



MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2010 – 9:04 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)
Hassaan Basit, Citizen Member
Peter Orphanos, Citizen Member
Dr. Brad Bass, Geography Dept., University of Toronto in Mississauga
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
Sophia Chalaidopoulos, Citizen Member
Lucas Krist, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA)
Angie Sanchez, Student Rep. University of Toronto in Mississauga

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCTIONS

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT OR INDIRECT PECUNIARY INTEREST

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(s)

- September 7, 2010

RECOMMEND ADOPTION

MG.31

DEPUTATIONS

- A Living Green Master Plan - Update
presented by: Jeff Evenson, Principal, Canadian Urban Institute
- B Smoke-Free Outdoor Spaces Policy Options
presented by: Paul Callanan, Director, Environmental Health, Region of Peel

MATTERS CONSIDERED

1. Business Arising From Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)
 1. Bridge Deck Drainage
2. New Business
 1. Living Green Master Plan
 2. Resignation of Citizen Member
3. Information Items

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE(s)

- December 7, 2010 – 9: 00 AM – Council Chamber 2nd Floor, Civic Centre

ADJOURNMENT

CALL TO ORDER – 9:04am

INTRODUCTIONS

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT OR INDIRECT PECUNIARY INTEREST - Nil

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a verbal motion by Councillor Carolyn Parrish, the agenda for this meeting was approved.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(s)

- September 7, 2010

Adopted as Presented

MG.31

DEPUTATIONS

A Item 2.1 Living Green Master Plan – Update

Jeff Evenson, Principal of the Canadian Urban Institute gave a PowerPoint presentation about the approach being taken to develop the City of Mississauga Living Green Master Plan. The organizational structure and framework for the strategic partnerships both internally and externally were reviewed as well as the communication tactics proposed. The involvement of this Committee was reviewed, and the messages received from the stakeholders that attended the October 22nd work shop were presented.

Received for Information

Recommendation EAC-0017-2010

Citizen Member Peter Orphanos opined that intensified development should relate to development charges by the developer to offset the cost of energy uptake and equitable provision of green space for the residents of intensified development, and subsequently put the following motion for committee's recommendation:

1. Whereas Natural Heritage was identified at the work shop regarding the proposed Living Green Master Plan on October 22, 2010, as a 'number one' priority;
And whereas over 100,000 citizens of Mississauga participated in the public consultation and expressed that Natural Heritage is their 'number one' priority for the City's strategic plan "Our Future Mississauga" which was adopted by Council in April 2009;
And whereas the Living Green Master Plan will recommend reasonable strategies to achieve the goals that reflect the public will;
And whereas Members of the Environmental Advisory Committee feel that the percentage of natural areas to land mass in Mississauga needs a serious increase from its current status of seven percent, which is the lowest in the Greater Toronto Area;

DEPUTATION A cont'd...

- (1.) Be it resolved that the goals and strategies of the upcoming Living Green Master Plan be supported with full funding and the human resources required to implement the Natural Heritage component of that Plan.
2. That staff update the Environmental Advisory Committee on the status of the implementation of the Natural Heritage directions set out in the upcoming Living Green Master Plan.

Mike DeWit initiated discussion about municipal tax levy classes being created to fund the acquisition and retention of natural areas. Councillor Carlson explained that the province legislates how municipalities may levy taxes and that changes would have to be sought to allow local taxation to fund payback for the impacts of intensified development, LEED standards being applied, etc.

Dr. Bass of the University of Toronto in Mississauga and Citizen Members Mike DeWit and Peter Orphanos offered to meet with consultant Jeff Evenson to discuss the proposed Living Green Master Plan in regard to 'decision making' tools and application of that Plan around the directives and policies in other Plans.

The motion carried.

Recommendation EAC-0018-2010

B Smoke-Free Outdoor Spaces Policy Options

Paul Callanan, Director of Environmental Health and Andrea Chiefari, Manager of Environmental Health with the Region of Peel gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Region's Policy Options for Smoke-Free Outdoor Spaces.

The complexities of educating the public which comprises people with variable cultural backgrounds and attitudes about tobacco use and finding ways to encourage cessation of smoking were discussed. It was noted that the literature available to date does not address the issue of exposure to second-hand smoke being experienced where smoking is permitted outside buildings. Citizen Member Hassaan Basit referenced his work with Conservation Halton and spoke to the issues of enforcing restrictions of outdoor smoking in open areas at conservation areas.

