



**ENVIRONMENTAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA**

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2016

7 P.M.

**HOLLAND ROOM
AURORA TOWN HALL**

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

DATE: Thursday, April 7, 2016

TIME AND LOCATION: 7 p.m., Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

1. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

RECOMMENDED:

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

3. RECEIPT OF THE MINUTES

Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2016 pg. 1

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting minutes of February 4, 2016, be received for information.

4. DELEGATIONS

(a) David Heard, Resident pg. 6
Re: Environmental Concerns in Aurora

5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. **Memorandum from Program Manager, Environmental Initiatives** pg. 7
Re: Correspondence regarding Smart Commute Workplace Gold Designation 2016

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Memorandum regarding Correspondence regarding Smart Commute Workplace Gold Designation 2016 be received for information.

2. **Memorandum from Program Manager, Environmental Initiatives** pg. 11
Re: Correspondence regarding Report on Environmental Benefits – Town of Aurora

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Memorandum regarding Correspondence regarding Report on Environmental Benefits – Town of Aurora be received for information.

3. **Extract from Council Meeting of March 8, 2016** pg. 13
Re: Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2016

RECOMMENDED:

THAT the Extract from Council Meeting of March 8, 2016, regarding the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting minutes of February 4, 2016, be received for information.

7. NEW BUSINESS

8. ADJOURNMENT



TOWN OF AURORA
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, February 4, 2016

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

Committee Members: Councillor Mrakas (Chair), Irene Clement, Larry Fedec, Melville James, Sara Varty, Nancee Webb, and Kristina Zeromskiene

Member(s) Absent: Danielle Howell and Councillor Paul Pirri (Vice Chair)

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. 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 Nancee Webb
Seconded by Larry Fedec

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

- Item 8 – Extract from Council Meeting of January 26, 2016; Re: Motion for Which Notice Has Been Given (c) Councillor Mrakas; Re: Blue Dot Campaign

CARRIED

3. RECEIPT OF THE MINUTES

Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2015

Moved by Irene Clement
Seconded by Larry Fedec

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting minutes of November 5, 2015, be received for information.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

None

5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Memorandum from Program Manager, Environmental Initiatives
Re: Healthy Kids Community Challenge Program

Staff provided background to the memorandum. The Committee inquired about follow-up responsibility and communications of the Program and staff responded.

Moved by Nancee Webb
Seconded by Melville James

THAT the memorandum regarding Healthy Kids Community Challenge Program be received; and

THAT Environmental Advisory Committee members be encouraged to promote and attend the kick-off event at the Arctic Adventure on Monday, February 15, 2016, at the Town Park.

CARRIED

2. Memorandum from Program Manager, Environmental Initiatives
Re: Correspondence regarding Notice of Filing of Addendum, West
Vaughan Sewage Servicing Municipal Class Environmental
Assessment Study

Moved by Irene Clement
Seconded by Kristina Zeromskiene

THAT the memorandum regarding Correspondence regarding Notice of Filing of Addendum, West Vaughan Sewage Servicing Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study be received for information.

CARRIED

3. Memorandum from Program Manager, Environmental Initiatives
Re: Aurora Earth Week Fair 2016 – Update

The Committee and staff reviewed the progress report of the Working Group's planning activities for the Aurora Earth Week Fair 2016, to be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2016, at the Aurora Armoury. The Committee and staff discussed various aspects of the event including invitations, participants, interactivities, budget, promotion, and volunteering.

Moved by Nancee Webb
Seconded by Melville James

THAT the memorandum regarding Aurora Earth Week Fair 2016 – Update be received for information.

CARRIED

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4. Memorandum from Program Manager, Environmental Initiatives
Re: Corporate Environmental Action Plan (CEAP) Progress Report 2015

The Committee requested that the following initiative be added to the EARTH (Land) Goal of the Plan: "Planted 1,000+ shrubs and trees in association with Aurora Community Arboretum Inc. on municipal lands."

Moved by Melville James
Seconded by Kristina Zeromskiene

THAT the memorandum regarding Corporate Environmental Action Plan (CEAP) Progress Report 2015 be received for information.

