

Tuesday, June 21, 2016
6:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting

Boardroom WT -2C, 2nd Floor, City Hall – West Tower

Members: Shintu Cherian Manathara (**Co-Chair**)
David Laing (**Co-Chair**)
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

Student Project Members: Gurkirat Batth
Linda Bui
Aaraby Mohanathas

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Note: Some meeting information may also be available in alternate formats, upon request

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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 19, 2016**

The minutes were considered by Planning and Infrastructure Services Committee on April 25, 2016, and the recommendations approved by Council on April 27, 2016. The minutes are included on this agenda for information only.

4. **Delegations/Presentations**

5. **Reports/Updates**

6. **Sub-Committees**

7. **Environmental Ideas**

8. **Other/New Business**

8.1. Email from Rosemary Keenan, Member, dated June 10, 2016, re: **Provincial Environmental Advisory Committee Symposium**

8.2. Discussion at the request of David Laing, Co-Chair, re: **Work Plan Review and 2017 Budget Considerations**

8.3. Discussion at the request of David Laing, Co-Chair, re: **Information Request:**

- Peel Region staff report on the implications to Brampton of the recent passing in the Ontario Legislature of Bill 151 Waste-Free Ontario Act 2016.
- City staff report on the City's waste reduction and recycling programs

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- A report from staff on the plans and timelines for replacing the urban tree canopy in Brampton that was lost due to ice storm, and Emerald Ash Borer damage
- A staff report on the impact of a recent decision by the Ontario Government to designate 21 of Southern Ontario's waterways as Urban River Valleys including the Credit River and the Etobicoke Creek.

9. Correspondence

10. Question Period

11. Public Question Period

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

12. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 16, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Members Present:

Shintu Cherian Manathara **(Co-Chair)**
David Laing **(Co-Chair)**
Trevor Boston
Douglas Foster
Rosemary Keenan
Davika Misir
Filiz Ozmisir
Joshua Teves
Laila Zarrabi Yan

Members Absent:

Krista Kumar (regrets)
Ian McGillivray (regrets)
Roopinder Sandhu (regrets)
City Councillor Doug Whillans (personal)

Staff Present:

S. Jorgenson, Manager, Environmental Planning,
Planning and Infrastructure Services
M. Hoy, Environmental Policy Planner, Planning and
Infrastructure Services
S. Danton, Legislative Coordinator, Corporate
Services

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The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m., and adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

EAC001-2016 That the agenda for the Environment Advisory Committee meeting of April 19, 2016, be approved, as amended as follows:

To add:

- 8.2. Discussion at the request of Susan Jorgenson, Manager, Environmental Planning, Planning and Infrastructure Services, re: **Provincial Environment Advisory Committee 2016 Symposium**

Carried

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

3. Previous Minutes

3.1. Minutes - Environment Advisory Committee - December 8, 2015

The minutes were considered by Planning and Infrastructure Services Committee on January 25, 2016, and the recommendations approved by Council on January 27, 2016. The minutes were included on the agenda for information only.

4. Delegations/Presentations

4.1. Presentation from Michael Hoy, Environmental Policy Planner, Planning and Infrastructure Services, re: **Introduction to the City's Sustainable Neighbourhood Program**

Michael Hoy, Environmental Policy Planner, Planning and Infrastructure Services, presented an introduction to the Sustainable Neighbourhood Retrofit Action Plan (SNAP) programs that included the following:

- Definition, purpose and benefits
- Location and strategic objectives
- Implementation framework and future plans

In response to questions from Committee, staff provided details on the objectives of the program and data collection efforts.

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The following motion was considered:

- EAC002-2016 That the presentation from Michael Hoy, Environmental Policy Planner, Planning and Infrastructure Services, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of April 19, 2016, re: **Introduction to the City's Sustainable Neighbourhood Program** be received.

Carried

- 4.2. Delegation from Shannon Logan, Toronto and Region Conservation, re: **County Court SNAP (Sustainable Neighbourhood Retrofit Action Plan) Introduction and Update on Progress and Achievements**

Shannon Logan, Senior Projects Manager, Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA) presented details on SNAP programs that included the following:

- Who has been involved – partners and stakeholders
- County Court SNAP Action Plan
 - Green renovation and landscapes
 - Green streetscapes
 - Urban forest and naturalization
 - Community participation
 - Upper Nine stormwater pond retrofit
 - County Court park renewal
- Accomplishments
- Lessons learned
- Next steps and role for the Environment Advisory Committee

Committee consideration of the matter included questions regarding criteria for the programs, suggestions of neighbourhoods that would benefit from the program, suggestions regarding education opportunities, and questions regarding committee participation in SNAP events.

