



Town of Aurora  
Environmental Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes

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| <b>Date:</b>              | Thursday, February 1, 2018   |
| <b>Time and Location:</b> | 7 p.m., Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall   |
| <b>Committee Members:</b> | Councillor Paul Pirri (Chair), Councillor Tom Mrakas (Vice Chair), Jennifer Sault, Sara Varty, Nancee Webb, Kristina Zeromskiene |
| <b>Member(s) Absent:</b>  | Irene Clement, Larry Fedec, and Melville James   |
| <b>Other Attendees:</b>   | Christina Nagy-Oh, Program Manager, Environmental Initiatives, and Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Secretary                     |

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

## 1. Approval of the Agenda

**Moved by Kristina Zeromskiene**  
**Seconded by Nancee Webb**

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, with the following addition, be approved:

- Delegation (a) Anu Bidani, STEM MINDs Corp., and Team STEMbotics  
Re: Smart Rainwater Harvesting Project

**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 December 4, 2017**

**Moved by Councillor Mrakas  
Seconded by Kristina Zeromskiene**

That the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting minutes of December 4, 2017, be received for information.

**Carried**

### **4. Delegations**

**(a) Anu Bidani, STEM MINDs Corp., and Team STEMbotics  
Re: Smart Rainwater Harvesting Project**

Ms. Bidani introduced the nine members of Team STEMbotics, each of whom presented aspects of their Smart Rainwater Harvesting innovation, including their solution and approach, benefits, value proposition, key clients, use of technology, research and surveys completed, accomplishments and media presentations. Ms. Bidani and the Team responded to the questions and feedback from the Committee.

**Moved by Sara Varty  
Seconded by Nancee Webb**

That the comments and documentation of the delegation be received for information.

**Carried**

### **5. Matters for Consideration**

None

### **6. Informational Items**

**1. Memorandum from Program Manager, Environmental Initiatives  
Re: Vegetation Management Background**

Staff provided a brief overview of the memorandum.

**Moved by Nancee Webb**

**Seconded by Jennifer Sault**

1. That the memorandum regarding Vegetation Management Background be received for information.

**Carried**

**2. Memorandum from Program Manager, Environmental Initiatives  
Re: Wildlife Park Project Update**

Staff provided background to the memorandum.

The Committee inquired about the next steps and how to move this project forward, and the Chair and staff provided a response.

**Moved by Jennifer Sault**

**Seconded by Kristina Zeromskiene**

1. That the memorandum regarding Wildlife Park Project Update be received; and
2. That the Environmental Advisory Committee recommend to Council:
  - (a) That further work on the Wildlife Park be endorsed; and
  - (b) That the Environmental Advisory Committee receive regular updates on the progress of the Wildlife Park Project.

**Carried**

**7. New Business**

The Chair noted that the issue of anti-idling was raised at Council, and the Mayor and Chair have committed to addressing this matter further.

The Vice Chair noted that staff reports to Council currently include a section titled "Link to Strategic Plan" and staff have been asked to consider also including "Link to Corporate Environmental Action Plan" in the report template.

Staff provided an overview of the Town's draft communications plan for the promotion of the "Bring Your Own Bottle" initiative and campaign. The Committee suggested also using the Yonge Street digital notice board and requested extra copies of posters for Committee members to help spread the word.

Staff reviewed the correspondence and invitation from a member of the Toronto & York Region Labour Council's newly formed Environmental Action Committee, which will be holding an Ecofair and free screening of "Before the Flood" on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Newmarket Theatre.

The Committee suggested that it would be beneficial for the Environmental Advisory Committee to design a portable pop-up booth, in readiness for display at various events as any opportunity arises, to aid in the promotion and education of its environmental initiatives.

## **8. Adjournment**

**Moved by Nancee Webb**

**Seconded by Jennifer Sault**

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**Carried**

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