



MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2011 – 9:00 AM

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

- MEMBERS:** Councillor George Carlson, Ward 11 (CHAIR)
Councillor Jim Tovey, Ward 1
Hassaan Basit, Citizen Member
Dr. Brad Bass, Citizen Member
Sophia Chalaidopoulos, Citizen Member
Michael DeWit, Citizen Member (VICE-CHAIR)
Peter Orphanos, Citizen Member
Maureen Ricker, Citizen Member
- MEMBER ABSENT:** Councillor Frank Dale, Ward 4
- AGENCY LIAISONS:** Angie Sanchez, Student Rep. University of Toronto in Mississauga
Lucas Krist, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA)
Chantal Wiktorek, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA)
Stephanie Crocker, Eco Source
- STAFF LIAISONS:** Brenda Osborne, Manager, Environmental Management
Andrea J. McLeod, Environmental Coordinator
Lisa Urbani, Environmental Research Assistant
Mary Bracken, Project Lead, Living Green Master Plan
- Contact:** Sacha Smith, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk
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CALL TO ORDER- 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVED - (Councillor J. Tovey)

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT OR INDIRECT PECUNIARY INTEREST - Nil

PRESENTATIONS - Nil

DEPUTATIONS

- A. Moreen Miller, President, Ontario Stone, Sand and Gravel Association and Cameron McKinnon, MacKinnon Public Affairs made a Deputation with respect to how the City of Mississauga can participate and benefit from the use of recycled aggregate.

Moreen Miller, President, Ontario Stone, Sand and Gravel Association made a deputation detailing the importance of supporting aggregate recycling in the City of Mississauga and outlining the benefits of the program. Ms. Miller requested that the City of Mississauga take a leadership role in using recycled aggregate products by establishing policies prior to the next construction season.

Discussion ensued with respect to cost of installing and maintaining recycled aggregate. Questions were raised with respect to how long recycled aggregate has been used. Cameron McKinnon, MacKinnon Public Affairs stated that the City of Toronto has been using the product for approximately thirty years and that the Ministry of Transportation has been using the product for approximately fifteen to twenty years.

Councillor Carlson, Chair, suggested that the Environmental Advisory Committee make a recommendation to City Council with respect to the use of recycled aggregate.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council be requested to support the use of recycled aggregates in principal, and that staff review how the City can become more supportive of recycled aggregate usage and report to General Committee.

APPROVED – (P. Orphanos)
EAC-0012-2011

- B. Item 3.1 David J. Culham made a Deputation with respect to the Credit River Parks Strategy.

See discussion under Item 3.1.

- C. Mark Howard, Long Term Planner gave an update on the Credit River Parks Strategy.

Mark Howard made a deputation with respect to the Credit River Parks Strategy. He noted that Mr. Culham's suggestions, along with those of many other individuals and organizations have been received and considered by the Consultant.

Mr. Howard outlined the Credit River Parks Strategy and noted that it is a 25 year master plan to advance the recreation and conservation of City owned or managed park land or natural areas in the Credit River. He outlined the importance of the Credit River and surrounding natural areas and the role of the Consultant and other contributors in establishing the Credit River Parks Strategy. Mr. Howard further noted that the Credit River Strategy Master Plan is not a study of the Credit River but instead it focuses on the City lands surrounding the Credit River and being responsible with the lands that the City of Mississauga owns.

Michael DeWit spoke to the Credit River Parks Strategy Master Plan and noted that Planners should be encouraged to recognize how the plan would affect the valley lands as a whole and not focus exclusively on City owned lands.

Peter Orphanos, spoke to the benefits of natural areas and noted that staff have done a good job in considering the ideas and concerns expressed by Stakeholders and residents.

Discussion ensued with respect to the policies and agencies that govern the Credit River Valley.

RECEIVED – (P. Orphanos)
EAC-0011-2011

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

1. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting held on May 3, 2011.

Maureen Ricker advised that under Deputation A of the Minutes from the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting on May 3, 2011, an amendment should be made to include Ms. Eva Kliwer's response that the potential maximum percentage of natural areas in the City of Mississauga would be twenty five percent.

AMENDED– (M. Ricker)

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 2.1 Memorandum dated June 7, 2011 from Mary Bracken, Project Lead, Living Green Master Plan regarding the Living Green Master Plan Timelines: June 2011-October 2011.

RECEIVED – (P. Orphanos)
EAC-0013-2011

- 2.2 Email from Brenda Osborne, Manager of Environment providing an update on air quality.

RECEIVED – (Councillor J. Tovey)
EAC-0013-2011

- 2.3 Memorandum dated May 25, 2011 from Andrea J. McLeod, Environmental Coordinator providing a Summary of Climate Change – Ontario’s Adaptation and Action Plan 2011-2014.

RECEIVED – (H. Basit)
EAC-0013-2011

- 2.4 Winter Maintenance: Recommended Change from Sand/Salt Mixture to Magnesium Treated Salt on Secondary Road Routes, Priority Sidewalks and Bus Stops

Corporate Report dated April 25, 2011 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works entitled “Winter Maintenance: Recommended Change from Sand/Salt Mixture to Magnesium Chloride Treated Salt on Secondary Road Routes, Priority Sidewalks and Bus Stops” referred from General Committee on May 18, 2011 to the Environmental Advisory Committee for information.

