



MINUTES

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2009 - 9:03 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
 - Sophia Chalaidopoulos, 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)
 - John Lohuis, Director, Recreation and Parks (Environmental Management)
 - Edward Nicolucci, Acting Manager, Environmental Management
 - Andrea J. McLeod, Environmental Coordinator
 - Lisa Urbani, Environmental Research Assistant
 - Mary Bracken, Environmental Planner, Policy Planning Division
 - Karin Ann Brent, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk
- ABSENT:
- Councillor Carmen Corbasson, Ward 1 (Bereavement)
 - Kartik Sahay, Citizen Member
- GUESTS:
- Gabriella Kalapos, Outreach Director, Clean Air Partnership
 - Jeff Wachman, Chair of the Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee
 - Dorothy Tomiuk, Citizen Member, Cycling Advisory Committee

CALL TO ORDER – 9:03 AM

INTRODUCTIONS

Darius Chia, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA)
Simone Hacikyan, Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA)

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT OR INDIRECT PECUNIARY INTEREST – Nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(s)

▪ June 2, 2009

Adopted as Presented (Councillor Carolyn Parrish)
MG.31

DEPUTATIONS

A Report re: 2009 Smog Summit and Best Practices Exchange & Declaration Signing

Gabriella Kalapos, the Outreach Director with the Clean Air Partnership organization gave a verbal report regarding the 2009 Smog Summit and Best Practices Exchange that was held in the City of Toronto on June 3, 2009. Ms. Kalapos distributed copies of the 2009 Inter-Governmental Declaration on Clean Air and a photograph was taken of Chairman Councillor George Carlson signing the declaration along with the Members of the Mississauga Environmental Advisory Committee present at this meeting.

Received for Information (Councillor Carolyn Parrish)
Recommendation EAC-0026-2009
PR.01

B Tour de Mississauga – Annual Cycling Event

Jeff Wachman, Chair and Dorothy Tomiuk, Citizen Member, Cycling Advisory Committee (MCAC) announced the MCAC's annual cycling event that is scheduled for 9:30am Sunday, September 20, 2009 with a rain date of September 27, 2009. Mr. Wachman noted that the Mississauga Cycling Master Plan is targeted for presentation to Council at its meeting scheduled for October 14, 2009 and a new bike lane unveiled on October 15th.

Ms. Tomiuk advised that the event route will travel along certain cycling routes in Mississauga, starting at J. C. Saddington Park at the Port Credit Lake Ontario waterfront in Ward 1, and that all ages of cyclists are invited. Ms. Tomiuk noted the various sites and amenities such as GO Transit station(s) to be seen along the route, and advised that permission has been granted to allow the cyclists to do a 'portage' by walking their bikes through the Rattray Marsh.

DEPUTATION B Tour de Mississauga – Annual Cycling Event cont'd...

Ms. Tomiuk concluded her deputation with mention that the event's route will pass the Bradley Museum site at which a Fall Festival will be operating on the 19th and 20th of September.

Received for Information (Sophia Chalaidopolous)
Recommendation EAC-0027-2009
PR.01

MATTERS CONSIDERED1. Business Arising From Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)1. Idling Control By-law Enacted

Environmental Coordinator Andrea J. McLeod gave a verbal update on the plan for community outreach and education regarding the new Idling Control By-law enacted by Council on June 24, 2009 as a measure to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from vehicle operation. A copy of By-law 0194-2009 was attached to the agenda of this meeting for information, along a copy of the News Release dated June 24, 2009 titled "City of Mississauga's First Idling Control By-law approved by Council".

Ms. McLeod distributed samples of the magnet shaped like a key and the "faux ticket" designed to explain the new by-law regulations, to the Committee Members and staff present at this meeting.

Dr. Brad Bass questioned whether school buses are exempt from the subject by-law regulations. Ms. McLeod explained that the Region of Peel Health Unit supports having school bus operations be subject to the new Anti-Idling By-law, however the school transportation staff that oversees school bus operations for the Peel District School Board and the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board has yet to issue direction to the drivers. At the request of Committee, Outreach Director Gabriella Kalapos with the Clean Air Partnership advised that banners regarding anti-idling will be sent to schools for display to encourage participation.

