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## ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

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**TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2007 - 9:03 AM**

COMMITTEE ROOM B, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, CIVIC CENTRE  
300 CITY CENTRE DRIVE, MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO L5B 3C1

PRESENT: Councillor George Carlson, Ward 11 (CHAIR)  
Councillor Carmen Corbasson, Ward 1  
Councillor Carolyn Parrish, Ward 6  
Michael DeWit, Citizen Member  
Monica Misra-Lui, Citizen Member  
Peter Orphanos, Citizen Member  
Muktha Tumkur, Citizen Member

REGRETS: Hassaan Basit, Citizen Member

STAFF: John Lohuis, Director, Recreation & Parks (Environmental Portfolio)  
Brenda Sakauye, Environmental Projects Leader  
Mary Bracken, Environmental Planner, Planning and Building Dept.  
Denise Peternell, Committee Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk

GUESTS: Don Jennings, Jentree Canada Inc.  
Glenn Gumulka, Smart Commute  
Lee Ann Mallett, Ecosource

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ADJOURNMENT

CALL TO ORDER – 9:03 A.M.INTRODUCTIONS

Councillor Carlson, Chair, welcomed the following guests to the meeting:

- i) Don Jennings, Jentree Canada Inc.
- ii) Glenn Gumulka, Smart Commute
- iii) Lee Ann Mallett, Ecosource

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT OR INDIRECT PECUNIARY INTEREST - NilMINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(s)

The minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting held on April 3, 2007 were reviewed and the following amendment was made:

- i) Page 3, Item 2, second paragraph, first sentence was amended to read: “Discussion noted that the City’s fleet (i.e. non-transit buses) includes approximately 500 licensed and non-licensed vehicles.”

Councillor Carmen Corbasson moved that the minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting held on April 3, 2007 be approved as amended. This motion was voted on and carried.

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Amended/Approved

PRESENTATIONS - NilDEPUTATIONS

Councillor Carlson asked the guests present to provide some background as to their interest in the Environmental Advisory Committee.

- i) Don Jennings, Jentree Canada Inc.  
Mr. Jennings advised that his company has been involved in the environmental business for the past 25 years as the manufacturer of environmentally friendly products. He advised that he is actively promoting “Agra Green” an environmentally friendly pesticide for parks and that many products on the market are misleading as they are not completely chemical free. John Lohuis, Director, Recreation & Parks suggested that Mr. Jennings register with Materiel Management so that he would have the opportunity to bid on City projects.

- ii) Glenn Gumulka, Smart Commute  
Mr. Gumulka advised that Smart Commute is in partnership with the City of Mississauga, the Region of Peel and the business community in Mississauga working with major employers in the City to develop sustainable transportation through public transportation, car pooling, cycling and walking. He advised that he has dealt with the Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee and Mississauga Transit and advised of various initiatives and programs that were being developed. Mr. Gumulka advised that he would be interested in generating discussion with various employers in the City core regarding a shuttle service around the Square One area. Peter Orphanos advised that Smart Commute will be a key part of the action plan of the Environmental Advisory Committee in terms of transit and transportation.
- iii) Lee Ann Mallett, Ecosource  
Ms. Mallett advised that she is the Executive Director for Ecosource, a non-profit environmental charitable organization in Mississauga serving the Region of Peel. Ms. Mallett advised that this organization originated as the Mississauga Clean City Committee and that the name changed to Ecosource in 1997. She advised that the organization is focussed on waste reduction programs in Mississauga citing the Green Schools Project in partnership with elementary and secondary schools regarding recycling, composting, and waste reduction activities. Ms. Mallett further advised of the naturalization programs with tree and wild flower plantings in City parks and the development of the first public garden. She also mentioned the involvement of Ecosource in Earth Day and Earth Week activities at Square One. Mr. Jennings offered to donate organic fertilizer for tree planting projects at no charge.

The Chair thanked the guests for their presentations and invited them to attend future meetings.

