June 16, 2015

**Members Present:**
- David Laing *(Co-Chair)* – see Item G 1
- Shintu Cherian Manathara *(Co-Chair)* – see Item G 1
- Trevor Boston
- Douglas Foster
- Rosemary Keenan
- Krista Kumar
- Ian McGillivray
- Davika Misir
- Filiz Ozmisir
- Roopinder Sandhu
- Joshua Teves
- Laila Zarrabi Yan
- City Councillor Doug Whillans (arrived at 5:07 p.m.)

**Members Absent:** nil

**Staff Present:** Planning and Infrastructure Services Department:
- Heather MacDonald, Director, Planning Policy & Growth Management
- Susan Jorgenson, Manager, Environmental Planning,

Corporate Services Department:
- Earl Evans, Deputy City Clerk
- Shauna Danton, Legislative Coordinator
The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. and adjourned at 6:32 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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David Laing - Co-Chair
Shintu Cherian Manathara - Co-Chair
A. Approval of Agenda

The following motion was considered.

EAC007-2015  That the agenda for the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of June 16, 2015, be approved as printed and circulated.

Carried

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

C. Previous Minutes


The minutes were considered by Planning and Infrastructure Services Committee on June 8, 2015, and the recommendations were approved by Council on June 17, 2015. The minutes were provided for Committee’s information.

D. Delegations/Presentations

D 1. Presentation by Susan Jorgenson, Manager, Environmental Planning, re: Brampton Grow Green: Potential Actions for Committee Consideration (File BC.x)

Susan Jorgenson, Manager, Environmental Planning, Planning and Infrastructure Services, presented details on the possible Brampton Grow Green community actions, derived from the core concepts of the Environmental Master Plan, including:

- People – possible education and awareness campaigns
- Air – partnering with local school boards to develop and encourage “walking school buses”
- Water – water resource management initiatives
- Land – natural heritage, tree planting, urban forest, urban agriculture and local food, and naturalization initiatives
- Committee’s role in implementing the Environmental Master Plan “Grow Green”
- Communication actions – developing strategies, messages and materials to raise citizen commitment
- Engagement – developing a project/event to motivate residents
• Education and awareness – developing an annual city-wide event and a series of educations campaigns that focus on the Environmental Master Plan core components
• Establish a Grow Green network and events for NGOs, community groups, faith groups, and businesses
• Building and expanding on Committee’s annual event
• Creating a legacy initiative

Ms. Jorgenson explained that Committee does not have to undertake all of the suggested actions and events. Committee is to prepare a Term of Council Implementation Plan and annual work plan that outlines the environmental priorities they will work on over the next 3 years. Ms. Jorgenson noted that there are City projects that members may wish to voluntarily participate in, such as the review of the Official Plan and the natural heritage environment management strategy. Interested members may communicate with Ms. Jorgenson and the Committee Co-Chairs directly to determine the scope of their involvement.

Committee consideration of the matter included:

• Suggestions of environmental initiatives to be included in the consideration of Committee priorities
• Creation of a social media page to advertise and promote Committee initiatives
• Committee participation in watershed tours, bike events, environmental symposiums, and natural heritage projects
• Creating a database of contact information of community groups, business, NGOs and conservation authorities
• Establishing a network of contacts to invite to participate in Committee events
• Establishing a subcommittee to determine the environmental priorities of the Committee and develop a work plan, strategy, and timeline; the subcommittee will report to Committee at its next meeting with a recommendation for approval
• Appointing Trevor Boston, David Laing, Shintu Cherian Manathara, Davika Misir, Filiz Ozmisir, and Laila Zarrabi Yan as members of the subcommittee

The following motion was considered:

EAC008-2015 1. That the presentation by Susan Jorgenson, Manager, Environmental Planning, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of June 16, 2015, re: Brampton Grow Green: Potential Actions for Committee Consideration (File BC.x) be received; and,
2. That a subcommittee of the Environment Advisory Committee be established; and,

3. That Trevor Boston, David Laing, Shintu Cherian Manathara, Davika Misir, Filiz Ozmisir, and Laila Zarrabi Yan, be named members of the subcommittee; and,

4. That the subcommittee report back to the Environment Advisory Committee at its next meeting with a proposal for the annual and term work plan.

Carried

E. Reports/Updates

F. Environmental Ideas

G. Other/New Business

G 1. Committee discussion re: Election of Chair / Co-Chairs

Earl Evans, Deputy City Clerk, Corporate Services, outlined the responsibilities and expectations of a Chair and Co-Chairs. Mr. Evans requested feedback from Committee Members on their preference, and acknowledged the consensus that the Committee will elect two Co-Chairs. Mr. Evans suggested that Committee Co-Chairs be elected for a period of two years, allowing other members an opportunity to hold the position for the second half of the term. Committee agreed to the suggestion of the Co-Chairs being elected for two years.

Mr. Evans called for nominations for the position of Co-Chair. David Laing and Shintu Cherian Manathara put forward their names. City Councillor Doug Whillans nominated Ian McGillivray. Mr. McGillivray declined the nomination. No other Members expressed interest for the position of Co-Chair.

The following motion was considered.

EAC009-2015 That David Laing and Shintu Cherian Manathara be appointed Co-Chairs of the Environment Advisory Committee to November 30, 2016, or until successors are named.

Carried
H. **Correspondence**

H 1. Correspondence from N. Oliveira, Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School, Brampton, dated June 2, 2015, re: *Environmental Council* (File BC.x)

Committee consideration of the matter included:

- Establishing Committee work plans and priorities prior to participation in community events
- Responding to Ms. Oliveira’s request advising that once a work plan and priorities have been established, committee may participate in the event
- David Laing will draft the response to Ms. Oliveira and it will be sent by the City Clerk’s Office on behalf of the committee

The following motion was considered:

EAC010-2015 1. That the correspondence from N. Oliveira, Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School, Brampton, dated June 2, 2015, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of June 16, 2015, re: *Environmental Council* (File BC.x) be received; and,

2. That correspondence from the Environment Advisory Committee be sent to Nicole Oliveira advising of possible community event participation, after a Committee work plan and priorities have been established.

Carried

I. **Question Period**

J. **Public Question Period**

K. **Adjournment**

The following motion was considered:

EAC011-2015 That the Environment Advisory Committee do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, August 11, 2015, at 3:30 p.m.

Carried