CARRIED

5. Memorandum from Acting Manager of Corporate Communications
Re: 2016 Community Recognition Awards

The Committee discussed nomination options for the Environmental Award.

Moved by Sara Varty
Seconded by Irene Clement

THAT the memorandum regarding 2016 Community Recognition Awards be received for information.

CARRIED

- 6. Invitation from the Town of Ajax for the Environmental Advisory Committees of Ontario**
Re: 2016 Provincial Environmental Advisory Committee Symposium

Moved by Larry Fedec
Seconded by Melville James

THAT the invitation regarding 2016 Provincial Environmental Advisory Committee Symposium be received for information.

CARRIED

- 7. Extract from Council Meeting of December 8, 2015**
Re: Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2015

Moved by Sara Varty
Seconded by Nancee Webb

THAT the Extract from Council Meeting of December 8, 2015, regarding the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting minutes of November 5, 2015, be received for information.

CARRIED

- 8. Extract from Council Meeting of January 26, 2016**
Re: Motion for Which Notice Has Been Given (c) Councillor Mrakas;
Re: Blue Dot Campaign

(Added Item)

The Committee expressed appreciation to Jennifer Sault on her presentation to Council regarding the Blue Dot Movement on January 26, 2016. The Committee discussed various aspects of the Motion including promotion and possible ways in which the Committee could assist in the implementation of the objectives.

Moved by Nancee Webb
Seconded by Irene Clement

THAT the Extract from Council Meeting of January 26, 2016, regarding Motion for Which Notice Has Been Given (c) Councillor Mrakas; Re: Blue Dot Campaign be received for information.

CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS

The Committee inquired about the status of the Town's Tree By-law, and tree management plans in general, and a brief update was provided.

Staff noted that volunteer opportunities would be available on February 14-15, 2016, in relation to the Town's Arctic Adventure event on Family Day, and indicated that a volunteering schedule would be forwarded to the Committee.

Staff indicated that information would be forwarded to the Committee regarding the Rock the Bike Toaster Challenge.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Nancee Webb
Seconded by Melville James

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

CARRIED

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

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DELEGATION REQUEST

This Delegation Request form and any written submissions or background information for consideration by either Council or Committees of Council must be submitted to the Clerk's office by the following deadline:

4:30 P.M. ON THE BUSINESS DAY PRIOR TO THE REQUESTED MEETING DATE

April 7 ; Environmental Committee

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE/ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATE:

SUBJECT: *Environmental concerns in Aurora.
Proposal of project to remedy.*

NAME OF SPOKESPERSON: *Invitation re: Councillor Mrkas
David Heard*

NAME OF GROUP OR PERSON(S) BEING REPRESENTED (if applicable):

BRIEF SUMMARY OF ISSUE OR PURPOSE OF DELEGATION:

*Report on environmental lands of concern.
Summary of M.O.E. status / update
Solutions to local / Regional / Provincial
environmental lands
of concern.*

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

Have you been in contact with a Town staff or Council member regarding your matter of interest?

YES NO

IF YES, WITH WHOM? *Almost every one
present / past*

DATE: *ongoing*

I acknowledge that the Procedural By-law permits five (5) minutes for Delegations.



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Town of Aurora
Planning & Development Services

MEMORANDUM

DATE: Thursday April 7, 2016

TO: Environmental Advisory Committee

FROM: Christina Nagy-Oh, Program Manager, Environmental Initiatives

RE: Correspondence regarding Smart Commute Workplace Gold Designation 2016

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT the Correspondence regarding Smart Commute Workplace Gold Designation 2016 be received for information.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter from Metrolinx dated January 8, 2016
2. Workplace designation information pamphlet

Attachment 1

January 8, 2016

Christina Nagy-Oh
The Town of Aurora
1 Municipal Dr.
Aurora, ON L4G 6J1

Dear Ms. Nagy-Oh,

It is my pleasure to congratulate you and your organization on the achievement of the Smart Commute Gold Workplace designation for 2016. To achieve this level of designation, significant resources must be dedicated to reducing the number of people who drive alone, and I thank you for your leadership in this regard.

