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## ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

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**TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2010 - 10:05 AM**

CAWTHRA ESTATE

1507 CAWTHRA ROAD, MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO L5G 4L1

- PRESENT:
- Councillor George Carlson, Ward 11 (Chair)
  - Councillor Carmen Corbasson, Ward 1
  - Councillor Carolyn Parrish, Ward 6
  - Michael DeWit, Citizen Member (Vice-Chair)
  - Hassaan Basit, Citizen Member
  - Sophia Chalaidopoulos, Citizen Member
  - Kelly Cook, Citizen Member
  - Peter Orphanos, Citizen Member
  - Dr. Brad Bass, Geography Dept., University of Toronto in Mississauga
  - Darius Chia, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA)
  - Simone Hacikyan, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA)
  - Brenda Osborne, Manager, Environmental Management
  - Mary Bracken, Project Lead, Living Green Master Plan
  - Michael Karowich, Urban Designer, Planning and Building
  - Raymond Lau, Roadway Programming Technologist
  - Lincoln Kan, Manager, Environment Services, Transportation and Works
  - Gavin Longmuir, Manager of Forestry, Recreation and Parks
  - Diego Fabris, City Arborist, Urban Forestry
  - Karin Ann Brent, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk
- GUESTS:
- Dawn Renfrew, Coordinator, Natural Areas Inventory Program, Credit Valley Conservation

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- April 6, 2010

DEPUTATIONS - Nil

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- June 1, 2010 – 9: 00 AM – Civic Centre

ADJOURNMENT

CALL TO ORDER – 10:05am

INTRODUCTIONS

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT OR INDIRECT PECUNIARY INTEREST - Nil

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Citizen Member Sophia Chalaidopolous enquired about a fact sheet referenced in item 2.1.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(s)

- April 6, 2010

Adopted as Presented

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DEPUTATIONS - Nil

MATTERS CONSIDERED

1. Business Arising From Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

1. Cawthra Park / Cawthra Woods

A Memorandum dated April 26, 2010 from Manager of Parks and Forestry Andy Wickens with the Community Services Department, was provided to respond to requests for information in response to comments by resident Donald Barber during his deputation to the Environmental Advisory Committee at its meeting on March 2, 2010.

The information provided addresses the use of pesticides on the lawn bowling greens at Cawthra Park, and respectively the enforcement of on-leash requirements for dogs being walked through Cawthra Woods.

Received for Information

Recommendation EAC-0012-2010

PM.09.Cawthra

EC.12.Cawthra

(1.) 2. *The Living Wall – Noise Attenuation Barrier - Pilot Project UPDATE*  
(Rathburn Road East (Ward 3))

A Memorandum dated April 28, 2010 from Infrastructure Programmer Raymond Lau with Mississauga's Transportation and Works announced that the pilot project to install Living Walls as noise attenuation barriers along a portion of Rathburn Road East will commence the first week of May 2010.

A prior update about the use of Living Walls for noise attenuation barriers was presented to this Committee at its meeting on November 3, 2009. The subject pilot project was directed by Mississauga City Council by its adoption of Recommendation EAC-0074-2008.

In response to the question by Citizen Member Sophia Chalaidopolous, the Legislative Coordinator offered to email the fact sheet referenced in the subject Memorandum to the Members of this committee and relevant staff.

Received for Information

Recommendation EAC-0012-2010

BL.08.Noise Attenuation Walls

2. New Business

1. Credit Valley Conservation Invites Participation with Annual 'Caring for the Credit' Stewardship Forum and Volunteer Appreciation Event

A copy of an invitation received from the Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) authority for participation with the 2010 Caring for the Credit Stewardship forum will be held on September 18<sup>th</sup> 2010 at the University of Toronto, Mississauga Campus was considered.

It was noted that the City of Mississauga Fall Festival event is also scheduled for September 18, 2010. Due to the deadline for submission of 3 May 2010, this invitation received by email on April 13, 2010, was forwarded to the Members of this committee for any individual professional interest. CVC was contacted about the timeline for submission and granted an extension to May 5, 2010 for responding to the invitation.

Discussion led to a direction that staff request to participate at with the subject Forum on a topic yet to be determined. Discussion by the committee suggested topics to consider, including:

- The Living Green Master Plan – Mississauga's Roadmap to Environmental Sustainability - an update on the LGMP and where it fits within the City's overall Living Green Communication Strategy to encourage internal and external audiences to be aware, active and engaged around living green in Mississauga.
- the Living Wall pilot project – noise attenuation barrier.
- "Meet Mississauga's Environmental Advisory Committee" – a fun" session about environmental advisory committees as to why they exist, how they work and background/role of committee members.

