



MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2011 – 9:00 AM

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

- MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor George Carlson, Ward 11 (CHAIR)
Councillor Frank Dale, Ward 4
Councillor Jim Tovey, Ward 1
Hassaan Basit, Citizen Member
Dr. Brad Bass, Citizen Member
Michael DeWit, Citizen Member (VICE-CHAIR)
Peter Orphanos, Citizen Member
Maureen Ricker, Citizen Member
- MEMEBERS ABSENT: Sophia Chalaidopoulos, Citizen Member
- AGENCY LIAISONS: Lucas Krist, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA)
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ABSENT: Lee Anne Mallett, Eco Source
Chantal Wiktorek, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA)
- STAFF LIASONS
PRESENT: Brenda Osborne, Manager, Environmental Management
Andrea J. McLeod, Environmental Coordinator
Lisa Urbani, Environmental Research Assistant
Mary Bracken, Project Lead, Living Green Master Plan
- CONTACT: Laura Wilson, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk
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CALL TO ORDER

9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED - (P. Orphanos)

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT OR INDIRECT PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil

PRESENTATIONS

Nil

DEPUTATIONSA. Living Green Master Plan

Jeff Evenson, Canadian Urban Institute and Brenda Osborne, Manager, Environmental Management, presented the final draft of the Living Green Master Plan (LGMP).

See Item 2 under Matters to be Considered.

The Draft Living Green Master Plan was distributed to the Environmental Advisory Committee Members, and can be viewed in the Office of the City Clerk. For more information please contact the Legislative Coordinator at 905-615-3200 ext. 5425 or via email at Laura.Wilson@mississauga.ca.

Jeff Evenson, Canadian Urban Institute, gave a deputation with respect to the final draft of the Living Green Master Plan. He outlined the vision, purpose, goals, research and how the LGMP aligns with the goals of the Strategic Plan. Mr. Evenson also detailed the framework for action and implementation of the LGMP.

Members of the Environmental Advisory Committee noted that the LGMP was an excellent plan and congratulated those involved with its development.

Councillor Jim Tovey, Ward 1 raised questions with respect to the City of Mississauga's capacity to manage waste water and asked if the LGMP team had worked with the Region of Peel to address the issue of waste water management. Jeff Evenson noted that this was an important issue for the City of Mississauga and that the City's Environmental Management Office was working with the Region of Peel on the matter.

Maureen Ricker, Citizen Member noted that community environmental groups should be involved in public education and suggested that these groups be included in the LGMP.

Discussion ensued with respect to timelines for implementation of the LGMP. Jeff Evenson noted that generally master plans such as the LGMP are implemented over a ten year time period and that the LGMP team had tried to create a realistic timeline. He also noted that time lines could be accelerated.

Brenda Osborne, Manager, Environmental Management outlined the next steps in the LGMP approval process and the Environmental Advisory Committee's role in the implementation of the LGMP once approved.

Andrea J. McLeod, Environmental Coordinator outlined the public event where the LGMP was to be previewed. She noted that this event was to be held on November 23, 2011 and outlined the Environmental Advisory Committee's role in the event.

Discussion ensued with respect to the Environmental Advisory Committee's role in the development and implementation of future environmental initiatives.

RECEIVED - (Dr. B. Bass)
Recommendation - EAC-0017-2011

B. Greenlands Securement Program

Eric Lucic, Planner, Park Planning, presented an update with respect to the City of Mississauga's Greenlands Securement Program.

Eric Lucic, Planner, Park Planning presented an overview of Greenlands Securement. He outlined how land is evaluated and ranked and detailed land acquisition criteria. He noted the various ways in which land is acquired by the City of Mississauga and highlighted the City's acquisition successes. He further noted that future land acquisition will focus on Credit River and Etobicoke Creek properties, lands that facilitate trail connections and waterfront properties.

Peter Orphanos, Citizen Member noted the importance of green lands and congratulated those involved with the acquisition of natural areas.

Michael DeWit, Citizen Member, Vice- Chair, asked if the practice for severing land was used. Eric Lucic noted that this process is used by the City of Mississauga.

RECEIVED – (M. DeWit)
Recommendation - EAC-0018-2011

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

1. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting held on October 4, 2011.

APPROVED – (Councillor J. Tovey)

2. Corporate Report – Living Green Master Plan Final Draft

A Corporate Report from the Community Services Department recommending that the Living Green Master Plan final draft be presented to key stakeholders and to the public on November 23, 2011 and that staff report back to the Environmental Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

That the final draft Living Green Master plan be presented to key stakeholders and the public on November 23, 2011; and that staff report back to the Environmental Advisory Committee on the feedback received.

APPROVED - (Dr. B. Bass)
Recommendation - EAC-0019-2011

3. Memorandum - Natural Heritage System Strategy Consultant Procurement – Role of the Environmental Advisory Committee

Memorandum dated October 24, 2011 from Laura Piette, Director, Planning, Development and Business Services Division, to the Environmental Advisory Committee, in response to the Environmental Advisory Committee's request to be involved in the Natural Heritage System Strategy (NHSS) Consultant Procurement.

Ruth Marland, Team Leader, Long Term Planning noted that the NHSS would like to present the draft terms of reference to the Environmental Advisory Committee for the Committee's review and input. Ms. Marland also noted that once a consultant was appointed, the NHSS would re-engage with the Committee at appropriate milestones during the process.

RECEIVED - (M. DeWit)
Recommendation - EAC-0020-2011

4. Credit Valley Conservation 2011 Stewardship Forum – Verbal Update

Mary Bracken, Project Leader, Living Green Master Plan, provided a verbal update with respect to the Credit Valley Conservation 2011 Stewardship Forum.

Mary Bracken noted that 2011 Stewardship Forum was successful and that there was a presentation with respect to the LGMP at the forum which demonstrated how the City of Mississauga is implementing environmental initiatives. She also noted that the Stewardship Forum is an annual event and encouraged the Environmental Advisory Committee to consider what information they would like to present at the forum in 2012.

RECEIVED - (L. Krist)

5. Review of the Revised Environmental Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference

Brenda Osborne, Manager, Environmental Management outlined amendments to the Environmental Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference.

Brenda Osborne noted that Sheridan College was enthusiastic regarding environmental sustainability and that the College would provide the Environmental Advisory Committee with the name of an individual from the College who would be willing to sit on the Committee. Councillor Frank Dale, Ward 4 suggested that once a representative from Sheridan College - Mississauga Campus was appointed, the Environmental Advisory Committee could consider requesting a tour of the facility. Councillor George Carlson, Ward 11, Chair, suggested that the Committee could also hold a meeting at the College. There was support from the Committee with respect to these suggestions.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Memorandum dated November 9, 2011 from Brenda Osborne, Manager, Environmental Management, with respect to the revised Environmental Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference and the attached Environmental Advisory Committee's Terms of Reference be received.

RECEIVED - (Councillor F. Dale)
Recommendation - EAC-0021-2011

6. Information Items

Strategy: Adapting to a Changing Climate, dated June 2011, presented by The Ontario Regional Climate Change Consortium, for the Environmental Committee's review.

RECEIVED – (Councillor J. Tovey)
Recommendation - EAC-0022-2011

OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor George Carlson, Ward 11, Chair, noted that the Environmental Advisory Committee's Annual Appreciation Breakfast would be held on November 29, 2011.

NEXT MEETING DATE

November 29, 2011 at 9:30 AM, Council Chamber 2nd Floor, Civic Centre

ADJOURNMENT – 10:25 a.m.
(M. Ricker)