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1. Call to Order

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4. Presentation/Discussion Items

4.1 LEAF Backyard Tree Planting Program (6:00 – 6:20 p.m.) (J. Schofield)

4.2 Corporate Waste Management Update (6:20 – 6:40 p.m.) (J. Schofield)

4.3 Meadow Revitalization Schedule (6:40 – 7:00 p.m.) (J. Schofield)

5. Correspondence

6. Update from Council

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7.2 Pan Am 2015 Local Host Committee Update (V. Silveira)

7.3 Durham Environmental Advisory Committee Update (K. Sellers)

7.4 Durham York Energy Centre Update (N. Burnett)

8. New Business

9. Adjournment



DRAFT MINUTES
Environmental Advisory Committee
May 7, 2015
River Plate Room, Town Hall
Meeting No. 3

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Committee Members:	Councillor Joanne Dies Neil Burnett Melissa Beynon Geoff Carpentier Kayla Ginter Jeff Hammond Jeff Hill David Hogg Lesia Lapointe Valerie Silveira Scott Slack
Staff:	Jade Schofield, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator Nicole Wellsbury, Deputy Clerk
Guests:	Geoff Romanowski, Development Approvals Coordinator
Regrets:	Kim Sellers, Sarah Moore

1. Call to Order

Geoff Carpentier noted two items to be added to the agenda under 'New Business':

- i. Proposal for City of London to become a pollinator sanctuary
- ii. Follow-up on Provincial EAC Symposium

2. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

None

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved By: G. Carpentier
Seconded By: V. Silveira

That the April 2, 2015 Meeting Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee be approved.

CARRIED

4. Presentation/Discussion

4.1 Planning and Development Updates

Geoff Romanowski, Development Approvals Coordinator, provided an overview of his role within the Town of Ajax, and the type of work that his section is responsible for. Various notable developments were overviewed. In regard to a proposal to develop a cemetery near the Carruthers Creek, comments surrounded potential impacts on groundwater and the appropriateness of the development within the Greenbelt. In regard to Grand Harwood Place, Mr. Romanowski highlighted the many sustainable elements of the proposed development, and fielded questions primarily related to parking supply on the site during construction and after completion. Other notable developments were highlighted including the Ajax Steam Plant, the temporary Pan Am Parking Lot, and a proposal to locate a full casino at the Ajax Downs site.

4.2 Ajax Green Living Days 2015 & Forecasted Events Update

Jade Scofield, Sustainability Coordinator, updated the Committee in respect to the success of Ajax Green Living Days 2015, highlighting a number of events including tree plantings, the Mayor's 20-minute Makeover, the Shoreline Cleanup, and a Environmental-themed movie-screening, among others events. Several upcoming events were discussed as well.

4.3 Committee Participation at Upcoming Community Event May 23, 2015

Jeff Hill noted that he has been successfully in obtaining a grant from the Impact Ajax Fund in order to host a community event in his neighbourhood. He expressed an interest in having members of the various Advisory Committees attend in order to share information with residents about their respective committee portfolios. The event will highlight various themes including neighbourhood safety and environmental sustainability. Members brainstormed potential organizations that could be invited to participate, and how water could be best provided to attendees without using disposable plastic water bottles.

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Update from Council

Councillor Dies updated the Committee on Town Council's recent passage of a declaration of Environmental Rights, in support of the David Suzuki Blue Dot Movement. J. Scofield agreed to add a link to the Blue Dot movement website from the Sustainable Ajax website. It was also noted that the Rotary Bridge has re-opened.

7. Standing Items

7.1 Work Plan

Limited discussion took place in respect to the Work Plan.

7.2 Pan Am 2015 Local Host Committee Update

Valeria Silveira provided an update on the upcoming Torch Relay.

8. New Business

Geoff Carpentier provided details on a proposal from the London Environmental Advisory Committee that the City of London become a pollinator sanctuary, which involves actions such as limiting/removing insecticides, creating a butterfly garden, etc. It was suggested that this program could be listed on the Committee's work plan for future investigation.

Mr. Carpentier also noted his recent attendance at the Provincial EAC Symposium, highlighting some noteworthy presentations. Discussion took place regarding whether Ajax could potentially host the event in 2016, with many members supporting this idea.

9. Adjournment

Moved By: G. Carpentier
Seconded By: J. Hill

That the May 7, 2015 Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee be adjourned. (7:40 p.m.)

CARRIED

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2014-2018 WORK PLAN

PROJECT ITEM		OBJECTIVES & SUMMARY	LEAD	TIMELINE	STATUS / NOTES
1	Ajax Waterfront Management & Shoreline Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trail improvements Carruthers Marsh rehabilitation Pickering Beach Bioswales Algae growth Water quality testing Interpretive signage 	Catherine Bridgeman, Kevin Tryon, Tim Field	Annual: Spring	
2	Environmental Education & Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Canada Water Week Earth Hour Green Living Days Pollinator workshops Ajax in Bloom Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup Community cleanups Bring Back the Salmon event 	Jade Schofield, Vanessa Lorrain, TRCA	Annual: Spring	
3	Stormwater Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stormwater pond rehabilitation projects Low impact development projects (rain gardens, bioswales) 	Kevin Tryon. Catherine Bridgeman	Annual	
4	Planning & Development Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed development update Active transportation update Engineering update 	Planning & Development	Twice Annually	
5	Waste Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Regional Update- residential waste? (tbd)</i> Annual facility waste audits Green event policy comments Public space litter control education campaign, 	Jade Schofield	Fall 2015	

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6	Urban Forest Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EAB & Ice Storm Damage update LEAF program Educational program update Urban Forest Management Plan consultation 	Tim Field, Craig Blencowe, Jade Schofield	Annual: Spring	
7	Capital Projects- Operations Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	Catherine Bridgeman	Annual/ as needed update	
8	Integrated Community Sustainability Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2015 Action Items 2016 workplan consultation 	Jade Schofield	Annual: Fall	
9	Energy Conservation Demand Management Plan Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and comments on plan Green fleet initiative LED conversion strategy 	Jade Schofield, Ray Ford, Chris Addley, Rick Chalmers	Spring 2015 & update annually	
10	Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update from Region of Durham's Climate Adaptation Strategy 	Brian Kelly, Region of Durham	Spring/ Fall 2015.	