During further discussion, Committee requested that staff continue working with school board transportation coordinator for the Peel and Dufferin-Peel School Boards toward gaining cooperation by school bus operators to cease idling their buses, and to also look into providing schools with (8.5x11") information inserts that they can easily collate into and distribute to parents with their newsletters.

Councillor Carolyn Parrish initiated discussion regarding the "faux tickets" and magnets, suggesting that when the current inventory is depleted, the magnets be replaced with static stickers that can be applied inside vehicle windows or another type of sticker that can be adhered securely to the exterior of a vehicle.

In regard to the information provided on the “faux ticket” piece, Citizen Member Hassaan Basit suggested that these should be re-designed to provide information that relates the impact of CO² and other Greenhouse Gas Emissions on individuals with severe health issues, in more concise statements.

Responding to the further question by Citizen Member Hassaan Basit, Corporate Marketing Consultant Kevin Carr from the Communications Division of the Corporate Services Department advised that local media picked up the News Release issued about the enactment of the Idling Control By-law. Citizen Member Peter Orphanos suggested that other media be done such as a news segment on CBC or CTV, as well as outreach through school open house events and school newsletters. It was suggested that staff could assist with disseminating the information through the school system by providing the information on 8.5x11”pages that the school staff could insert into and distribute to parents with the newsletters.

Councillor Parrish suggested that the “faux tickets” be re-designed to look more like real parking tickets and produced on a similar colour of paper. Further, the Councillor suggested that pads of these “faux tickets” be created for distribution in the community possibly through activities such as children issuing to their parents and other driving adults in their life, or as part of a school fund raising event.

Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA) student Darius Chia questioned how the Anti-Idling By-law will be enforced to which Ms. McLeod replied that the City’s Enforcement staff would respond to complaints received from the general public. Sophia Chalaidopolous questioned the effectiveness of enforcement by response to complaints, further to which Chairman Councillor George Carlson suggested that there are other venues through which residents can report incidents of idling, such as through the ROAD WATCH program.

Received for Information / Directives (Vice-Chair Michael DeWit)
PR.04 (EC.06)

2. New Business

1. Bridge Deck Drainage – Bridges Crossing the Credit River

At the Council meeting on June 10, 2009, Councillor Carolyn Parrish requested that staff review the draining from bridge decks crossing the Credit River and how other municipalities deal with that drainage. This matter was referred to the Environmental Advisory Committee for its review and discussion. A copy of staff’s information on this matter was provided for information of the Committee.

Councillor Carolyn Parrish explained her concerns and suggested that the Province be requested to take action that discourages road drainage into streams, rivers and lakes. Citizen Member Peter Orphanos advised his similar concerns and noted that there are certain species of plants that are able to draw salt from water.

Dr. Brad Bass suggested that the local conservation authorities may have studies and information about methods to mitigate pollution from roadway run-off that can be obtained by City staff. Director of Recreation and Parks John Lohuis advised that there is a system of swales installed at the Mississauga Valleys park that can be reviewed for effectiveness in mitigating pollution from roadway run-off.

Chairman Councillor George Carlson noted that settlement ponds and drainage swales are effective measures to deal with storm water management.

Subsequently, Councillor Parrish moved that staff report back to the Environmental Advisory Committee regarding ways to mitigate storm water run-off from bridge decks draining directly into the Credit River and other local creeks, including information on how other municipalities deal with drainage from roadway run-off, Mississauga's winter road maintenance program in regard to salt application, and information and recommendations available from related studies done by conservation authorities.

