



**TOWN OF AURORA
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: Thursday, April 3, 2014

Time and Location: 7 p.m., Leksand Room, Aurora Town Hall

Committee Members: Councillor Paul Pirri (Chair), Councillor John Gallo (Vice Chair), Gregory Cook, Larry Fedec, Judy Gilchrist, Danielle Howell, David Taillefer (arrived 7:35 p.m.), and David Tomlinson

Member(s) Absent: Svetoslava Topouzova

Other Attendees: Christina Nagy-Oh, Program Manager, Environmental Initiatives, and Raylene Martell, Council/Committee Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Judy Gilchrist

Seconded by Danielle Howell

THAT the agenda as circulated by Legal and Legislative Services be approved.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2014

Moved by Gregory Cook

Seconded by Judy Gilchrist

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting minutes of February 6, 2014 be adopted ***as amended.***

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

None

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 1. Extract from Council Meeting of February 25, 2014
Re: Delegation (b) Kate Greavette, York Region Food Charter Working Group
Re: York Region Food Charter**

Moved by Judy Gilchrist

Seconded by David Tomlinson

THAT the extract from Council Meeting of February 25, 2014 be received; and

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee endorse the York Region Food Charter; and

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee recommend to Council:

THAT Council endorse the York Region Food Charter.

CARRIED

- 2. Extract from Council Meeting of February 25, 2014
Re: Memorandum from the Program Manager, Environmental Initiatives
Re: Green Purchasing Best Practices Part A**

Moved by Gregory Cook

Seconded by Danielle Howell

THAT the extract from Council Meeting of February 25, 2014 be received; and

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee recommend to Council:

THAT Council endorse the Greening Greater Toronto Green Purchasing Guide as a basis for the development of a Town of Aurora Green Purchasing Guide.

CARRIED

- 3. Extract from Council Meeting of February 25, 2014
Re: Report IES14-006 – Implementation of a Clear Bag Waste Program**

Moved by Judy Gilchrist

Seconded by Larry Fedec

THAT the extract from Council Meeting of February 25, 2014 be received; and

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee endorse the Clear Bag Waste Program; and

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee recommend to Council:

THAT Council endorse the Clear Bag Waste Program.

CARRIED

- 4. Memorandum from Council & Committee Coordinator/Deputy Clerk
Re: Representative for the Trails and Active Transportation Committee**

Moved by Larry Fedec

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee receive the memorandum regarding Representative for the Trails and Active Transportation Committee; and

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee select **Gregory Cook** to be their representative on the Trails and Active Transportation Committee.

CARRIED

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 5. Memorandum from the Manager of Corporate Communications
Re: Environmental Section of Town Website**

Moved by Gregory Cook

Seconded by David Tomlinson

THAT the memorandum regarding Environmental Section of Town Website be received for information.

CARRIED

**6. Memorandum from the Landscape Architect
Re: The Location of Existing Hydration Stations**

Moved by Danielle Howell

Seconded by Larry Fedec

THAT the memorandum regarding The Location of Existing Hydration Stations be received; ***and***

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee recommend to Council:

THAT staff report back to the Environmental Advisory Committee on the feasibility of installing a hydration station at Town Park.

CARRIED

7. Pending List – Environmental Advisory Committee

Moved by David Tomlinson

Seconded by David Taillefer

THAT the Pending List be received for information.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Fedec provided information on alternative methods of waste collection in other municipalities including cart-based collection. The Committee discussed the current contract for waste collection services.

Moved by Councillor Gallo

Seconded by Danielle Howell

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee recommend to Council:

THAT staff provide a report to the Environmental Advisory Committee on a cart-based system for waste collection.

CARRIED

Mr. Tomlinson advised the members that he and the Program Manager, Environmental Initiatives would be meeting with Infrastructure and Environmental Services on April 15 regarding locating appropriate culverts for the nesting platform pilot project.

Councillor Pirri provided a brief overview of the success of the Regional Environmental Advisory Committee Forum hosted by the Town of Aurora on March 6, 2014.

Mr. Tomlinson inquired about the invasive Phragmites delegation that was supposed to have occurred at the March meeting. The Program Manager advised that the meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum and the delegate presentation material was emailed to Committee members for their information.

The Program Manager indicated that the 2013 Corporate Environmental Action Plan (CEAP) Progress Report was made available at the March 6 Regional EAC forum and delivered to all Councillors, the Executive Leadership Team, and the staff CEAP team. She further noted that it is available to the public via the Town's website with printed copies available from the Planning and Development Services counter in Town Hall.

Ms. Gilchrist reminded the members of an upcoming evening of discussion regarding the Oak Ridges Moraine, Greenbelt, and Niagara Escarpment land use plans that are due for review in 2015 on Wednesday, April 9 at the Kingbridge Centre.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Judy Gilchrist

Seconded by Danielle Howell

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

CARRIED

THE REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF APRIL 3, 2014 RECEIVED APPROVAL BY GENERAL COMMITTEE ON APRIL 15, 2014 AND FINAL COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON APRIL 22, 2014.