October 13, 2015

Members Present:  David Laing (Co-Chair)
Shintu Cherian Manathara (Co-Chair)
Trevor Boston
Douglas Foster
Krista Kumar
Ian McGillivray
Roopinder Sandhu
Joshua Teves
Laila Zarrabi Yan
Linda Bui (Student Project Member)

Members Absent:  Rosemary Keenan (regrets)
Davika Misir (regrets)
Filiz Ozmisir (regrets)
City Councillor Doug Whillans (personal)

Staff Present:  Planning and Infrastructure Services Department:
Susan Jorgenson, Manager, Environmental Planning
Michael Hoy, Environmental Policy Planner
Corporate Services Department:
Shauna Danton, Legislative Coordinator
The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m., recessed at 7:02 p.m., reconvened at 7:16 p.m., and adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

A. Approval of Agenda

The following motion was considered.

EAC017-2015 That the agenda for the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of October 13, 2015, be approved as amended as follows:

To add:

E 1. Verbal update from Shintu Cherian Manathara, Co-Chair, re: Great Lakes, Great History, Great Challenges – Contaminant Perspective

E 2. Verbal update from David Laing, Co-Chair, re: Region of Peel Special Council Meeting – October 8, 2015 – to Consider Matters Related to the Peel Energy Recovery Centre

Carried

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

C. Previous Minutes

C 1. Minutes – Environment Advisory Committee – August 11, 2015

The minutes were considered by Planning and Infrastructure Services Committee on September 21, 2015, and the recommendations were approved by Council on September 30, 2015. The minutes were provided for Committee’s information only.

D. Delegations/Presentations

Trevor Boston, Member, provided a presentation on the Environment Advisory Committee Strategy and Term of Council Work Plan that included the following:

- Subcommittee directives
- Grow Green Strategy
- Term of Council work plan goals and objectives
- Working groups and timelines
- Environmental database – working group primary tasks
- Database of resources and projects, develop webpages
- Grow Green webpage – working group primary tasks
- Community outreach – working group primary tasks
- Increasing community awareness and engagement
- Foster Grow Green partnerships
- Future working groups – 2016 and beyond
- Work Plan 2016 goals

Committee consideration of the matter included:

- Subcommittee expectations, time commitments, work distribution, and scheduling
- Staff preparation of a report to Planning and Infrastructure Services Committee recommending approval of the work plan
- Committee presentation at a future Planning and Infrastructure Services Committee meeting
- Council approval of proposed work plan

The following motion was considered:

EAC018-2015 1. That the presentation by Trevor Boston and Davika Misir, Members, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of October 13, 2015, re: Environment Advisory Committee (EAC) Strategy and Term of Council Work Plan – Subcommittee Report on Draft Work Plan Development be received; and,

2. That staff prepare a recommendation report on the Environment Advisory Committee Strategy and Term of Council Work Plan for consideration at a future meeting of the Planning and Infrastructure Services Committee.

Carried
E. Reports/Updates

E 1. Verbal update from Shintu Cherian Manathara, Co-Chair, re: Great Lakes, Great History, Great Challenges – Contaminant Perspective

Shintu Cherian Manathara, Co-Chair, reported that she attended the 2015 Great Lakes, Great History, Great Challenges – Contaminant Perspective, hosted by the Professional Engineers of Ontario, Brampton Chapter. The perspective included a brief overview of the major events related to contaminant release and control in the Great Lakes Basin over the last 100 years; long-term changes in the contaminant levels in relation to industrial and government; and future directions in handling pollution problems in the Great Lakes. Ms. Manathara noted that information regarding the Great Lakes Protection Act, minimizing toxins in the human body, and an Ontario Fish Guide, is readily available on the internet.

The following motion was considered:

EAC019-2015 That the verbal update from Shintu Cherian Manathara, Co-Chair, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of October 13, 2015, re: Great Lakes, Great History, Great Challenges – Contaminant Perspective be received.

Carried

E 2. Verbal update from David Laing, Co-Chair, re: Region of Peel Special Council Meeting – October 8, 2015 – to Consider Matters Related to the Peel Energy Recovery Centre

David Laing, Co-Chair, reported that he attended the Region of Peel Special Council Meeting regarding the proposed Peel Energy Recovery Centre (PERC), and provided information on the history, current situation, and next steps of the proposal. Mr. Laing suggested that Committee may consider adding a waste reduction strategy to the eco-challenge program.

