



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

Date: Monday, May 5, 2014

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

Committee Members: Councillor Paul Pirri (Chair), Councillor John Gallo (Vice Chair), Larry Fedec, Judy Gilchrist, Danielle Howell, David Taillefer, David Tomlinson, and Svetoslava Topouzova

Member(s) Absent: Gregory Cook

Other Attendees: Christina Nagy-Oh, Program Manager, Environmental Initiatives, Anca Mihail, Manager of Engineering and Capital Delivery, Glen McArthur, Municipal Engineer, 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 Svetoslava Topouzova

THAT the agenda as circulated by Legal and Legislative Services, ***with the following addition***, be approved:

- Delegation – Klaus Wehrenberg
Re: Neighbourhood Garden

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2014

Moved by David Taillefer

Seconded by Larry Fedec

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting minutes of April 3, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

- (a) **Klaus Wehrenberg**
Re: Neighbourhood Garden

Klaus Wehrenberg provided an overview on the benefits of neighbourhood gardening and requested that the committee support the establishment of neighbourhood gardens in Aurora parks.

Moved by David Tomlinson

Seconded by Svetoslava Topouzova

THAT the comments of the delegate be received for information.

CARRIED

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. **Memorandum from Municipal Engineer**
Re: Town of Aurora Comprehensive Stormwater Management Master Plan
(CSWM-MP)

Moved by Larry Fedec

Seconded by David Taillefer

THAT the memorandum regarding Town of Aurora Comprehensive Stormwater Management Master Plan (CSWM-MP) be received; and

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee recommend to Council:

THAT Council consider adopting the Town of Aurora Comprehensive Stormwater Management Master Plan when it is presented to Council.

CARRIED

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 2. Memorandum from the Supervisor of Parks
Re: Self-Watering Planters and Hanging Baskets**

Moved by David Taillefer

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

THAT the memorandum regarding Self-Watering Planters and Hanging Baskets be received for information.

CARRIED

- 3. Memorandum from the Program Manager, Environmental Initiatives
Re: Invasive Species Removal**

Moved by Judy Gilchrist

Seconded by David Tomlinson

THAT the memorandum regarding Invasive Species Removal be received;
and

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee recommend to Council:

THAT staff be directed to develop a long-term plan for dealing with Invasive Phragmites.

CARRIED

- 4. Meeting Extract regarding EAC14-04 – Environmental Advisory Committee
Report of April 3, 2014**

Moved by David Tomlinson

Seconded by Councillor Gallo

THAT the meeting extract regarding EAC14-04 – Environmental Advisory Committee Report of April 3, 2014 be received for information.

CARRIED

5. Pending List

Moved by David Taillefer

Seconded by Judy Gilchrist

THAT the Pending List be received for information ***as amended to include a requested response date of February 2015 to item 6 and to change the Action Department to PRS in item 5.***

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Gilchrist inquired whether a motion was required to direct staff to prepare a report on community gardens. Councillor Pirri advised that Council had previously endorsed this as a primary focus of the Committee and that he would provide information to the Director of Parks and Recreation to facilitate moving forward on this initiative.

Mr. Tomlinson requested that other types of invasive species be included in the long-term plan that was requested with respect to item 3.

Moved by David Tomlinson

Seconded by Judy Gilchrist

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee recommend to Council:

THAT staff be directed to develop a long term-plan for dealing with dog-strangling vine.

CARRIED

The Program Manager, Environmental Initiatives requested that the Committee provide further clarification regarding item 2 in relation to supplementing the purchase of self-watering planters and hanging baskets from the Environmental Reserve Fund.

Moved by David Taillefer

Seconded by Judy Gilchrist

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee recommend to Council:

THAT the Environmental Reserve Fund be used to cover the cost difference for initiating the first phase of the self-watering container project in the amount of \$8000.

CARRIED

Ms. Topouzova advised that the Town had requested options from the community on uses for the Petch house. She noted that she would provide information on her proposal to use the Petch House as an environmentally friendly community greenhouse, and requested its inclusion on the next Environmental Advisory Committee meeting agenda.

She also noted that she would be hosting a Defend our Climate walk on May 10 at 1 p.m. in support of the local environment, and would forward the invitation to Committee members.

Mr. Tomlinson provided an update to the committee on the meeting with Infrastructure and Environmental Services regarding swallow nesting platforms and advised that three culverts were chosen as sites for installation for the pilot project.

He also advised that there is still nearly a mile of silt fencing on the west side of the Nature Reserve that should be removed by the developer. The Program Manager, Environmental Initiatives advised that she would speak to staff about the issue.

Mr. Tomlinson notified the Committee that there is a cracked dam on the North Pond in the Nature Reserve that is breached and requested that staff have a look at it before it becomes a more serious issue.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Judy Gilchrist

Seconded by Larry Fedec

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

CARRIED

THE REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING OF MAY 5, 2014 RECEIVED APPROVAL BY GENERAL COMMITTEE ON MAY 20, 2014 AND FINAL COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ON MAY 27, 2014.