



TOWN OF AURORA ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, September 3, 2015

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

Committee Members: Councillor Mrakas (Chair), Councillor Pirri (Vice Chair)
Irene Clement, Larry Fedec, Danielle Howell, Melville James,
and Kristina Zeromskiene

Member(s) Absent: Sara Varty and Nancee Webb

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

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

1. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Irene Clement
Seconded by Melville James

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

CARRIED

3. RECEIPT OF THE MINUTES

Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2015

Moved by Danielle Howell
Seconded by Councillor Pirri

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting minutes of June 10, 2015, be received for information.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

None

5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

None

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

The Committee discussed the CEAP Update and expressed concern regarding the removal of the energy component from the Plan and the Town of Aurora's carbon footprint. Staff advised that the energy component is being consolidated into the Corporate Energy Master Plan, but the Committee may continue to provide feedback regarding energy. The Committee inquired about various aspects of the Progress Report Summary Chart and staff advised on completed and new items, the scope of the CEAP, and how the Committee could review the CEAP and provide input through the coming months. The Committee suggested that a priority list of the top ten items should be developed.

Moved by Danielle Howell
Seconded by Irene Clement

THAT the memorandum regarding Corporate Environmental Action Plan (CEAP) Update be received for information.

CARRIED

2. Extract from Council Meeting of August 11, 2015
Re: Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2015

Moved by Irene Clement
Seconded by Danielle Howell

THAT the Extract from Council Meeting of August 11, 2015, regarding the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting minutes of June 10, 2015, be received for information.

CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS

The Committee proposed that an Environmental Forum be held, possibly during the next Earth Week in April 2016, and that residents and interested parties be invited to participate, to raise awareness and provide an opportunity for everyone to be involved with environmental issues. The Committee discussed various aspects, including engaging schools and other Town Committees, and suggested the formation of a Working Group to organize the event. Staff advised on other Regional forums and timing of the proposed Forum.

New Business Motion No. 1
Moved by Melville James
Seconded by Councillor Pirri

THAT a Working Group comprising members of the Environmental Advisory Committee be formed to organize a Community Environmental Forum.

CARRIED

Councillor Pirri informed the Committee that he has been made Vice-Chair of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Standing Committee on Environmental Issues and Sustainable Development, and stated that he looks forward to representing the Town of Aurora at the federal level on environmental issues.

Staff advised that the Town would be hosting an Electric Vehicle Roadshow at Town Hall on September 26, 2015, and requested the Committee's assistance with the distribution of advertising flyers for the event.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Danielle Howell
Seconded by Kristina Zeromskiene

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE NOT BINDING ON THE TOWN UNLESS
ADOPTED BY COUNCIL AT A LATER MEETING.