



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.