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## Minutes

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### **ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

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**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2012 – 9:03 AM**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**SECOND FLOOR, CIVIC CENTRE**

300 CITY CENTRE DRIVE, MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO, L5B 3C1

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- Members Present: Councillor George Carlson, Ward 11 (CHAIR)  
Michael DeWit, Citizen Member (VICE-CHAIR)  
Councillor Frank Dale, Ward 4  
Dr. Brad Bass, Citizen Member  
Sophia Chalaidopoulos, Citizen Member  
Maureen Ricker, Citizen Member
- Members Absent: Councillor Jim Tovey, Ward 1 (Other Municipal Business)  
Hassaan Basit, Citizen Member  
Peter Orphanos, Citizen Member  
Elaine Hanson, Sheridan College (Mississauga Campus)
- Agency Liaisons Present: Lucia Hlasna, University of Toronto at Mississauga  
Lucas Krist, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance  
Lea Ann Mallett, Executive Director, EcoSource  
Diana Yoon, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance
- Staff Liaisons: Brenda Osborne, Manager, Environmental Management  
Andrea J. McLeod, Environmental Coordinator  
Mary Bracken, Project Lead, Living Green Master Plan  
Carmela Radice, Legislative Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER -9:03 a.m.APPROVAL OF AGENDA

That the minutes of February 7, 2012 be approved as presented.

Approved (Councillor F. Dale)

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT (OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST NilPRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS

**Note: Brian Crombie, Co-chair of the Mississauga Summit combined the Five Big Ideas from the Mississauga Summit and A Meeting of Minds: Charting a Brave Bold Future into one presentation.**

- A. Brian Crombie, Co-chair of the Mississauga Summit provided information on the Five Big Ideas from the Mississauga Summit which was Waterfront, Human Services, Diversity and Inclusion, Post Secondary Education and Jobs.

Brian Crombie provided a brief description of the five “asks” that came out of the Mississauga Summit:

- Establish and fund a waterfront development
- Establish and support a Mississauga Innovation Leadership Alliance (MILA)
- Financially support a go-to hub innovation Centre
- Support the neighbourhood
- Diversity/Inclusion initiatives

Mr. Crombie also outlined the outcomes of the Neighbourhood Innovation, Diversity and Inclusion Post Secondary Education and Jobs:

- Local resident leadership will be identified, developed and supported
- Residents will be more connected with each other to create supportive networks of common interests
- Increase and promote capacity and opportunities for social inclusion and cohesion
- Neighbourhoods will be vibrant and resilient
- Improve access to services
- Diminish racism
- Civic participation and leadership
- Improve quality of life
- Promoting post secondary education; University, college and apprenticeships

- Other municipalities around the world are in the competitive market because they are investing in post secondary education
- Making sure that people are being trained for the jobs of tomorrow
- To have a “Go-to” place for mentoring support, funding support, talent support, networking opportunities and educational workshops
- “Concierge” for accessing numerous diverse resources
- Connect innovators to first customers, implementation partners and global markets
- Monitor emerging master plans to ensure viability and avoid a future tax burden on the Waterfront plan
- Acquire, control or assemble the land necessary for the Waterfront plan
- Manage other’s land to ensure viable outcomes for those landowners within the Waterfront plan goals
- Ensure that a balance of public benefit and private fairness is maintained in the Waterfront pan goals
- Measure the success of each outcome as a whole

Members of the Committee asked questions about the presentation concerning the environmental aspect to the five big ideas.

Mr. Crombie responded to the questions on the environmental aspects of the ideas specifically to the waterfront plans.

EAC-0001-2012

That the deputation given by Brian Crombie, Co-Chair, Mississauga Summit, with respect to Mississauga Summit Big Ideas and A Meeting of Minds: Charting a Brave Bold Future be received.

(EAC-0001-2012)

- B. Mary Bracken, Project Lead, Living Green Master Plan provided an update of the Living Green Master Plan and presented a video from the event held on November 23, 2011.

EAC-0002-2012

That the deputation given by Mary Bracken, Project Lead, Living Green Master Plan with respect to a DVD presentation and an update of the Living Green Master Plan on November 23, 2011 be received.

(EAC-0002-2012)

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED1. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

That the minutes of November 29, 2011 be approved as presented.

Approved (Dr. B. Bass)

2. Mississauga Summit Big Ideas, A Meeting of Minds: Charting a Brave Bold Future

Brian Crombie, Co-Chair, Mississauga spoke to the Mississauga Summit Big Ideas, A Meeting of Minds: Charting a Brave Bold Future.

The vision of the waterfront is to have a vibrant place to integrated diverse spaces celebrated for its groundbreaking contribution to the environmental, economic, social and physical wellbeing of all residents. Waterfront redevelopment sites as Brownfield sites converted to mixed use which would conform to community environmental priorities. It is to restore and preserve water quality, access to the waterfront, air quality, culture, natural heritage and to have residents feel inclusive.

In the future the waterfront development would like for residents to touch, hear, feel and see the water by a greener waterfront, waterside trails, more bicycle lanes, new parks, and public transit closer to the waterfront and possibly using the marine to support tourism.

