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1. Call to Order

1.1 New Member Welcome & Roundtable Introductions

2. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

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4. Presentation/Discussion Items

4.1 **Ajax Waterfront Update [6:05 – 6:25 p.m.]**

Dave Meredith, Director of Operations & Environmental Services

4.2 **Lakeview Boulevard Improvements EA – Community Working Group [6:25 – 6:40 p.m.]**

Carol Coleman, Manager of Engineering - Capital Projects, Planning & Development

4.3 **Provincial EAC Symposium [6:40 – 7:00 p.m.]**

4.4 **Committee Volunteer Opportunities [7:00 – 7:10 p.m.]**

5. Correspondence

6. Update from Council

7. Standing Items

7.1 **Work Plan** Page 7

7.2 **Durham Environmental Advisory Committee Update (K. Sellers)**

8. New Business

9. Adjournment



DRAFT MINUTES
Environmental Advisory Committee

March 3, 2016

River Plate Room, Town Hall

Meeting No. 2

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Committee Members: Councillor Joanne Dies
Valerie Silveira
Kayla Ginter
Scott Slack - Chair
Lesia Lapointe
Neil Burnett
Kim Sellers
David Hogg
Melissa Beynon

Staff: Jade Schofield, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator
Sarah Moore, Committee Coordinator

Guests: Rick Chalmers, Supervisor, Infrastructure and Capital Projects,
Operations
Liana D'Andrea, TRCA Stewardship Liaison

Regrets: Jeff Hammond

1. Call to Order

Chair Slack called the Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. J. Schofield introduced Liana D'Andrea, TRCA Stewardship Liaison, who will be covering for M. Gawen while she is on maternity leave.

2. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

None

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved By: K. Sellers
Seconded By: Neil Burnett

That the February 4, 2016 Meeting Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee be approved as amended.

CARRIED

4. Presentation/Discussion

4.1 LED Street Light Conversion Strategy

Rick Chalmers, Supervisor, Infrastructure and Capital Projects with the Operations Department, presented information on the Town's LED Streetlight Conversion Strategy. He noted that a streetlight condition inventory assessment was completed in 2013 of all the Town's 9,664 streetlights, the majority of which are high-pressure sodium. Case studies from municipal conversion across Ontario were reviewed prior to the Town proposing its own strategy for replacement. R. Chalmers reviewed the phased approach, of which the first phase will include replacement of cobra head street lights with LED lights, on all Class 2 arterial, Class 3 Collector, and Class 4 & 5 Local roads. Neighbourhood streetlights will also be improved in many areas.

A summary of conversion benefits was discussed. R. Chalmers noted that 1.9 million kWh of energy will be saved through the LED conversion. Hydro use, maintenance and energy consumption will all be significantly decreased. Members posed questions relative to the coverage of LED street lighting on sidewalks. R. Chalmers noted that sidewalks will be lit, however, no light will trespass onto private property. The conversion was noted to be both bird and greenhouse gas-friendly.

4.2 2016 Provincial EAC Symposium – Ajax EAC's Roles

J. Schofield identified a list of tasks for Members to take on as part of hosting the 2016 Provincial EAC Symposium. A sign-up sheet was circulated and the following Members committed to tasks:

- Emcee: Councillor Dies
- EAC Member Speakers: S. Moore & D. Hogg
- Workshop Facilitators: L. Lapointe & D. Hogg
- Technical/AV Support: J. Hammond
- Catering Research: K. Sellers
- Registration Table: S. Slack & V. Silveira
- Swag-bag Preparation: V. Silveira & K. Ginter

Members were also encouraged to provide suggestions for work shop facilitation. Speed networking was proposed.

4.3 Adopt-a-Road/Trail Clean-up Logistics

D. Hogg reviewed the Committee's plan to coordinate a clean-up of the adopted Arbour Park trail on Saturday, April 16, 2016. The event will start at 1 p.m. with everyone to meet at Arbor Part (Town Hall). D. Hogg circulated a sign-up sheet to gather insight on how many Members plan to be in attendance. Once the Committee has completed its first clean-up, interest was expressed in attending all of the Advisory Committees to encourage their adoption of a park or trail. It was proposed that perhaps the unveiling of the adoption signage could be coordinated with the first clean-up event.

On behalf of Operations and Environmental Services, J. Schofield commended D. Hogg on his leadership in coordinating the adoption and clean-up efforts.

5. Correspondence

5.1 COP 21 Paris Climate Change Conference 2015 Follow-up

Members briefly discussed the key outcomes of the Conference. V. Silveira noted an online tool where people can calculate their carbon footprint: <http://www.myclimate.org/private-clients/>. J. Schofield discussed the community and corporate local action plan and how it relates to climate change and carbon reduction.

6. Update from Council

Councillor Dies provided a summary of a recent energy conference she attended. She noted that in the future, the supply of energy will need to come from a variety of sources. On the topic of e-vehicles, it was noted that all major automotive brands will have an e-vehicle model over the next five years. Councillor Dies also noted that it is reported Saudi Arabia will be solar by 2040. The Town and PACT POW members recently hosted a visit from PC Environment Critic, Lisa Thompson, who toured the Ajax waterfront and was here to learn more about the algae issue.

7. Standing Items

7.1 Work Plan

Members agreed to add an item on the work plan to review nomination considerations for the DEAC Environmental Achievement Awards in November of each year. This way, sufficient time will be provided for preparing the nomination package. Members were encouraged to brainstorm items they would like to action and that a monthly agenda item on topics of interest be added to the meeting. The Committee brainstormed how tools like the carbon footprint calculator could be shared. L. Lapointe shared information and concern relative to the creation of a private company hazardous waste landfill on the lakeshore in Whitby. Members were encouraged to review the [Environmental Advisory Committees of Ontario website](#) for future discussion topics of interest.

7.2 Durham Environmental Advisory Committee Update

K. Sellers provided a summary of presentation and discussion topics from the recent DEAC meeting. Information relative to Rougemount Park Restoration, the provincial [DRAFT Pollinator Health Action Plan](#), and proposed excess soil management policy was provided.

8. New Business

Carruthers Creek Watershed Study – N. Burnett provided information on a continuation of the 2000-2003 TRCA study of the Carruthers Creek Watershed. An updated study was requested by the Region now that new modelling and technology is available. Periodic peer reviews will be undertaken of this study prior to completion in 2018. Further details will be provided when available.

Canada Water Week – J. Schofield provided details of a free film screening of the documentary *Project Ice*, in recognition of Canada Water Week being held at the St. Francis Centre on March 21, 2016.

9. Adjournment

Moved By: K. Sellers
Seconded By: M. Beynon

That the March 3, 2016 Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee be adjourned. (7:20 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	

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2014-2018 WORK PLAN

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.	
11	Adopt-a-Park/Trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adoption of the Arbour Park Trail Training for all Members 3 Clean-ups/year 	D. Hogg + EAC	Initiated 2016	1 st clean up - April 16, 2016
12	Award Nominations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee consideration for submission of nominees for the Town of Ajax Environmental Achievement Award and Durham Environmental Achievement Awards 	All	Review Annually beginning in November	