(2.) (1.)

Staff was further directed to seek input from the CVC on a preferred session topic, and then to report back to committee as the preparation for the session and related information is available.

### Directives

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#### 3. Information Items

1. Copy of an article published in the Globe and Mail on April 6, 2010 titled "Greenbelt community up in arms over gas-fired power plant".
2. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation titled "Protecting and Restoring Our Waters – a Progress Report on Implementing Low Impact Development" presented to Mississauga's General Committee of Council meeting on March 24, 2010 by Christine Zimmer of the Credit Valley Conservation authority.
3. A copy of an article published in the Oakville Beaver on January 20, 2010 titled "Three cheers for public smoking ban."
4. Copy of articles published in the Summerville Spark April 2010 Volume 1 edition:
  - Happy 10th Anniversary Mow Down!
  - Ontario Automotive Recycler's Association Donation to Summerhill Foundation
  - Exciting News on the Stewardship Front (Industry Stewardship Plan partnered with the Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Institute of Canada (HRAI) promoting energy efficient thermostats.
5. A letter dated April 26, 2010 from Donald Barber, President of the Friends of Cawthra Bush and Chair of The Cawthra Ratepayers' and Residents' Association regarding the Cawthra Bush and request for a study of its geography, hydrology and species.

Discussion about the request by Mr. Barber to study the Cawthra Bush for its geography, hydrology and species resulted in Dr. Brad Bass explaining the funding requirements to do studies through the hire of a graduate student and the cost of required equipment or as field course within UTM curriculum. Vice-Chair Michael DeWit noted that the hydrology of the land around the Cawthra house has been reviewed extensively to address flooding issues, and on the perimeter of the woodlot for the Region of Peel water main project.

Subsequently, Dr. Bass offered to gather information and report back with details related to operating a task force review of the data and information currently on file from studies done to date by various organizations to identify any gaps and needs that would quantify further study(s) being entertained. Dr. Brad Bass and Citizen Member Sophia Chalaidopoulos volunteered to participate on such a task force review should it be implemented.

(3.) (5.)

Citizen Member Peter Orphanos suggested that Professor Paul Maycock of the UTM would be a good resource for information. Planner Mary Bracken noted that Ministry of Natural Resources and the Credit Valley Conservation should be invited to participate on the suggested task force.

Councillor Carmen Corbasson requested that resident Donald Barber be invited to participate in relation to his interest in the protection and data he has gathered through his personal research about the species of Cawthra Bush.

Manager of Forestry Gavin Longmuir advised that the City is in the process of hiring a Forestry Ecologist and that position could be beneficial to the suggested review.

Directive (3.5)

Received for Information

MG.31.Information Items

#### OTHER BUSINESS

1. University of Toronto in Mississauga Offer of Student to Participate with EAC

Dr. Brad Bass advised that Professor Murck of Environmental Studies at the University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) campus has expressed a desire to have UTM students participate with Mississauga's Environmental Advisory Committee.

Discussion was held regarding the timing of when the UTM student(s) might commence participation with this committee, in relation to the next meeting being scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup> followed by a recess for the summer and the next meeting scheduled for September 7<sup>th</sup>. It was also noted that there is no meeting scheduled for the month of October to accommodate the Municipal Election. The composition set out in the EAC Terms of Reference was reviewed and the position of a UTM representative was noted.

Subsequently, the Legislative Coordinator was requested to contact UTM Professor Murck to discuss with her, when participation by UTM student(s) should commence in relation to this committee's meeting schedule for the remainder of the current term, and the appointment of a new slate of committee members by the new Council out of the upcoming Municipal Election was also mentioned.

Directive

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OTHER BUSINESS cont'd...

2. Acquisition of Property on Camilla Road (Ward 7)

Citizen Member Sophia Chalaidopolous enquired about the City's plans for the recently acquired property on Camilla Road in Ward 7. Discussion noted that the property in question is commonly known as the Hancock property.

PM.09 (EC.12)

3. Peel Chapter, Sierra Club Meeting – June 9, 2010

Citizen Member Peter Orphanos reminded Committee that the Peel Chapter of the Sierra Club's annual celebration and general meeting is scheduled for the evening of June 9, 2010 at which Minister of the Environment Jim Bradley is scheduled as a guest speaker.

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ADJOURNMENT – 10:55am

REPORT 5-2010

TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

The Mississauga Environmental Advisory Committee presents its fifth report of 2010, and recommends:

EAC-0012-2010

That the Environmental Advisory Committee's receipt of the following deputations and items of information at its meeting on May 4, 2010, be acknowledged:

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