



Town of Aurora
Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date:	Thursday, October 5, 2017
Time and Location:	7 p.m., Leksand Room, Aurora Town Hall
Committee Members:	Councillor Paul Pirri (Chair), Irene Clement, Larry Fedec, Melville James, Sara Varty, Nancee Webb, and Kristina Zeromskiene
Member(s) Absent:	Councillor Tom Mrakas (Vice Chair) and Jennifer Sault
Other Attendees:	Christina Nagy-Oh, Program Manager, Environmental Initiatives, and Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Nancee Webb

Seconded by Irene Clement

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, with the following addition, be approved:

- Item 4 – Correspondence from Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) dated September 29, 2017; Re: Appointments to the TRCA Regional Watershed Alliance 2017-2021

Carried

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

3. Receipt of the Minutes

Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2017

Moved by Sara Varty

Seconded by Kristina Zeromskiene

That the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting minutes of June 15, 2017, be received for information.

Carried

4. Delegations

None

5. Matters for Consideration

1. Memorandum from Program Manager, Environmental Initiatives Re: Corporate Environmental Action Plan (CEAP) Update

Staff provided background and a brief overview of the memorandum and CEAP Update, and noted that the Community Energy Plan would be developed over the next two years.

The Committee inquired about funding and resources, discussed various aspects of the CEAP Update, and made suggestions including the addition of implementation timelines, departmental assignments, prioritization, identification of recipients of outreach, outreach and education regarding invasive species, creation of a community environment component, inclusion of targets in addition to indicators, and more information on healthy and safe routes to schools.

Moved by Nancee Webb

Seconded by Sara Varty

1. That the memorandum regarding Corporate Environmental Action Plan (CEAP) Update be received; and

2. That the comments and suggestions of the Committee be referred to staff for consideration and action as appropriate.

Carried

6. Informational Items

2. Memorandum from Program Manager, Environmental Initiatives Re: Corporate Environmental Action Plan (CEAP) Progress Report 2016

Staff provided background and a brief overview of the memorandum.

The Committee requested clarification on several initiatives, and staff agreed to provide more detail to the Committee regarding the ongoing vegetation management and protection initiatives for new subdivision development areas and the ongoing ecological integrity monitoring of natural heritage areas within 2C development lands.

**Moved by Larry Fedec
Seconded by Melville James**

1. That the memorandum regarding Corporate Environmental Action Plan (CEAP) Progress Report 2016 be received for information.

Carried

3. Extract from Council Meeting of September 12, 2017 Re: Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2017

**Moved by Nancee Webb
Seconded by Irene Clement**

1. That the Extract from Council Meeting of September 12, 2017, regarding the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting minutes of June 15, 2017, be received for information.

Carried

4. Correspondence from Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) dated September 29, 2017

Re: Appointments to the TRCA Regional Watershed Alliance 2017-2021

The Chair noted that the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority is seeking an Aurora municipal representative to participate on the Regional Watershed Alliance. Staff advised that Aurora's watershed comprises two percent of the total watershed area, and encouraged anyone interested to contact the Clerk's Office by noon on October 6, 2017.

Moved by Kristina Zeromskiene

Seconded by Larry Fedec

1. That the Correspondence from Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) dated September 29, 2017, regarding Appointments to the TRCA Regional Watershed Alliance 2017-2021, be received for information.

Carried

7. New Business

The Committee inquired about available grants in relation to the eradication of invasive plant species, and staff provided an update.

The Committee inquired about the disposition of items picked up in the Town's monthly textile collection, and staff provided an update.

The Committee inquired about the status of the planned nature reserve in the 2C lands. The Chair and staff agreed to follow up on the matter and provide an update at the next meeting.

The Committee noted that the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario has recently released a report, Beyond the Blue Box – Ontario's Fresh Start on Waste Diversion and the Circular Economy, which is available on the ECO website, eco.on.ca/our-reports/special-reports.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Larry Fedec

Seconded by Sara Varty

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Carried

Committee recommendations are not binding on the Town unless adopted by Council.