## MATTERS CONSIDERED

### 1. New Business

#### 1. Draft 2007 Work Plan of the Environmental Advisory Committee

The draft work plan for 2007 was provided at the meeting on April 3, 2007 for Committee's information and consideration. The draft plan is returned to Committee for its direction.

With the Committee's interest with respect to the potential implementation of a Mississauga Pesticide Regulatory By-law, John Lohuis advised that with many neighbouring communities passing such by-laws (Toronto and Oakville), such a by-law requires proper public input, due diligence and resourcing similar to the City's Tree Protection By-law. As well, such by-laws generally are phased in over a period of years starting with commercial applicators and ending with private home owners.

Councillor Carolyn Parrish enquired as to the status of the City's anti-idling awareness campaign and Brenda Sakauye advised that due to the lack of funding, the program is in a "maintenance" mode and that the City responds to schools that are interested in the campaign by providing signs and stickers. She clarified that the City works with public agencies rather than private companies. Ms. Mallett advised that Ecosource distributes anti-idling material to new residents through its green kit and will continue to do so.

Peter Orphanos suggested that with respect to the work plan, that the Committee should combine strategies in a vision and through that vision create a climate change strategy action plan that addresses the federal/provincial requirements.

John Lohuis advised that the primary focus is public education and public awareness advising that he had been working with the Director of Communications to develop a communications and marketing strategy and that Communications would be seeking a full-time staff member for this endeavour. He advised that the community would be looking at the Environmental Advisory Committee as the guide for the initial benchmark.

Councillor Parrish advised that there are initiatives and requirements that could be in place at no cost to the city, citing the requirement for developers to provide "green" plans for their buildings. Mary Bracken, Environmental Planner, advised that Planning and Building are developing standards to encourage developers to include some "green" items in their development plans. She advised that when there is more information, she would present this initiative to this Committee. The issue of a budget was discussed and it was suggested that all departments should allocate 2-3% of their budget each year toward environment issues.

Mr. Orphanos suggested that in addition to a budget, that a "trendy" name and a symbol is needed to promote environmental initiatives and make the public more aware, suggesting a wind turbine as a symbol. He further suggested that a cost benefit analysis would also be helpful when reviewing budget requirements. John Lohuis suggested that staff could review a multi-year program with partners. Brenda Sakayue advised that there are currently City and Regional programs that address energy saving initiatives that should be identified, citing the Walk to School Program originally initiated by the City under Traffic Safety Council that is now a Regional Committee (Peel Safe and Active Routes to Schools), corporate green house gas inventory, conversion of street lights, traffic signals and bus/automobile fleets, to name a few.

John Lohuis suggested that the Committee needed to meet in an informal setting as a group with a facilitator to work through the issues and to determine priorities. Councillor Parrish suggested that the Committee meet off site at the Glen Erin Inn for 2-3 hours in the morning with breakfast included. It was also suggested that non-government organizations be invited to attend this session and that perhaps

Councillor Pat Mullin who is on the Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee might be interested in attending.

The Committee agreed that the next meeting would be held on June 5, 2007, from 8:00 am – noon at the Glen Erin Inn with breakfast provided. Topics of discussion: natural areas survey, pesticide issue, vision and strategic planning.

A motion by Peter Orphanos to receive the information was voted on and carried.

Recommendation EAC-0006-2007 (P. Orphanos)  
MG.31

2. Pesticide By-law Information

Review of the information presented in the Webinar hosted by Solutions Alternatives Environment (SAE) on its Pesticide By-law analysis of how various cities have approached the matter of pesticides.

John Lohuis advised that typically cities carefully review conditions and thresholds under which various products can be used (or not used) and that every alternative would be exhausted before chemical pesticides would be used. He advised of the importance to enforce any by-law citing the City's Tree Protection By-law as an example of how City staff regulates the removal of trees. Mr. Lohuis advised that this approach should also be taken with lawn care companies to promote the use of alternative pesticides. He reiterated that other municipalities have enacted regulatory by-laws with respect to pesticides that can be reviewed.