This designation demonstrates your commitment to promoting and supporting sustainable travel options for your organization, positioning you as a leader in corporate social responsibility. We'd like others within your organization to know how your hard work has made such an impressive impact on travel behaviour change, so we are making efforts to do that.

In the summer of 2015, we had an unprecedented opportunity to leverage the knowledge base of the Smart Commute network, increasing awareness of transportation options and ensuring business continuity during the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am and Parapan Am Games. Games travel initiatives included creating travel plans and encouraging employees to Reduce, Re-mode, Re-route or Re-time their commutes. A special "Games Champion" seal for your 2016 workplace designation certificate is enclosed, acknowledging your extraordinary efforts to affect employees' travel choices last summer.

Thank you again for your ongoing commitment to the Smart Commute program. Your involvement in this region-wide network is making a positive impact on air quality and reducing the number of cars on the roads – critical contributions to the health of the communities where we live, work and play.

Sincerely,



Nadine Navarro
Manager, Smart Commute

Smart Commute Workplaces about

What is a Smart Commute Workplace designation?

The Smart Commute Workplace designation recognizes your efforts in providing commuter options activities for your employees and students. Your organization can qualify for one of three designation levels.



Smart Commute Workplace – given to all workplaces that are part of the Smart Commute program. This designation recognizes your commitment to helping your employees find alternatives to driving alone to work.



Smart Commute Silver Workplace – granted to workplaces that take the program beyond the basics, providing enhanced commuter options for their employees. Silver Workplaces want to make a significant positive impact and are willing to invest effort and resources to promote behaviour change.



Smart Commute Gold Workplace – granted to outstanding workplaces that have implemented effective policies and programs to encourage sustainable travel options. Gold Workplaces keep employees engaged, and measure the impact of their program through commuter surveys and infrastructure usage.

go for gold

How can you take it to the next level?

This program rewards efforts that:

- Grow over time by implementing new initiatives that help more commuters choose alternatives to driving alone.
- Continue to engage commuters at your workplace on a regular basis.

To achieve a Silver or Gold Workplace designation for 2017

Please talk to your local Smart Commute representative to learn more about what actions you can take to improve your standing in the program.

info

Want to find out more?

Contact your local Smart Commute office or visit www.smartcommute.ca



designations

How were the 2016 designations determined?

Each year, your local Smart Commute office assesses the commuter options activities at your workplace, and submits the results to Metrolinx for review and verification. The evaluation is based on three broad categories: Participation, Investments and Results. Please see a few examples below. Please contact your Smart Commute office to review your scorecard and to learn more about all the actions included in each category.

PARTICIPATION - examples

- Implementation of a carpool program and personal trip planning/commute counseling
- Participation in promotions and campaigns like Bike to Work Day, Smart Commute Week, Carpool Week, lunch and learns and more
- Formal alternative work arrangements (compressed work week, flex hours and/or telework)
- Active transportation programs (BUG, walking club, online tools, etc.)

INVESTMENTS - examples

- Investments in end of trip facilities, such as bicycle parking, lockers and showers, electric vehicle charging stations, teleconferencing hardware and more
- Incentives available to staff, including transit passes available onsite, shuttle and/or vanpool services, cycling/walking allowances, electric/hybrid fleet vehicles and more

RESULTS - examples

- Measurable impact shown through commuter surveys and infrastructure usage – including increased commuter bicycling, walking, carpooling, public transit usage and/or teleworking

benefits

What's in it for you?

The Smart Commute Workplace designation is a public acknowledgement of your leadership in providing commuter options benefits for your employees.

Recognition benefits increase proportionally, with Gold Workplaces receiving the most significant benefits.

Smart Commute Workplace

- Certificate with seal
- Electronic graphics files for use on websites and other purposes.
- Each subsequent year, a new seal will be provided indicating that year's designation level.