Directive (Councillor Carolyn Parrish)
Recommendation EAC-0028-2009
EC.01 (RT.18)

2. Count Me In! Community Challenge in 2010 for Energy Conservation

On August 5, 2009, Council passed Resolution 0162-2009 referring the matter of participating with the proposed Count Me In! Community Challenge for energy conservation scheduled for August 2010. A copy of Resolution 0162-2009 and information about the subject program was provided for Committee's discussion and recommendation

3. Blackout Day Challenge 2010 for Energy Conservation

Information from the Blackout Day group has been relayed from Chairman Councillor George Carlson and was presented for Committee's discussion.

Citizen Member Sophia Chalaidopolous initiated discussion of items 2. and 3., expressing concern for diluting resources and questioned the feasibility of coordinating community outreach and education. Acting Manager of the Environmental Management Section Edward Nicolucci noted that the City has partnered with Enersource for certain events.

Vice-Chair Michael DeWit subsequently moved that staff report back to the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) with a list of outreach and education initiatives that will encourage the residents and businesses of the community to live and work in an environmentally responsible manner; including information regarding the resources and funding required to achieve any recommended activities and community events.

Directive (Vice-Chair Michael DeWit)
Recommendation EAC-0029-2009
PR.04

3. Information Items

1. A copy of Resolution 0187-2009 passed by Council on August 5, 2009 approving an allocation of funds toward hosting a bus tour of Mississauga as part of the 2009 Cities Alive Congress in October 2009, and a copy of the Corporate Report dated July 7, 2009 regarding this matter was provided for information.

Dr. Brad Bass acknowledged the City of Mississauga's partnership with the Credit Valley Conservation authority, the University of Toronto Mississauga and GO Transit, through which the bus tour of Mississauga and Brampton will be done.

2. A copy of the News Release dated June 4, 2009 from Transport Canada, titled "Government of Canada Launches New Sustainable Communities Initiative".
3. Information from the Ministry of Natural Resources (May 8, 2009) regarding proposed habitat protection for nine (9) species at risk.

Discussion noted that staff has met with the Ministry of Natural Resources regarding measures to protect certain local species.

4. A copy of the News Release dated December 3, 2008 from the City of Toronto, titled "City Council takes action to reduce packaging".

Vice-Chair Michael DeWit suggested that packaging needs to be more biodegradable and clearly labelled as such to encourage proper disposal of waste packaging.

5. A copy of the Fall Festival scheduled for September 19 and 20, 2009 at Mississauga's Bradley Museum at 1620 Orr Road, at which there will be "Living Green" displays and activities presented by over thirty (30) environmental organizations.

MG.31.Information Items

OTHER BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING DATE(s)

Committee concurred that its next meeting would be held on October 6, 2009

Committee reviewed and chose a list of 2010 meeting dates

Directive

MG.31

ADJOURNMENT – 11:03am

REPORT 5-2009

TO: GENERAL COMMITTEE

The Mississauga Environmental Advisory Committee presents its fifth report of 2009, and recommends:

EAC-0026-2009

That the deputation to the Environmental Advisory Committee at its meeting on September 8, 2009 by Gabriella Kalapos, Outreach Director with the Clean Air Partnership, reporting the results 2009 Smog Summit and Best Practices Exchange and presenting the related Declaration for signature by Chairman Councillor George Carlson, be received for information.

PR.01 (EC.06)

(EAC-0026-2009)

EAC-0027-2009

That the deputation to the Environmental Advisory Committee at its meeting on September 8, 2009 by Chairman Jeff Wachman and Citizen Member Dorothy Tomiuk of the Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee (MCAC) regarding the Cycling Advisory Committee's Tour de Mississauga annual cycling event scheduled for Sunday, September 20, 2009, be received for information.

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(EAC-0027-2009)

EAC-0028-2009

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EC.01 (RT.18)

(EAC-0028-2009)

EAC-0029-2009

1. That staff report back to the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) with a list of outreach and education initiatives that will encourage the residents and businesses of the community to live and work in an environmentally responsible manner.
2. That when reporting back to EAC as directed in paragraph 1. of this recommendation, that staff include information regarding the resources and funding required to achieve any recommended activities and community events.

PR.04

(EAC-0029-2009)