The following motion was considered:

- EAC003-2016 That the delegation from Shannon Logan, Toronto and Region Conservation, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of April 19, 2016, re: **County Court SNAP (Sustainable Neighbourhood Retrofit Action Plan) Introduction and Update on Progress and Achievements** be received.

Carried

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4.3. Delegation from Karen Bannister, Credit Valley Conservation, re: **Fletcher's Creek SNAP (Sustainable Neighbourhood Retrofit Action Plan) Overview and Activities**

Karen Bannister, Program Coordinator, Credit Valley Conservation, presented details on the Fletcher's Creek SNAP that included the following:

- Project purpose, approach and location
- Neighbourhood characterization
- Demographic profile
- Next steps and the role of BEAC in the project

Committee discussion of the matter included suggestions of conversion regarding the unused land in the subject area, and questions regarding community and property owner involvement initiatives.

The following motion was considered:

EAC004-2016 That the delegation from Karen Bannister, Credit Valley Conservation, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of April 19, 2016, re: **Fletcher's Creek SNAP (Sustainable Neighbourhood Retrofit Action Plan) Overview and Activities** be received.

Carried

4.4. Delegation from Linda Brusse, Credit Valley Conservation, re: **Environmental Outreach Programs**

Linda Brusse, Manager, Landowner Outreach, Credit Valley Conservation (CVC), presented an overview on the CVC's environmental outreach programs and special events that included the following:

- Education; adult, family and school programs
- Community outreach; conservation youth camps, volunteer program, community partnerships
- Landowner outreach; Your Green Yard, Greening Corporate Grounds, and Sustainable neighbourhoods

Committee consideration of the matter included suggestions regarding event and programs promotion, and committee adoption of successful outreach methods.

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The following motion was considered:

EAC005-2016 That the delegation from Linda Brusse, Credit Valley Conservation, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of April 19, 2016, re: **Environmental Outreach Programs** be received.

Carried

4.5. Delegation from David Laing, Chair, Bike Brampton, re: **Bike Month Events and Activities**

David Laing, Chair, Bike Brampton, presented an overview on Bike Month events and activities that included the following:

- Bike the Creek; date, time, location, registration, routes, event partners, and volunteer opportunities and responsibilities
- Community Rides 2016; dates, location, web page, registration

In response to questions from Committee, Mr. Laing provided details on Bike the Creek participant demographics, sponsorship packages and promotional materials.

The following motion was considered:

EAC006-2016 That the delegation from David Laing, Chair, Bike Brampton, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of April 19, 2016, re: **Bike Month Events and Activities** be received.

Carried

5. Reports/Updates

6. Sub-Committees

6.1. **Update - Database Subcommittee**

Members of the Database Subcommittee provided an overview of the contacts spreadsheet provided in the agenda and noted that Committee may suggest additions.

Committee consideration of the matter included suggestions on prioritizing the list of contacts and confirmation that a letter will be sent to the contacts gauging interest in environmental initiatives and willingness to engage with the Committee.

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The following motion was considered:

EAC007-2016 That the **Update – Database Subcommittee** to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of April 19, 2016, be received.

Carried

6.2. Outreach Subcommittee - Update

Members of the Outreach Subcommittee provided an overview of the material provided in the agenda and noted that the subcommittee is planning a networking event.

Committee consideration of the matter included suggestions of events that members may attend to network with external sources and promote the Committee.

The following motion was considered:

EAC008-2016 That the **Update – Outreach Subcommittee** to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of April 19, 2016, be received.

Carried

7. Environmental Ideas - nil

8. Other/New Business

8.1. Update from M. Hoy, Environmental Policy Planner, Planning and Infrastructure Services, re: **2016 Environmental Master Plan Public Brochure**

Michael Hoy, Environmental Policy Planner, Planning and Infrastructure Services, provided an overview of the 2016 Environmental Master Plan public brochure. An electronic copy is available on the City's website and hard copies are available in multiple locations throughout the city. Committee members are welcome to distribute the brochure at public events.

