



MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2010 – 9:08 AM

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 2ND FLOOR, CIVIC CENTRE
300 CITY CENTRE DRIVE, MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO L5B 3C1

PRESENT: Councillor George Carlson, Ward 11 (Chair)
Councillor Carolyn Parrish, Ward 6
Michael DeWit, Citizen Member (Vice-Chair)
Sophia Chalaidopoulos, Citizen Member
Kelly Cook, Citizen Member
Peter Orphanos, Citizen Member
Dr. Brad Bass, Geography Dept., University of Toronto in Mississauga
Angie Sanchez, Student Representative University of Toronto in Mississauga
Lucas Krist, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA)
Chantal Wiktorek, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA)
Brenda Osborne, Manager, Environmental Management
Andrea J. McLeod, Environmental Coordinator
Mary Bracken, Project Lead, Living Green Master Plan
Karin Ann Brent, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk

ABSENT: Councillor Carmen Corbasson, Ward 1
Hassaan Basit, Citizen Member

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- B Item 2.1 Living Green Master Plan - Update
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MATTERS CONSIDERED

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- November 9, 2010 – 9: 00 AM – Class Room 3, Central Library, 2nd Floor

ADJOURNMENT

CALL TO ORDER – 9:08am

INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Councillor George Carlson advised that Darius Chia, former PEYA representative has now become the PEYA Coordinator; and subsequently, introduced the following new participants of this committee:

Angie Sanchez, Student Representative University of Toronto in Mississauga
Lucas Krist, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA)
Chantal Wiktorek, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA)

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT OR INDIRECT PECUNIARY INTEREST - Nil

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a verbal motion by Citizen Member Sophia Chalaidopolous, the agenda for this meeting was approved.

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▪ June 1, 2010

Adopted as Presented

MG.31

DEPUTATIONS

A The Salt Institute Award - Announcement

Dave Morris, Geo Technical & Material Test Coordinator with the Mississauga Transportation and Works Department announced that the City has received the 2010 “Excellence in Storage” award from The Salt Institute of Canada, referring to the News Release and information attached to the agenda for this meeting. Mr. Morris introduced the following fellow staff members who were present in the Council Chamber: Greg Bodnar, Supervisor, of the Meadowvale Works Yard, Joe Ottaviano, Assistant Supervisor of the Meadowvale Yard, Paul Nasato, Supervisor of the Malton Works Yard, and Frank Arruda, Assistant Supervisor at the Malton Works Yard.

Chairman Councillor George Carlson expressed congratulations to the staff for the subject award.

Received for Information

Recommendation EAC-0016-2010

DEPUTATIONS cont'd...**B** Living Green Master Plan - Update

Consultant Jeff Evenson, a Principal with the Canadian Urban Institute, gave a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the process being taken to formulate Mississauga's Living Green Master Plan and the progress to date, in conjunction with a Memorandum dated August 30, 2010 from Mary Bracken, Project Leader.

During discussion, it was questioned whether a review of this committee's mandate might be done as part of the subject Master Plan's role. Citizen Member Peter Orphanos referred to related information he received through his recent attendance at the Climate Change Conference hosted by the Region of Peel, and the need to produce a plan that is tangible and sustainable in order to gain acceptance and participation by both the populace and industrial/commercial sectors. Mr. Orphanos also spoke to need to have political support of the directives and allocation of the funding required to fulfil the related goals. Mr. Evenson explained that the proposed Plan will include a corporate and community based action plans.

The need to provide public consultation and education on ways for residents to participate with achieving the goals was discussed. Dr. Brad Bass also suggested that information could also be gleaned through interview with the members of this committee and other local experts.

Project Leader Mary Bracken noted that information about the proposed plan has been posted on the City's 'Living Green' web page.

Received for Information

Recommendation EAC-0016-2010

CD.21.Living Green

At this point in time, Committee concurred to consider that matter in Item 2.1 of this agenda, pending arrival of the presenters scheduled in Deputation C listed on the agenda of this meeting.

C Climate Change Strategy - Presentation

Arvin Prasad, Director of the Planning Policy and Research Division & Bryan Hill, Manager in the Planning Policy and Research Division, Region of Peel, gave a PowerPoint presentation of the first draft of the Region of Peel's Climate Change Strategy.

Dr. Bass expressed his concurrence with the technical reports related to the subject strategy, and suggested that the draft Plan identify the gaps in existing knowledge achieved through prior studies and research.

Citizen Member Sophia Chalaidoplous expressed concurrence with the short term approach applied to the subject strategy.

Kelly Cook noted she also attended the Climate Change work shop and advised that her group expressed the need to determine the information that will be delivered to the respective community sectors.

