

AGENDA ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 8, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. River Plate Room, Town Hall Meeting No.5

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1.	I. Call to Order							
2.	. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest							
3.	Approval of Minutes							
	3.1	May 10, 2016						
4.	Presentation/Discussion Items							
	4.1	Community Climate Adaptation Plan (30 minutes) Brian Kelly, Manager of Sustainability – Region of Durham						
	4.2	Fall Events Overview [J. Schofield] (10 minutes)						
	4.3	Committee Fall Clean-up [D. Hogg] (10 minutes)						
5.	Corr	Correspondence						
	5.1	Advisory Committee Round-up Event Page 6						
6.	Update from Council							
7.	Standing Items							
	7.1	Work Plan: Committee Goals & Annual Report [S. Moore] (10 minutes)						
	7.2	Durham Environmental Advisory Committee Update (K. Sellers)						
8.	8. New Business							
9.	Adjournment							

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., River Plate Room, Town Hall



DRAFT MINUTES

Environmental Advisory Committee

May 10, 2016

River Plate Room, Town Hall Meeting No. 4

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Committee Members: Councillor Joanne Dies

Valerie Silveira
Kayla Ginter
Scott Slack - Chair
Lesia Lapointe
Jeff Hammond
Kim Sellers
David Hogg
Melissa Beynon
Prathibha Mathews

Staff: Jade Schofield, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator

Sarah Moore, Committee Coordinator

Guests: Liana D'Andrea, TRCA Stewardship Liaison

Regrets: Nicholas Trevisan, Neil Burnett

1. Call to Order

Chair Slack called the Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

None

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved By: K. Sellers Seconded By: V. Silveira

That the April 7, 2016 Meeting Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee be approved as amended.

CARRIED

4. Presentation/Discussion

4.2 Adopt-a-Park/Trail Program Update and Next Steps

D. Hogg provided a summary of the Committee's first Adopted Trail litter pick. He notes that the pick covered Achilles Road from Harwood Avenue South, east along Salem Road. He

thanked the 9 members who took part. The next litter pick will take place on Saturday July 16. It was propose that the pick start earlier to avoid hot summer temperatures. Suggestions for the next pick included bringing garden gloves, more bags and pickers from the dollar store.

Members agreed on a 10 am start. Members inquired whether the trees removed along the south side of Achilles could be replanted by the Committee in the fall. J. Schofield noted fall would be an appropriate opportunity. It was proposed that other committees, family and friends could be invited to take part.

4.3 Ajax Green Living Days Re-cap and Feedback

- J. Schofield reviewed participation and the success of 2016 Ajax Green Living Days events. She noted engagement from several local schools for student tree plantings and that 6,500 people took part in the Mayor's 20 Minute Makeover. Over 17,000 trees were planting by 450 people during the community tree planning event at Millers Creek. And 614 cars of compost were distributed to the Community.
- S. Slack exited the Meeting and D. Hogg assumed the role of Chair. (6:30 p.m.)

4.1 Provincial EAC Symposium Updates and Action Items

J. Schofield reviewed the agenda for the May 14, 2016 event. She requested that Members arrive at 8:30 to assist with set up. Prize packs will be assembled before the event onsite. A total of 47 registrants and 11 guest speakers were noted. For the workshop portion of the event, exercises will include networking opportunities and breakout groups to create a work plan regarding issues relating to local food.

Members discussed content to be included in the Ajax EAC presentation to be delivered by D. Hogg and S. Moore, Suggestions to highlight the Committee's involvement included:

- Review of role and mandate
- Adopt-a-Park/Trail Program
- Educational ambassadorship
- Review of planning applications
- Tree canopy and urban forest
- Correspondence to/from other municipalities (ex. Neo-nicotinoids)
- Bird-friendly design

Members were encouraged to dress in layers and bring a refillable water bottle.