The issues of media being issued by the tobacco industry, and whether the covering of cigarette products in store displays have reduced smoking, were discussed. Mr. Callanan advised that subtle advertising campaigns are still being issued by the industry. Ms. Chiefari advised that statistics indicate that the coverage of tobacco products has not resulted in a reduction of smoking activity. Further discussion addressed the need to encourage smokers to properly dispose of their butts was discussed in regard to reduction of litter.

DEPUTATION B cont'd...

In response to the question by Councillor Carolyn Parrish on whether tenants of Regional subsidized housing program are required to sign an agreement that they will not smoke inside those dwelling units, Mr. Callanan advised that the Region of Waterloo has implemented this type of agreement. Discussion was held regarding the ability to enforce that restriction.

Mr. Callanan referenced the information item attached to this agenda which addresses the program being considered by the City of North Bay to allow the owners of multi-unit residential buildings to voluntarily designate their buildings as smoke-free.

Citizen Member Mike DeWit noted that some shopping malls are posting signage that indicates their parking lots are 'smoke free'.

Received for Information
Recommendation EAC-0017-2010

MATTERS CONSIDERED1. Business Arising From Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)1. Bridge Deck Drainage

A Memorandum dated November 9, 2010 from David Morris, Geo Tech & Material Test Coordinator, Engineering and Works Division, Transportation and Works Department was provide to Committee in response to an enquiry about bridge deck drainage which was raised at its meeting on September 9, 2010.

Discussion was held about filtration of roadway run-off being possible. Dr. Bass advised that he has students currently working on a model that would filter road / bridge drainage, and offered that once it's completed, this project might be presented to a future meeting of EAC.

Councillor Parrish suggested that the Province be approached to change codes to require filtration of road run off as well as provide funding retrofits and installations as means of precluding river pollution.

Received for Information
Recommendation EAC-0017-2010

2. New Business

1. Living Green Master Plan – Workshop #2 and Next Steps

A Memorandum dated November 2, 2010 from Mary Bracken, Project Leader, Living Green Master Plan, Environmental Management Section, Community Services Department, regarding the Living Green Master Plan Workshop #2 and Next Steps, is provided for information.

Received for Information

Recommendation EAC-0017-2010

2. Resignation

A copy of an email dated September 8, 2010 from Kelly Cook giving notice of her immediate resignation as a Citizen Member of this Committee, was considered. Committee accepted the resignation.

Received

Recommendation EAC-0019-2010

3. Information Items

1. Copy of an article titled “Climate Change and the Municipal Sector” published in the November / December 2010 issue of the Municipal Monitor.
2. Copy of an article titled “An incremental approach to Behaviour-Changing By-laws” published in the November / December 2010 issue of the Municipal Monitor.

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Recommendation EAC-0017-2010

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Update - Cawthra Woods Management Team

Dr. Brad Bass advised Committee that the Cawthra Woods Management team has been formed and that its review of the Cawthra Woodlot will include the hydrology of that site.

NEXT MEETING DATE(s)

- Tuesday 7 December 2010 – 9:30 AM – Council Chamber (confirmed)

ADJOURNMENT – 10:24am

REPORT 8-2010

TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

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

EAC-0017-2010

That it be acknowledged that the following presentations and items were received for information by the Environmental Advisory Committee at its meeting on November 9, 2010:

- Living Green Master Plan update presented by: Jeff Evenson, Principal, Canadian Urban Institute.
- A Memorandum dated November 2, 2010 from Mary Bracken, Project Leader, Living Green Master Plan, Environmental Management Section, Community Services Department, regarding the Living Green Master Plan Workshop #2 and Next Steps.
- Information about the Region of Peel's Smoke-Free Outdoor Spaces Policy Options presented by: Paul Callanan, Director, Environmental Health, Region of Peel and Andrea Chiefari, Manager, Environmental Health, Region of Peel.
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(EAC-0018-2010)

EAC-0019-2010

That the resignation of Citizen Member Kelly Cook issued in an email dated September 8, 2010 giving notice of the immediate surrender of her appointment to the Environmental Advisory Committee be received, and that position declared vacant.

(EAC-0019-2010)