Dr. Brad Bass, citizen member indicated that the neighbourhood innovation has more of an environmental benefit then the waterfront plan as many residents live in neighbourhoods and it will decrease private transportation.

Mr. Crombie responded by indicating that there is an Innovation Leadership Alliance meeting on Friday and maybe a member of the Environmental Advisory Committee could attend that meeting.

Mary Bracken indicated that she attended the Partners in Project Green steering committee meeting and the Committee is also looking at the idea.

Members of the committee thanked Mr. Crombie for his presentation.

RECEIVED (Councillor F. Dale)

3. Earth Hour 2012

Andrea J. McLeod Environmental Coordinator provided a background of last years Earth Hour and indicating that they will be building off of last years great success. Ms. McLeod indicated that there will be cross promotion with the City of Mississauga Earth Day's campaign.

Lucas Krist, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA) suggested to promote Earth Hour 2012 on City bus signs.

RECEIVED (L. Krist)

EAC-0003-2012

That the memorandum dated January 20, 2012 from Andrea J. McLeod, Environmental Coordinator with respect to 2012 Earth Hour be received.  
(EAC-0003-2012)

4. Responses to Inquiries Raised at 2011 Environmental Advisory Committee Meetings

Memorandum dated December 19, 2011 from Brenda E. Osborne, Manager, Environment, responded to inquiries raised at 2011 Environmental Advisory Committee meetings.

There was no discussion regarding this matter.

RECEIVED (M. Ricker)

EAC-0004-2012

That the memorandum dated December 19, 2011 from Brenda E. Osborne, Manager of Environment with respect to Responses to Inquires Raised at 2011 Environmental Advisory Committee meetings be received.  
(EAC-0004-2012)

INFORMATION ITEMS

5. Use of Recycled Materials within the Transportation and Works Department

This Corporate Report was considered by General Committee at its meeting on November 16, 2011 and its recommendation was adopted by Council. It is included on the Environmental Advisory Committee's agenda for information.

There was no discussion regarding this matter.

RECEIVED (Councillor F. Dale)

EAC-0005-2012

That Corporate Report dated October 27, 2011, from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works with respect to the Use of Recycled Materials within the Transportation and Works Department, be received for information.  
(EAC-0005-2012)

OTHER BUSINESS(a) Idling By-law

Brenda E. Osborne , Manager of Environment spoke to the Idling By-law and indicated that it is being proactively enforced.

(b) Cancellation of Route 33 & 33a

Luas Krist, PEYA spoke to the petition going to Council on February 8, 2012 for the cancellation of route 33-33A. He indicated that he went through the bus ridership and it does not make any sense from an environmental stand point to keep route 33 and 33a going. Chair Carlson indicated that transit twice a year reviews their routes and makes minor changes.

(c) Agenda Items

Michael DeWit, Vice Chair asked what is being mapped out for agenda items from now until summer time. He indicated that a presentation on the transportation strategy would be beneficial to the Committee. Chair Carlson indicated that transportation is always willing to come in and make a presentation.

Brenda E. Osborne, Manager of Environment indicated that the Living Green Master Plan work plan will be the focus for the Environmental Advisory Committee.

(d) Nuisance Weeds and Plants

Dr. Brad Bass, citizen member spoke to developing policies on the nuisance weeds and plants to encourage residents to develop ecosystems on their properties.

Mary Bracken, Project Lead for the Living Green Master Plan indicated that the City has a Nuisance Weed and Tall Grass Control by-law and she also indicated that the by-law is scheduled to be revised as per the Living Green Master Plan.

Maureen Ricker, citizen member indicated that she is chair of the Streetscape Mississauga offering a garden contest throughout the City of Mississauga. Streetscape is hoping to raise public awareness about various types of alternative gardens and noxious and invasive plants.

(e) Fertilizer

Lucas Krist, PEYA asked if the City can limit the use of cosmetic fertilizer for residential or commercial lawns.

Dr. Brad Bass, citizen member indicated that the Conservation authorities, Province and Federal government have a stronger role on having input, discussion and implementation of the new Act. Chair Carlson indicated that getting the message out there is important maybe we can inquire if the new Act is concentrating on the cosmetic use or the licence use of fertilizer. Brenda E. Osborne, Manager of Environment indicated that they will look into the issue. Michael DeWit, Vice Chair spoke to the more regulatory point of view and how it is not being enforced but the practical point of view which is the more important view is educating the residents on the use of fertilization. Dr. Brad Bass, citizen member asked if staff could clarify what the Committee's options are and what powers the Committee has under the *Municipal Act*.

Andrea J. McLeod, Environmental Coordinator indicated that there is a Storm Sewer by-law that deals with phosphate and that a group could present to the Committee at a future meeting on how to educate residents on the use of fertilizers. Chair Carlson indicated that educating the residents is a great starting point in these situations and requested a report back.

Brenda E. Osborne, Manager indicated that they would report back on the issue with either a presentation or a report back with comments. Ms. Osborne suggested that staff would prepare a calendar of agenda items.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 9 a.m., Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT - 10:26 a.m.

(L. Hlasna)