Committee consideration of the matter included:

- Region of Peel waste diversion rates
- Inclusion of waste management strategies on the work plan and eco-challenge

The following motion was considered:
That the verbal update from David Laing, Co-Chair, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of October 13, 2015, re: **Region of Peel Special Council Meeting – October 8, 2015 – to Consider Matters Related to the Peel Energy Recovery Centre** be received.

Carried

**F. Environmental Ideas**

**F 1. Discussion at the request of Susan Jorgenson, Manager, Environmental Planning, re: City Studies, Plans and Projects for Members to Volunteer.**

Susan Jorgenson, Manager, Environmental Planning, noted that there are opportunities for Members to volunteer in City initiated studies and projects, including:

- Assisting and advising Council on strategic planning/policy initiatives (i.e. Natural Heritage and Environmental Management Strategy, County Court Sustainable neighbourhood Retrofit Action Plan, 2006 Official Plan Review, and Fletcher’s Creek Sustainable Neighbourhood Retrofit Action Plan)
- Assisting in implementation of Environmental Master Plan
- Provide City liaison/forum for residents, community groups, and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
- Collaborate with internal/external advisory committees, environmental partners and agencies

Ms. Jorgenson will advise Committee of opportunities as they become available, and Members are welcome to contact Environmental Planning staff if they have any questions.

David Laing, Co-Chair, stated that he will create an events calendar and share with Committee, so members may be aware of upcoming volunteer opportunities.

The following motion was considered:

That the discussion at the request of Susan Jorgenson, Manager, Environmental Planning, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of October 13, 2015, re: **City Studies, Plans and Projects for Members to Volunteer** be received.

Carried
G. Other/New Business

G 1. Discussion at the request of Ian McGillivray, Member, re:
   a) Stretching before every meeting
   b) Consider a small break part-way through meeting
   c) Brampton Food Forest
   d) Front Lawn Food Project
   e) Bus Advertising
   f) Grass By-laws
   g) Non English Speaking BEAC "ambassadors"

Committee consideration of the matter included:

- Consensus to stretch before and take a small break part-way through meetings
- Minimum lawn maintenance requirements and updates to the "noxious weed" list under the Weed Control Act
- Suggestion to invite Property Standards staff to present on lawn maintenance by-laws
- Food forests and community gardens; donations to local food banks
- Effects of a food forest on the natural heritage environment
- Committee and subcommittee members translating events and initiative communications for non-English speaking residents
- Consideration of discussion items 'c)', 'd)', and 'e)', at subcommittee meetings; results of discussions will be communicated with Committee

The following motion was considered:

EAC022-2015 1. That the discussion at the request of Ian McGillivray, Member, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of October 13, 2015, re: a) Stretching before every meeting, b) Consider a small break part-way through meeting, c) Brampton Food Forest, d) Front Lawn Food Project, e) Bus Advertising, f) Grass By-laws, and, g) Non-English Speaking BEAC "ambassadors" be received; and,

2. That Property Standards staff be invited to a future Environment Advisory Committee meeting to provide a presentation on the City’s lawn maintenance by-laws.

Carried

H. Correspondence
H 1. Email from Jayne Pilot, Chair, Energy from Waste (EFW) Committee, dated September 16, 2015, re: Invitation to Attend Energy from Waste (EFW) Tour.

Susan Jorgenson, Manager, Environmental Planning, referenced the subject invitation and requested that interested members confirm their attendance with her as soon as possible.

The following motion was considered:

EAC023-2015 That the email from Jayne Pilot, Chair, Energy from Waste (EFW) Committee, dated September 16, 2015, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of October 13, 2015, re: Invitation to Attend Energy from Waste (EFW) Tour be received.

Carried

I. Question Period

In response to questions from Committee, David Laing, Co-Chair, noted that the Working Groups sign-up sheet was circulated to members electronically and a hard copy is available in the Clerk’s Office. Members are encouraged to join a working group as soon as possible so work may begin right away.

J. Public Question Period

In response to a question from a member of the public, David Laing, Co-Chair, stated that volunteer opportunities for non-members will be communicated to individuals who have expressed interest.

A member of the public noted that there is an environmental group in Toronto that harvests apple trees in support of food banks.

K. Adjournment

EAC024-2015 That the Environment Advisory Committee do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, December 8, 2015, at 6:00 p.m.

Carried