Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Members Present: Shintu Cherian Manathara (Co-Chair)
David Laing (Co-Chair)
Trevor Boston
Douglas Foster
Rosemary Keenan
Krista Kumar
Ian McGillivray
Davika Misir
Filiz Ozmisir
Joshua Teves
Laila Zarrabi Yan
City Councillor Doug Whillans (left at 6:45 p.m. – other municipal business)

Members Absent: Roopinder Sandhu (regrets)

Staff Present: Susan Jorgenson, Manager, Environmental Planning, Planning and Infrastructure Services
Michael Hoy, Environmental Policy Planner, Planning and Infrastructure Services
Shauna Danton, Legislative Coordinator, Corporate Services
Minutes
Environment Advisory Committee

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m., and adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

   EAC025-2015  That the agenda for the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of December 8, 2015, be approved, as amended as follows:

   To add:

   8.2. Verbal Update from Michael Hoy, Environmental Policy Planner, Planning and Infrastructure Services, re: Communications Update

   Carried

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

3. **Previous Minutes**


   The minutes were considered by Planning and Infrastructure Services Committee on November 16, 2015, and the recommendations were approved by Council on November 25, 2015. The minutes were provided for Committee’s information only.

4. **Delegations/Presentations**

   4.1. Delegation from Thaia Jones, Sierra Club Foundation, Ontario Chapter, Peel Group, re: **Brampton Application to Ontario for Urban River Valley Greenbelt Status**

   Thaia Jones, Sierra Club Foundation, Ontario Chapter, Peel Group, presented an overview of the Ontario Greenbelt, including the social and economic benefits of a greenbelt protected ecosystem, and noted that the Etobicoke Creek is an ideal waterway for a greenbelt endeavor.

   Committee consideration of the matter included:
   - Positive aspects of greenbelt protected lands
   - Concern regarding ongoing LRT alternate-route discussions; greenbelt protection of the Etobicoke Creek Valley will avoid consideration of a transit line.
In response to questions from Committee, staff noted that potential greenbelt opportunities are being considered in the City’s review of the Official Plan.

The following motion was considered:

EAC026-2015 That the delegation from Thaia Jones, Sierra Club Foundation, Ontario Chapter, Peel Group, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of December 8, 2015, re: Brampton Application to Ontario for Urban River Valley Greenbelt Status be received.

Carried

4.2. Delegation from Sana Ahmed and Arumuga Ganesan, Volunteer Coordinators, Brampton Blue Dot Movement, re: Recognizing the Right to a Healthy Environment

Sana Ahmed, Volunteer Coordinator, Brampton Blue Dot Movement, outlined the Blue Dot movement’s goal to have the federal government recognize the right of every citizen to live in a healthy environment. Numerous cities in Canada have joined the movement. The Brampton Blue Dot chapter will delegate to Council at a future meeting and request that Brampton support the movement as well. Ms. Ahmed requested input and advice for the upcoming presentation to Council.

Committee suggested that the presentation include the following: an overview of the movement and outline of the proposed regulations on water, air pollution, and agriculture; a draft resolution for Council consideration; and a list of the Canadian cities that are supporting the movement.

The following motion was considered:

EAC027-2015 That the delegation from Sana Ahmed, Volunteer Coordinator, Brampton Blue Dot Movement, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of December 8, 2015, re: Recognizing the Right to a Healthy Environment be received.

Carried

5. Reports/Updates - nil
6. **Sub-Committees**

6.1. Verbal Update – **Database Working Group**

The Database Working Group stated that their initial meeting will be December 10, 2015. Further updates will be provided after the meeting.

The following motion was considered:

EAC028-2015 That the verbal update – **Database Working Group** to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of December 8, 2015, be received.

Carried

6.2. Verbal Update – **Community Outreach Working Group**

The Community Outreach Working Group advised that they are developing a database of potential environmental partners that may be contacted for collaboration on projects and events.

EAC029-2015 That the verbal update – **Community Outreach Working Group** to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of December 8, 2015, be received.

Carried

6.3. Verbal Update – **Webpage Design Working Group**

The Webpage Design Working Group requested that a number of environmental matters and initiatives, including Brampton’s Eco Challenge, be included on the City’s website. The group will liaise with the City’s IT division to determine the available web portal space.

The following motion was considered:

EAC030-2015 That the verbal update – **Webpage Design Working Group** to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of December 8, 2015, be received.

Carried

7. **Environmental Ideas** – nil
8. **Other/New Business**

8.1. **2016 Environment Advisory Committee Schedule of Meetings**

The following motion was considered:

EAC031-2015  That the 2016 Environment Advisory Committee Schedule of Meetings to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of December 8, 2015, be received.

Carried

8.2. **Verbal Update from Michael Hoy, Environmental Policy Planner, Planning and Infrastructure Services, re: Communications Update**

Michael Hoy, Environmental Policy Planner, provided an update on the City’s environmental communications including the Brampton Grow Green Twitter account and the Environmental page on the City’s web portal.

In response to questions from Committee, staff noted that an events calendar will be incorporated in the environmental webpage.

The following motion was considered:

EAC032-2015  That the verbal update from Michael Hoy, Environmental Policy Planner, Planning and Infrastructure Services, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of December 8, 2015, re: Communications Update be received.

Carried

9. **Correspondence** - nil

10. **Question Period** - nil

11. **Public Question Period** - nil

12. **Adjournment**

EAC033-2015  That the Environment Advisory Committee do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

Carried