by Susan Jorgenson, Manager, Environmental Planning, Planning and Infrastructure Services, to the Brampton Environmental Planning Advisory Committee Meeting of October 15, 2013, re: BEPAC Symposium – Draft Report to Planning, Design, and Development Committee (File G25 EN) be received.

2. That the verbal update by Francis Sim, Committee Member, to the Brampton Environmental Planning Advisory Committee Meeting of October 15, 2013, re: Environmental Symposium – Update be received

Carried

E 2. Verbal Update by Henrik Zbogar, Acting Director, Planning Policy and Growth Management, Planning and Infrastructure Services, re: Corporate Reorganization (File G25 EN)

Henrik Zbogar, Acting Director, Planning Policy and Growth Management, Planning and Infrastructure Services, reported that the Corporation of the City of Brampton has recently undergone a corporate reorganization. The intent was to create more efficiency and improve public services. The City of Brampton is in the city building business and the reorganization will help improve the organization’s strategic and operational capacity. The reorganization streamlines decision making, creating an effective and efficient organization. The previous six departments of the City of Brampton have been compressed into four and an Executive Leadership Team has been created to maintain and improve city services.

In response to questions from Committee, staff noted that the reorganization was an administrative change only and that all environmental concerns and initiatives will still be addressed by the respective departments.

The following motion was considered:
EPA013-2013 That the verbal update by Henrik Zbogar, Acting Director, Planning Policy and Growth Management, Planning and Infrastructure Services, to the Brampton Environmental Planning Advisory Committee Meeting of October 15, 2013, re: Corporate Reorganization (File G25 EN) be received

Carried

E 3. Verbal Update by Michael Hoy, Environmental Policy Planner, Planning and Infrastructure Services, re: County Court Sustainable Neighbourhood Retrofit Action Plan (SNAP) – Ward 3 (File G25 EN)

Michael Hoy, Environmental Policy Planner, Planning and Infrastructure Services, provided an update on the County Court Sustainable Neighbourhood Retrofit Action Plan. The update included the following:

- The action plan was created with the Toronto Region Conservation Authority and the Region of Peel
- The intent is to make the 30 year old neighbourhood more sustainable
- Implementation plan to be presented to Council in December 2013
- Neighbourhood projects include park events offering information and discounts on trees and energy efficient household items
- Tree planting plan and green energy saver program
- Programs and offers on home energy audits and retrofit savings
- Integration of bio soils
- Action plans include short and long term projects

The following motion was considered:

EPA014-2013 That the verbal update by Michael Hoy, Environmental Policy Planner, Planning and Infrastructure Services, to the Brampton Environmental Planning Advisory Committee Meeting of October 15, 2013, re: County Court Sustainable Neighbourhood Retrofit Action Plan (SNAP) – Ward 3 (File G25 EN) be received.

Carried

E 4. Verbal Update by Kelly Cook, Committee Member, re: BEPAC Terms of Reference (File G25 EN)

Kelly Cook, Committee Member, proposed that the Committee collectively examine the terms of reference with an end goal of developing a working plan that includes items of interest from Committee members. Requesting
terms of reference and project information from other Environmental Advisory Committees may assist the Committee in examining city environmental issues and determining if there is a role for support or involvement.

Committee noted that revisions and changes to the terms of reference may be proposed for the next term of Council.

Staff stated that terms of reference and work plans from environmental advisory committees within Ontario will be provided to the Committee at a future meeting. If changes to the terms of reference are requested, the Committee can create a proposal and staff will prepare a report for Council consideration.

The following motion was considered:

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1. That the verbal update by Kelly Cook, Committee Member, to the Brampton Environmental Planning Advisory Committee Meeting of October 15, 2013, re: BEPAC Terms of Reference (File G25 EN) be received.

2. That staff be requested to provide the Committee with terms of reference and work plans from Environmental Advisory Committees within Ontario for consideration at a future meeting.

Carried

E 5. Verbal Update by Francis Sim, Committee Member, re: Environmental Symposium – Update

Dealt with under item E 1 – Recommendation EPA012-2013

F. Environmental Ideas

David Laing, Committee Member, stated that he is working with the Toronto Region Conservation Authority on developing a cycling event for the City of Brampton. This would be the first City sponsored cycling event and would run along the Etobicoke Creek Trail. A tentative date has been set for June 21, 2014. Mr. Laing expressed interest in the City of Brampton being designated as a bicycle friendly community.

In response to questions from Committee, staff noted that requests have been made to developments in the Heartlake Road area to include amphibian fencing along the side of the road in an effort to protect frogs, turtles and small amphibians.
G. **Other/New Business**

G 1. Discussion at the request of Francis Sim, Committee Member, re:
- Storm Management Ponds
- Transit Week
- Light Bulbs and Lighting
- Recycled Printer Ink Cartridges

In regard to storm management ponds, staff explained that the intent and purpose of the ponds is to create a natural ecosystem with shoreline vegetation and planned vegetation for wildlife habitat. The ponds are not meant to be manicured or have a park-like appearance. The trees and vegetation are to grow naturally. Key components of the naturally growing storm water management ponds include shading, thermal impact and cooling features. Brampton ponds are young and once the trees and vegetation reach maturity, the appearance of the ponds may improve. Committee noted that the Credit Valley Conservation has recognized Brampton as a leader in storm water management ponds and the creation of the natural environments.

In response to questions from Committee, staff stated that the City as a corporation is actively involved in promoting and encouraging environmentally friendly communities. The city offers incentives to employees to encourage car sharing, carpooling, participation in Smart Commute and taking public transit. The City of Brampton public transit ridership exceeds the national average and the transit division creates and promotes public participation and awareness. Committee requested a public transit presentation at a future BEPAC meeting.

In regard to light bulbs and lighting, Committee noted that the City of Brampton should use only energy efficient lighting. Staff noted that the City buildings are being retrofitted for energy efficient lighting.

Committee stated that the City of Brampton should ensure that all printer ink cartridges are properly recycled. Staff noted that the city returns the used cartridges to Staples for recycling.

H. **Correspondence**

I. **Question Period**

Committee requested an update on the Environmental Master Plan. Staff noted that a draft plan will be presented to the committee for review and input at a future meeting.
J. **Public Question Period**

15 Minute Limit re any item discussed as part of this agenda.

K. **Adjournment**

EPA016-2013 That the Brampton Environmental Planning Advisory Committee do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, November 19, 2013, at 3:30 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

Carried