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4.1 Anti-Litter Strategy (J. Schofield)..... *report circulated separately*

4.2 Green Event Policy (J. Schofield) *report circulated separately*

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- Committee Members: Councillor Joanne Dies
Neil Burnett, Chair
Melissa Beynon
Kayla Ginter
Jeff Hammond
Jeff Hill
David Hogg
Lesia Lapointe
Kim Sellers
Valerie Silveira
- Staff: Jade Schofield, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator
Sarah Moore, Committee Coordinator
- Guests: Sarah Fleischhauer, Interim Durham Stewardship Coordinator
- Regrets: Scott Slack
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1. Call to Order

Chair Burnett called the Meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

None

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved By: M. Beynon
Seconded By: V. Silveira

That the October 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee be approved.

CARRIED

4. Presentation/Discussion

4.1 Integrated Community Sustainability Plan 2016 Work Plan

J. Schofield provided an overview of the creation of the Integrated Community Sustainability plan. The Plan was adopted in 2013 and extends to 2055, relative to implementing strategies

under the pillars of environment, economy and society. The document aligns with corporate plans and policies and is applicable not only to the Town of Ajax, but to businesses, other levels of government and the community at large.

J. Schofield reviewed the structure of the plan, identifying the implementation's current state, goals and strategies. To date, 151 action items are identified as on-going, 25 action items will be complete by 2015, and 13 action items have been completed entirely. As part of the ICSP implementation, an annual work plan is created in consultation with the corporate Green Team, internal steering committee and advisory committees. A survey to identify 2016 Work Plan Community Priorities was circulated in early 2015 and the three priority concerns identified were land use, transportation and water quality. Details of specific action items for each priority were discussed. J. Schofield circulated copies of detailed work plans for the Committee to review. 2014 priority identification was noted to include water, social well-being and strong community. Currently the work plan development is awaiting departmental action item submissions which will be consolidated and reviewed by the internal steering committee before approval by Senior Management.

Members posed questions relative to opportunities for follow-up surveys throughout the year to determine whether priorities were topically influenced and if they are still representative. J. Schofield noted that comments on the ICSP are always welcome through the [Sustainable Ajax webpage](#). Members inquired about the timelines for soliciting 2017 work plan feedback and engagement with High School, College and University students for comments. The Committee inquired whether or not the Town liaises with other municipalities on their Plan. J. Schofield noted that only the City of Pickering currently has a Plan, but it is different in nature. The Town of Whitby is just starting the process. The Town of Ajax works and reviews with many partnership organizations and various levels of government.

4.2 Provincial Environmental Advisory Committee Symposium Theme

J. Schofield presented the results of the theme survey circulated to members of the Committee and the Town's corporate "Green Team". She advised that the two top themes selected were local food and stewardship. The Symposium will be hosted in Ajax at Greenwood Pavilion on May 14, 2015. J. Schofield shared proposed ideas for content discussion topics and speakers including: pollinators, St. Andrew's Community Garden and The Table restaurant. She encouraged the Committee to identify a presentation topic Members could speak to as hosts of the Symposium and proposed that Members bring greetings, share what the Committee has accomplished and insight on how it operates. The objectives of the annual Provincial EAC Symposium are to network and share ideas.

Members shared additional suggestions for content and presenters including greenhouses, a presentation on Town of Ajax environmental initiatives (water quality, zoning by-law review), food banks, farmers' market, and the Land-Over-Landings group.

4.3 Adopt-a-Road/Park/Trail Follow-up Discussion

J. Schofield reviewed a map of several areas of greatest concern with regard to litter and maintenance for the Committee to select its adoption area:

- Church Street from Kingston Road to Rossland Road
- Harwood Avenue North from Kingston Road to Fishlock Street

- Old Kingston Road in Pickering Village
- Hermitage Park
- Kinsmen Park
- Achilles Greenbelt Trail (Achilles Road to Salem Road to Bayly Street)

Moved By: D. Hogg
Seconded By: J. Hammond

That the Environmental Advisory Committee adopt the Achilles Greenbelt Trail (Achilles Road to Salem Road to Bayly Street);

That D. Hogg be the signatory for the agreement; and

That the Committee establish a minimum of three dates to schedule clean-ups and extend the invitation to other Advisory Committees to take part.

CARRIED

5. Correspondence

S. Moore noted that she had forwarded an email of environmental articles recommended by Councillor Dies, from the November 2015 issue of Municipal World Magazine.

6. Update from Council

Councillor Dies circulated a copy of ArtScene newsletter in which local artist Dorsey James is participating in carving of an Ash tree as an installation that will be placed at the entrance of Greenwood Conservation Area. She noted that despite the opportunity to provide public comments on the Great Lakes Protection Act regarding the need for regulation of the nutrients going into lake water, Bill 166 was passed.

Details of her attendance at the recent Clean Air Council meeting and Ontario Energy Board event for Marketing and Rebranding of Hydro Companies were summarized and shared.

7. Standing Items

7.1 Work Plan

The Committee's Adopt-a Park/Road initiative was requested to be added to the Work Plan in addition to discussing dates for required annual clean ups.

7.2 Durham Environmental Advisory Committee Update

K. Sellers provided a summary of the October DEAC meeting, noting details of a presentation received relative to the Highway #407 expansion. She informed the Committee that the 407 will be publically owned and that the project is on track without major delays. During archaeological assessment, a First Nations Village and early European Settlers' artefacts

were discovered. The Province is working with the TRCA on ecological restoration and protection.

K. Sellers also noted that the Federal Government will be donating more lands to the Rouge Lands and that DEAC awaits the opportunity to provide comment.

7.4 Durham York Energy Centre Update

None.

8. New Business

V. Silveira shared information relative to the Conference of Parties (COP 21) 2015 Paris Climate Conference as well as material received through her church asking individuals to pledge their commitment to preventing climate change. She inquired whether the Town is coordinating similar efforts for residents to commit, with the commitment cards then to be sent to the Prime Minister. J. Schofield identified several partnerships through which the Town supports the protection against climate change. The Committee expressed interest in a commitment-pledge initiative, perhaps online, to support the outcomes of the COP 21 summit and climate change prevention. Additional discussion will take place at a future meeting.

D. Hogg provided a summary of the Durham Transit Public Information Centre he attended and the scope of change anticipated for DRT routes. He noted that a participant had inquired about idling of buses and was told that complaints can be forwarded to DRThehelps@durham.ca.

9. Adjournment

Moved By: K. Sellers
Seconded By: J. Hill

That the November 5, 2015 Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee be adjourned.
(7:30 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.	