

Minutes



SHARK FINNING COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2012 – 12:42 p.m.
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING COUNCIL**

**COMMITTEE ROOM D, 2ND FLOOR, CIVIC CENTRE,
300 CITY CENTRE DRIVE, MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO L5B 3C1
<http://www.mississauga.ca>**

Members Present

Councillor Jim Tovey, Ward 1 (arrived at 12:45 pm)
Councillor Pat Mullin, Ward 2 (**Chair**)
Councillor Ron Starr, Ward 6
Councillor Pat Saito, Ward 9 (**Vice Chair**)
Councillor George Carlson, Ward 11

Agency Representatives Present

Stephen Chu, Mississauga Chinese Business Association
Victor Oh, Mississauga Chinese Business Association

Staff Present

Martin Powell, Commissioner of Transportation and Works
Mickey Frost, Director of Enforcement
Douglas Meehan, Manager of Compliance and Licensing
Wendy Law, Legal Council
Catherine Monast, Team Leader, External Media Communications
Carmela Radice, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER 12:45 (P. Mullin)DECLARATIONS OF (DIRECT OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST - NilMINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Draft Minutes of the November 9, 2011 Shark Finning Committee meeting.

Recommendation

SFC-0001-2012

That the minutes of the Shark Finning Committee meeting held on November 9, 2011 be approved as presented.

Approved (G. Carlson)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

That the agenda be approved as amended as follows:

- (a) That the draft minutes of the previous meeting November 9, 2011 be included.

- (b) Deputation by Nikki Donnelly be withdrawn.

Approved (G. Carlson)

DEPUTATIONS(a) Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)

Peter DeSouza, Acting Inspector Manager and Catherine Mar, Fish Policy Officer from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency provided an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the CFIA and general information on the Fish Inspection Program with a focus on imports.

Members of the Committee asked questions of Mr. DeSouza and Ms. Mar on the regulations of importing aquatic animals and if that also means dealing with the human or inhuman slaughtering aquatic animals. Mr. DeSouza indicated that CFIA is legislatively driven when it comes to the inspection of food. In order for the CFIA to deal with such a request the *Fish Inspections Act* and the *Health of Animals Act* need to be amended to include such a clause.

Recommendation

SFC-0002-2012

That the deputation by Peter DeSouza, Acting Inspector Manager and Catherine Mar, Fish Policy Officer be received.

Approved (J. Tovey)(b) Shark Finning Presentation

Nikki Donnelly, student withdrew her deputation on shark finning.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDEREDInformation Items

1. Letter dated November 30, 2011 from The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq in response to the Mayor's letter requesting the support of banning shark fin products.

There was no discussion on this matter.

Recommendation

SFC-0003-2012

That the letter dated November 30, 2011 from The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq in response to the Mayor's letter requesting the support of banning shark fin products, be received for information.

Approved (P. Saito)

2. Letter dated January 16, 2012, from the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans in response to the Mayor's indicating that Canada has prohibited the practice of shark finning since 1994 and will continue to work closely with other countries to promote the sustainable management and conservation of sharks worldwide.

There was no discussion on this matter.

Recommendation

SFC-0004-2012

That the letter dated January 16, 2012, from the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans in response to the Mayor's indicating that Canada has prohibited the practice of shark finning since 1994 and will continue to work closely with other countries to promote the sustainable management and conservation of sharks worldwide, be received for information.

Approved (P. Saito)

OTHER BUSINESS(a) Maxxam Analytics International Corporation

Stephen Chu, Mississauga Chinese Business Association presented the Committee with a sample of food analysis from Maxxam where the level of mercury was tested on salmon, tuna, shark meat and shark fin. Peter DeSouza, Acting Inspector Manager Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) indicated that the sizes of the species will affect the level of mercury.

Recommendation

SFC-0005-2012

That the food analysis from Maxxam Analytics International Corporation, be received for information.

Approved (V. Oh)

(b) Lake Ontario 5 – Credit River

Stephen Chu, Mississauga Chinese Business Association presented the Committee with a chart that represents the maximum number of meals per month recommended for each species. Mr. Chu indicated that there are high levels of mercury in some species on the chart which is not harmful to human health. Mr. DeSouza indicated that it all depends on the size of the species.

Recommendation

SFC-0006-2012

That the chart from Lake Ontario 5 – Credit River, be received for information.

Approved (V. Oh)

ADJOURNMENT 2:02 p.m. (R. Starr)