RECEIVED – (Councillor J. Tovey)
EAC-0013-2011

3. NEW BUSINESS

- 3.1 Credit River Parks Strategy

Presentation submitted by David J. Culham with respect to the Credit River Parks Strategy.

Mr. David J. Culham made a deputation with respect to the Credit River Parks Strategy. Mr. Culham outlined the history of the Credit River Parks Strategy and suggested that the vision for the Credit River Parks Strategy be clarified and that the goals should include bringing the valley land into public domain and achieving appropriate access for the public. Mr. Culham suggested that the Strategy should not place too much emphasis on aesthetics, and focus attention on preserving the Credit River and the Tributaries that feed into the Credit River. Mr. Culham asked that the Environmental Advisory Committee commit to a natural corridor and avoid urban agriculture.

Discussion ensued with respect to Mr. Culham's suggestions.

RECEIVED - (P. Orphanos)
EAC-0010-2011

3.2 Animal Care and Control By-law 98-04 – Chickens on Property

Letter dated July 12, 2011 from Jessica Reid, Legislative Coordinator advising of Council Resolution 0187-2011 adopted on July 6, 2011 advising that the Environmental Advisory Committee review the letter dated June 24, 2011 from Landon McLaughlin, resident, with respect to allowing chickens on her property.

RECEIVED – (M. Ricker)
EAC-0013-2011

3.3 Animal Care and Control By-law 98-04 – Chickens on Property

Corporate Report dated August 24, 2011 from the Commissioner of Community Services entitled Animal Care and Control By-Law 98-04- Chickens on Property.

RECOMMENDATION

That no changes are made around the keeping of chickens in Mississauga and that staff continue to monitor the issue for potential future action.

APPROVED – (M. Ricker)
EAC-0014-2011

3.4 Memorandum dated August 26, 2011 from Andrea J. McLeod, Environmental Coordinator with respect to Opportunities for Greater Influence by the Environmental Advisory Committee.

The Memorandum, dated August 26, 2011 was outlined by Andrea J. McLeod, Environmental Coordinator for the Committee.

RECEIVED – (S. Chalaidopoulos)
EAC-0013-2011

- 3.5 Memorandum dated August 30, 2011 from Mary Bracken, Project Lead, Living Green Master Plan, Living Green Master Plan providing an update on the revised timelines and upcoming public event for the Living Green Master Plan.

RECEIVED – (Dr. B. Bass)
EAC-0013-2011

- 3.6 Memorandum dated August 26, 2011 from Brenda Osborne, Manager of Environment providing responses to inquiries raised at 2011 Environmental Advisory Committee meetings.

Brenda Osborne, Manager, Environmental Management, explained the Memorandum and provided updates with respect to inquiries made at Environmental Advisory Committee Meetings.

RECEIVED – (H. Basit)
EAC-0013-2011

- 3.7 Andrea J. McLeod, Environmental Coordinator to provide a verbal update on the Regional Climate Change Strategy

It was noted that the Regional Council had adopted the Regional Climate Change Strategy and are working toward implementation. It was also noted that the Environmental Advisory Committee will receive regular updates with respect to the achievements of the strategy.

RECEIVED – (S. Chalaidopoulos)
EAC-0013-2011

- 3.8 Mary Bracken, Project Lead, Living Green Master Plan to provide a verbal update on the Credit Valley Conservation's Stewardship Forum and Volunteer Appreciation Event

Mary Bracken, Project Lead, Living Green Master Plan provided a verbal update with respect to the Credit Valley Conservation Forum. It was noted that topics at the forum would include discussion with respect to the Living Green Master Plan and that information with respect to attending the Forum would be provided to the Committee at a later date.

- 3.9 Brenda Osborne, Manager of Environment to provide a verbal update on Air Quality.

Discussion ensued with respect to monitoring stations as part of the pilot project. It was suggested that a monitoring station be placed in Malton.

4. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 4.1 Emails dated August 11, 2011 and August 15, 2011 from Donna Barrett, resident and Andy Hua, resident with respect to restricting the keeping of chickens in Mississauga.
- 4.2 NEWS Release dated June 14, 2011 entitled “61 Peel board schools earn Ontario EcoSchools certification”.
- 4.3 Letter dated July 26, 2011 from Donald Barber, Friends of the Cawthra Bush and Greater Mississauga Area regarding releasing Monarch butterflies and how to help.
- 4.4 Email dated August 14, 2011 from Kirk Currie, resident, with respect to LED Street Lighting on Falconer Drive.

RECEIVED – (Dr. B. Bass)
EAC-0013-2011

5. Other Business

Michael DeWit spoke to the L.E.D. lighting and noted that the committee should continue to support its usage. Discussion ensued with respect to the matter.

Mr. DeWit spoke to the latest draft of the Living Green Master Plan and noted that it is very encouraging to see the progress of the Plan and feedback from the public.

Mary Bracken, Project Lead, Living Green Master Plan explained the next steps for the Living Green Master Plan. She noted that the plan will be presented to the committee in November and then to General Committee and Council for approval. Ms. Bracken further noted that the Living Green Master Plan event will take place on November 23, 2011 and that it would be appreciated if members participate.

NEXT MEETING DATE - OCTOBER 4, 2011

ADJOURNMENT – 11:15 A.M.