



Town of Aurora
Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date:	Thursday, June 15, 2017
Time and Location:	7 p.m., Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall
Committee Members:	Councillor Paul Pirri (Chair), Councillor Tom Mrakas (Vice Chair), Irene Clement, Melville James, Jennifer Sault, Sara Varty, Nancee Webb, and Kristina Zeromskiene
Member(s) Absent:	Larry Fedec
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. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Jennifer Sault
Seconded by Nancee Webb

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

Carried

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

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

3. Receipt of the Minutes

Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2017

Moved by Melville James
Seconded by Councillor Mrakas

That the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting minutes of April 6, 2017, be received for information.

Carried

4. Delegations

(a) Ryan Ness, Angela Wallace, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
Re: The Living City Report Card

The delegation was unable to attend.

5. Matters for Consideration

None

6. Informational Items

1. Memorandum from Program Manager, Environmental Initiatives
Re: Invasive Plant Species Update

Staff provided a brief overview of the memorandum. The Committee inquired about possible grant opportunities and staff agreed to investigate. Staff and Committee discussed various aspects including public awareness, prioritization of key areas, educational workshops, the phragmites pilot project, and collaboration opportunities toward the control and eradication of invasive plant species.

Moved by Nancee Webb
Seconded by Kristina Zeromskiene

1. That the memorandum regarding Invasive Plant Species Update be received for information.

Carried

**2. Memorandum from Program Manager, Environmental Initiatives
Re: Corporate Environmental Action Plan Update Status**

Staff noted that the draft updated Corporate Environmental Action Plan (CEAP) would be emailed to Committee members in early August 2017 for comment. Staff and Committee discussed various aspects including the incorporation of the Town's commitment to the Blue Dot campaign, the need for a full-time employee to guide the CEAP energy initiative, the Community Energy Plan, and the Corporate Energy Management Plan.

**Moved by Melville James
Seconded by Sara Varty**

1. That the memorandum regarding Corporate Environmental Action Plan Update Status be received for information.

Carried

7. New Business

Staff and Committee discussed aspects of Aurora's Eco Festival held on April 29, 2017, and staff noted the positive feedback received.

Staff provided an update regarding the anti-idling initiative, noting that this item would be refreshed in CEAP with emphasis on a positive campaign of public awareness and education. The Committee suggested that industrial idling should also be addressed.

Staff confirmed that the Town would not be joining the ClimateWise Business Network at this time.

Staff provided an update regarding the "Bring Your Own Bottle" initiative and pilot project.

The Committee inquired about what happens to items picked up in the Town's monthly textile collection project. Staff agreed to investigate and report back.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Jennifer Sault

Seconded by Irene Clement

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Carried

Committee recommendations are not binding on the Town unless adopted by Council.