Smart Commute Silver Workplace

"Smart Commute Workplace" rewards, *plus*:

- Silver seal on certificate
- Recognition on the Smart Commute website
- Recognition at annual Smart Commute Awards event

Smart Commute Gold Workplace

"Smart Commute Silver Workplace" rewards, *plus*:

- Gold seal on certificate
- Public promotion through major news media (TBD) and social media



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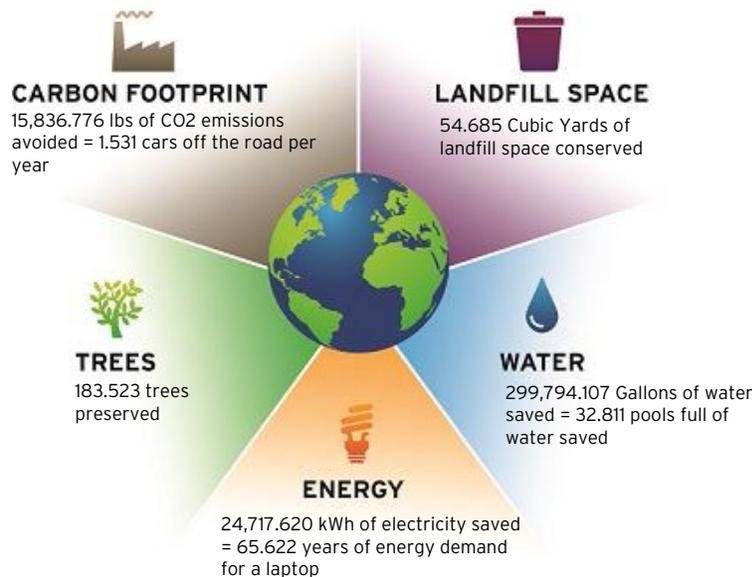
1. Report from Iron Mountain regarding Environmental Benefits –Town of Aurora



REPORT ON ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

81938 TOWN OF AURORA , ALL DEPARTMENTS

Your organization's eco-friendly decision to securely shred and recycle 10.937 short (US) ton(s) [21,873.720 Pounds] paper with Iron Mountain resulted in the following environmental benefits between September 2015 and January 2016:



UNDERSTANDING YOUR RESULTS

Once Iron Mountain securely shreds information, the processed materials are transported to paper mills for pulping. This destruction process provides benefits to both the security of your business and to the global environment by reducing pollution, preserving landfill space and likewise saving trees, water and energy resources.

The above results are calculated based on the shredding orders serviced on your account(s) during the time period referenced, using average container weight calculations. For additional information regarding the environmental benefits of Iron Mountain® Secure Shredding solutions, visit our website at www.ironmountain.com/services/secure-shredding.

REFERENCES

All calculations for metrics in this report were calculated by an independent third party named Quantis, a leading lifecycle assessment consulting firm specializing in supporting companies to measure, understand and manage the environmental impacts of their products, services and operations.

 Assumes that, for each short ton of paper recycled, 17 trees are preserved (USEPA 2013a. Communicating the Benefits of Recycling. <http://www.epa.gov/osw/conserve/tools/localgov/benefits/>).

 Assumes the density of dry office paper entering landfill is 5 cubic yards per short ton (Iron Mountain's measurement).

 Assumes a notebook laptop computer is rated 120 watts, used eight hours a day, 365 days per year (estimation).

 Assumes a household in-ground pool volume of 12' x 24' x 5' (estimation)

 Assumes each short ton of CO2-eq emissions saved is the equivalent to 0.189 cars taken off road annually (USEPA 2013b. Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies Calculator. <http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-resources/calculator.html>).

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**EXTRACT FROM
COUNCIL MEETING OF
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016**

7. ADOPTION OF ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

Item 1 (with the exception of sub-items 1, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 17) was identified as an item not requiring separate discussion.

Moved by Councillor Pirri
Seconded by Councillor Kim

THAT the following recommendations with respect to the matters listed as “Items Not Requiring Separate Discussion” be adopted as submitted to Council and staff be authorized to take all necessary action required to give effect to same:

1. General Committee Meeting Report of March 1, 2016

THAT the General Committee meeting report of March 1, 2016, be received and the following recommendations carried by the Committee be approved:

(13) Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2016

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting minutes of February 4, 2016, be received for information.

CARRIED