The following motion was considered:

EAC009-2016 That the update from Michael Hoy, Environmental Policy Planner, Planning and Infrastructure Services, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of April 19, 2016, re: **2016 Environmental Master Plan Public Brochure** be received.

Carried

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- 8.2. Discussion at the request of Susan Jorgenson, Manager, Environmental Planning, Planning and Infrastructure Services, re: **Provincial Environment Advisory Committee 2016 Symposium**

Susan Jorgenson, Manager, Environmental Planning, Planning and Infrastructure Services, provided an update on the Provincial Environment Advisory Committee 2016 Symposium. Ms. Jorgenson noted that she will be responsible for committee member registration and those interested in attending the event should contact her directly.

The following motion was considered:

- EAC010-2016 That the update from Susan Jorgenson, Manager, Environmental Planning, Planning and Infrastructure Services, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of April 19, 2016, re: **Provincial Environment Advisory Committee 2016 Symposium** be received.

Carried

9. Correspondence

- 9.1. Correspondence from Thaia Jones, Sierra Club, Peel Chapter, re: **Happy Birthday Ontario Greenbelt**

Committee consideration of the matter included discussion on the Council decision to study an alternate LRT route through the Etobicoke Creek lands.

The following motion was considered:

- EAC011-2016 That the correspondence from Thaia Jones, Sierra Club, Peel Chapter, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of April 19, 2016, re: **Happy Birthday Ontario Greenbelt** be received.

Carried

- 9.2. Correspondence from Christopher Simovic, Operations Technician, Planning and Infrastructure Services, dated April 12, 2016, re: **Heart Lake Road Eco-Passage**

Staff noted that the efforts of the former Brampton Environmental Planning Advisory Committee may have resulted in the installation of the eco-passage. Opportunities to communicate the installation of the passage will be investigated through the City's Strategic Communications department.

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The following motion was considered:

EAC012-2016 That the correspondence from Christopher Simovic, Operations Technician, Planning and Infrastructure Services, dated April 12, 2016, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of April 19, 2016, re: **Heart Lake Road Eco-Passage** be received.

Carried

10. **Question Period** - nil

11. **Public Question Period** - nil

12. **Adjournment**

EAC013-2016 That the Environment Advisory Committee do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, June 21, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

Carried

Shintu Cherian Manathara (Co-Chair)

David Laing (Co-Chair)

8.1

Danton, Shauna

To: David Laing
Subject: RE: Present report from the EAC symposium at the upcoming BEAC

From: Rosemary Keenan [<mailto:>]]
Sent: June 10, 2016 2:06 PM
To: Danton, Shauna
Cc: David Laing; Davika Misir; Trevor Boston; ian mcgillivray; Shintu Cherian Manathara; Hoy, Michael; Jorgenson, Susan
Subject: Re: Present report from the EAC symposium at the upcoming BEAC

Below is a quick draft report from the BEAC symposium.

The Provincial Environmental Advisory Committee Symposium took place in Ajax, May 14. Susan Jorgensen and 4 volunteers from Brampton EAC attended. This year's theme focused on local food and stewardship. Those attending included EAC volunteers, conservation staff, municipal staff, and some municipal councillors. Presentations included best practices for EACs, community gardens, native plants, urban forest, urban fishing, and protecting pollinators. Discussion stressed the importance of meeting with MPPs, working with municipal councillors, and collaborating with local groups to advocate for progressive environmental policies. For example, people in London are bringing forward a proposal to make their city a Pollinator Sanctuary.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/284766221715928/>

Community Supported Agriculture was explained by Kelly McKay, Farmer and CSA Retail Manager for Willow Tree Farm. Kelly presented CSA as a continually evolving operation, responding to local community needs in a variety of ways. <http://willowtreefarm.ca/>

At the conclusion of the forum we were invited to set up a page on the online network of EACs.

Environmental Advisory Committees of Ontario <http://www.eacs.ca/>

Over 30 EACs, including Brampton, are listed as members.

Suzanne Elston explained that the Oshawa EAC pays for hosting and the domain name.

Posting is up to each EAC that signs up.

To sign up for a page we would email Suzanne at selston@oshawa.ca

Cheers,
Rosemary