5. Correspondence

J. Schofield spoke to the staff report circulated separately from the agenda included on the May 9th General Government Committee agenda, regarding a Westney Road Landfill Monitoring Program Update. She discussed the annual monitoring program of the landfill

which was closed in the 1970s. Quarterly testing is conducted of the ground and surface water. There is currently iron leaching though it is below the Ministry of Environment's level of concern. Council requested that staff review mitigation and remediation efforts to prevent leaching into Duffins Creek.

Moved by: K. Sellers Seconded by: L. Lapointe

That the Town of Ajax Environmental Advisory Committee supports Council's recommendation that staff report back to Council and the advisory committee by the end of the year with further information regarding mitigation measures to control leachate from the Westney Road Landfill.

CARRIED.

6. Update from Council

Councillor Dies provided an update on the Duffins Creek Water Pollution Control Plant matter. She informed the Committee that the Minister of Environment has ordered the Regions of York and Durham to prepare a Phosphorus Reduction Action Plan (PRAP) over the next nine months for the Duffins Creek Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP). She provided a review of <u>Dr. Auer's recent presentation to the General Government Committee</u>. She also noted that information on forthcoming PACT-POW events will be forwarded to the Committee for interest once detail s are confirmed.

7. Standing Items

7.1 Work Plan

This item was not discussed in detail.

V. Silveira and Councillor Dies exited the Meeting. (7:10 p.m.)

7.2 Durham Environmental Advisory Committee Update

K. Sellers provided a summary of presentation and discussion topics from the recent DEAC meeting. She noted presentation from Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority regarding its monitoring programs, the 2016 Durham Environmental Advisory Committee Environmental Achievement Awards Ceremony and the Committee's role in reviewing the Region's natural Areas and Neighbours Guide to update it.

K. Sellers provided an update on the removal of Ajax trees by the Region discussed at last month's meeting, noting that the matter was brought up at the Committee and that compensation or replanting of those trees removed will be provided to the Town.

8. New Business

Members were encouraged to provide feedback and comments on the new waterfront policies and strategy.

9. Adjournment

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

That the May 5, 2016 Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee be adjourned. (7:30

p.m.)

CARRIED



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YER ATTENDANCE AT THE 2016

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ROUNDUP!

Thursday, October 27, 2016 - 6:30pm 'til sunset (8:30pm)
The Council Chambers Corral, 65 Harwood Ave. S.

SO SADDLE UP & MOSEY ON OVER FOR AN EVENING OF COLLABORATIN' & CELEBRATIN' WITH THE BEST VOLUNTEERS IN THE EAST!

Y'all better tell Momma Moore yer comin' before October 14, so she can prep the vittles!

HATS, SPURS & BANDANAS ARE ENCOURAGED!



ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2014-2018 WORK PLAN

PROJECT ITEM		OBJECTIVES & SUMMARY	LEAD	TIMELINE	STATUS / NOTES
1	Ajax Waterfront Management & Shoreline Improvement	 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	 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	 Stormwater pond rehabilitation projects Low impact development projects (rain gardens, bioswales) 	Kevin Tryon. Catherine Bridgeman	Annual	
4	Planning & Development Update	 Proposed development update Active transportation update Engineering update 	Planning & Development	Twice Annually	
5	Waste Management	 Regional Update- residential waste? (tbd) 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	 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	•	Catherine Bridgeman	Annual/ as needed update	
8	Integrated Community Sustainability Plan	2015 Action Items2016 workplan consultation	Jade Schofield	Annual: Fall	
9	Energy Conservation Demand Management Plan Update	 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	 Update from Region of Durham's Climate Adaptation Strategy 	Brian Kelly, Region of Durham	Spring/ Fall 2015.	
11	Adopt-a-Park/Trail	 Adoption of the Arbour Park Trail Training for all Members 3 Clean-ups/year 	D. Hogg + EAC	Initiated 2016	1st clean up - April 16, 2016
12	Award Nominations	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	