During discussion, Citizen Member Peter Orphanos advised that the local chapter of the Sierra Club supports the subject strategy, and advised committee of the following five (5) points gleaned through his participation with the recent conference (work shop):

- 1) climate change is a real challenge that needs urgent action;
- 2) a cultural shift that needs to be incremental, consistent, measured, communicated and celebrated toward reaching the targets for change;
- 3) leaders need to be bold and courageous in seeking change, noting that the earth's atmosphere has up to 385 to 390 parts per million of carbon dioxide, noting that certain documents indicate that at 400 to 500, significant and catastrophic events will occur, noting there are minor indicator with current weather events and severe storms;
- 4) leaders need support to effectively implement programs that will create change, opining that this can be done by appealing to the base needs of individuals;
- 5) everyone must faithfully adhere to effective policies and procedures and plans that are properly funded, and must ensure that the decision makers are supported through monitoring and public involvement.

Discussion concluded with note that the Sierra Club of Peel supports the subject strategy.

Received for Information

Recommendation EAC-0016-2010

EC.17.Climate Change (EC.06)

MATTERS CONSIDERED

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

1. Credit Valley Conservation Stewardship Forum – October 16, 2010

A Memorandum dated August 25, 2010 from Manager of Environment, Environmental Management Section, Community Services Department, providing an update regarding the preparations for participation with the Credit Valley Conservation Stewardship Forum, was provided for information and discussion.

(1.) (1.)

Discussion resulted in Vice-Chair Michael DeWit suggesting the need to frame the presentation to Mississauga's Strategic Plan and visions to explain what has been and is being done by the municipality. Citizen Member Peter Orphanos suggested that the presentation could show the aspects of the City's municipal operations that support conservation of Mississauga's natural areas, as well as proposed plans. Dr. Bass referenced the interesting visual information that has been presented to this committee over its past term, and suggested that these be presented as part of Chairman Councillor Carlson's presentation.

Received for Information

Recommendation EAC-0016-2010

PR.04.Environment

2. New Business1. Living Green Master Plan

A Memorandum dated August 30, 2010 from Mary Bracken, Project Leader, Living Green Master Plan, Environmental Management Section, Community Services Department, regarding the Living Green Master Plan, was provided for information.

Received for Information

Recommendation EAC-0016-2010

CD.21.Living Green

3. Information Items

The following items were received for information:

1. Copy of the Corporate Report dated July 19, 2010 and titled "Green Municipal Fund Agreement" from the Commissioner of Community Services considered by Council on August 4, 2010, resulting in Resolution 0191-2010 and By-law 0224-2010.
2. Copy of the letter dated August 19, 2010 addressed to the Honourable John Wilkinson, Minister of the Environment from David Balsillie Ph.D. of Balsillie Forestry Enterprises regarding his commitment to improving the air quality in the Oakville-Clarkson airshed.

During discussion of this item Citizen Member Peter Orphanos questioned whether there was any suggestion of a project to reduce emissions through cogeneration of electricity. Manager of Environmental Management Brenda Osborne advised that an update on this item will be presented to General Committee of Council at its meeting scheduled for September 15, 2010.

(3.)

3. Copy of the flyer announcing the Mississauga Fall Festival scheduled for 11:00am to 4:00pm on Saturday, September 18, 2010 at the Bradley Museum.

Received for Information
MG.31.Information Items

OTHER BUSINESS - Nil

NEXT MEETING DATE(s)

- November 9, 2010 – 9: 00 AM – Class Room 3, Central Library, 2nd Floor

ADJOURNMENT – 10:38am

REPORT 7-2010

TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

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

EAC-0016-2010

That it be acknowledged that the following items were received for information by the Environmental Advisory Committee at its meeting on September 7, 2010:

- An announcement of the City of Mississauga receiving The Salt Institute Award, presented by Dave Morris, Geo-Technical and Material Test Coordinator with the Mississauga Transportation and Works Department.
- A deputation providing an update on the progress of the proposed Living Green Master Plan, presented by Jeff Evenson, Principal, Canadian Urban Institute.
- A PowerPoint presentation regarding the Region of Peel's Climate Change Strategy presented by Arvin Prasad, Director of the Planning Policy and Research Division and Bryan Hill, Manager in the Planning Policy and Research Division, Region of Peel.
- A Memorandum dated August 30, 2010 from Mary Bracken, Project Leader, Living Green Master Plan, Environmental Management Section, Community Services Department, regarding the Living Green Master Plan.
- A Memorandum dated August 25, 2010 from Manager of Environment, Environmental Management Section, Community Services Department, providing an update regarding the preparations for participation with the Credit Valley Conservation Stewardship Forum.

PR.01.Environment

CD.21.Living Green

EC.17.Climate Change (EC.06)

PR.04.Environment

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