Mary Bracken suggested that along with the by-law, it is important to have an education plan for the residents to think differently on how to care for their lawns. She advised that there are a variety of grasses on the market that do not require as much watering and do not have the problems common to standard grass. John Lohuis advised that a new variety of turf is being used on City boulevards that is drought and salt resistant. He agreed that the by-law should be phased in with an education and awareness component and public input process. Michael DeWitt suggested that the various vendors that sell lawn products should be included in the awareness campaign.

A motion by Peter Orphanos to receive the information was voted on and carried.

Recommendation EAC-0006-2007 (P. Orphanos)  
EC.06

## 2. Information Items

1. Copy of Recommendation GC-0204-2007 adopted by Council on May 11, 2007 and the Corporate Report dated March 21, 2007 from the Commissioner of corporate Services & Treasurer regarding a Renewal Energy Project at the Hershey Centre.
2. Poster on the Peel Green Home & Garden Expo scheduled for Saturday, May 5, 2007 at the Powerade Centre in Brampton, Ontario.
3. Copy of an email dated April 23, 2007 from Councillor Pat Mullin referring a written submission dated April 18, 2007 from resident Jair Ferreira Jr. regarding the “Stash your trash” campaign and his ideas for reducing litter and graffiti in the City.
4. Copy of Mississauga Council Resolutions appointing representatives to the Etobicoke-Mimico Creek Watersheds Coalition, and a copy of the letter dated April 13, 2007 presenting the request for appointments.

Each item was reviewed separately. With respect to Item 3, concern was expressed with the amount of litter that is picked up by City staff in parks and the problems with enforcement. The importance of getting the public to get involved by adopting a neighbourhood, adopting a park, etc. was discussed.

Councillor Parrish suggested that there should be some pressure on the Province with respect to litter on the 400 series highways and she moved the following motion which was voted on and carried:

“Whereas the City of Mississauga has undertaken many specific programs to encourage citizens to act responsibly with respect to litter;

And whereas fines are currently in place by the City for litter violations;

And whereas the City of Mississauga is surrounded by the 400 series highways;

Be it resolved that the Province through the Minister of Transportation be requested to provide information to Mississauga City Council as to what efforts are being taken to create a better first impression to residents entering the City of Mississauga from Pearson International Airport and from the City of Toronto.”

Recommendation EAC-0009-2007 (Councillor C. Parrish)  
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Michael DeWitt moved a motion of receipt for all the information items.

Recommendation EAC-0008-2007 (M. DeWitt)

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### OTHER BUSINESS

#### 3. Appointment of Vice-Chair

The Chair called for nominations to appoint a Vice-Chair. Councillor Parrish nominated Michael DeWitt for the position of Vice-Chair. No further nominations were received. Peter Orphanos moved that the nominations be closed. The nomination was voted upon and carried.

Recommendation EAC-0010-2007 (Councillor C. Parrish)

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NEXT MEETING DATE - June 5, 2007

ADJOURNMENT – 11:00 A.M.



REPORT 2-2007

TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

The Mississauga Environmental Advisory Committee presents its second report of 2007, and recommends:

EAC-0006-2007      That the 2007 draft work plan for the Environmental Advisory Committee be received for information.

MG.31  
(EAC-0006-2007)

EAC-0007-2007      That the information out of the Webinar hosted by Solutions Alternatives Environment (SAE) on its Pesticide By-law analysis, reviewed by the Environmental Advisory Committee at its meeting on May 1, 2007, be received for information.

EC.06  
(EAC-0007-2007)

EAC-0008-2007      That the following items of information presented to the Environmental Advisory Committee at its meeting on May 1, 2007, be received for information:

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(EAC-0008-2007)

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(EAC-0009-2007)

EAC-0010-2007      That Michael DeWitt be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee.

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(EAC-0010-2007)