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4. Presentation/Discussion Items

4.1 Provincial EAC Symposium Updates and Action Items [6:00 - 6:20 p.m.] (J. Schofield)

- Confirmation of roles for the event
- Assignment of remaining action items
- Coordination of arrival

4.2 Adopt-A-Park/Trail Program Update and Next Steps [6:20 - 6:35 p.m.] (D. Hogg)

4.3 Ajax Green Living Days Re-cap and Feedback [6:35 - 6:50 p.m.] (J. Schofield)

5. Correspondence

6. Update from Council

7. Standing Items

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7.2 Durham Environmental Advisory Committee Update (K. Sellers)

8. New Business

9. Adjournment

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., River Plate Room, Town Hall



DRAFT MINUTES
Environmental Advisory Committee

April 7, 2016
River Plate Room, Town Hall
Meeting No. 3

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

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

Guests: Dave Meredith, Director – Operations & Environmental Services
Carol Coleman, Manager of Engineering, Capital Projects
Liana D’Andrea, TRCA Stewardship Liaison

1. Call to Order

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

1.1 New Member Welcome & Roundtable Introductions

Nicholas Trevisan and Prathibha Mathews were welcomed to the Committee as Members. Roundtable introductions were made.

2. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

None

3. Approval of Minutes

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

That the March 3, 2016 Meeting Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee be approved as amended.

CARRIED

4. Presentation/Discussion

4.1 Ajax Waterfront Update

Dave Meredith, Director of Operations and Environmental Services, presented an overview of a new management and by-law enforcement strategy for the Ajax Waterfront. Several issues were identified, including on-street parking, informal gatherings, waste management and litter, conflicts with permit holders, and damaged infrastructure. The strategy is noted to be a joint effort between Operations & Environmental Services, Recreation & Culture and By-law Services. D. Meredith discussed many elements of the strategy to mitigate and eliminate the issues including:

- Updates to the Parks By-law
- On-street parking restrictions
- An active transportation communication strategy
- Permitted picnic locations
- A review of transportation demand management
- Dedicated resources reserved for permit holders
- Introduction of new waste and recycling stations

Members posed questions relative to whether the strategy will focus solely on Rotary Park. D. Meredith noted Rotary Park as the primary focal point, however in the future staff may review Carruthers Marsh and Paradise Park. The Committee sought clarification regarding on-street parking restrictions and the effect on residents. Additional questions related to charcoal disposal, waste management and concerns for the public invading natural wildlife habitats.

4.2 Lakeview Boulevard Improvements EA – Community Working Group

Carol Coleman, provided an overview of the Lakeview Boulevard Improvements Environmental Assessment, which will review options for possible realignment of the road in the Paradise Park neighbourhood. As changes and construction along the Ajax waterfront are sensitive matters, staff are looking to conduct increased public consultation efforts. C. Coleman noted that a Community Working Group is being established, comprised of residents in the study area, residents outside of the study area and representatives from some of the Town's advisory committees. A representative from the Committee was sought to participate. The Community Working Group will meet approximately four times throughout the duration of the study, and there will be an additional two public consultation meetings. Several Members expressed interest in participating, therefore those interested were asked to complete an [online application](#) by April 17, 2016.

4.3 Provincial EAC Symposium

J. Schofield presented and reviewed the final draft agenda for the Provincial EAC Symposium event on May 14, 2016. She provided details of several guest speakers and presenters. Members who will be attending the event were reminded to complete [online registration](#). She encouraged the Committee to brainstorm ideas for the workshop component and prepare for further discussion at the May 5, 2016 Meeting.

4.4 Upcoming Environmental Events

J. Schofield reviewed a comprehensive list of 2016 environmental event details:

- April 16 – Annual Compost Giveaway
- Ajax Green Living Days April 21 – 24
 - School tree planting
 - Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade Eco-chat
 - Mayor's 20-minute makeover
 - Community tree planting
 - Environmental workshop
- May 11 – Pollinator Garden Maintenance Workshop
- May 14 – Provincial EAC Symposium
- May 19 – Container Garden Workshop
- June 1 – 30 – Ajax In Bloom
- June 4 & 11 – Tree Tenders Training
- June 9 – Greening Your Grounds (rain barrel) Workshop
- September 17 – Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-up
- September 21 – National Tree Day Celebration
- October 1 – Community Tree Planting Event

D. Hogg reminded Members of the Committee litter pick of the Arbour Park Trail on Saturday April 16, 2016. Participants were asked to assemble at Town Hall for 1 p.m. Equipment will be provided, but Members were encouraged to bring a water bottle and dress for the weather. The event will take place rain or shine. The next litter picks will be held on Saturday, July 16, and Saturday, October 15, 2016.

5. Correspondence

None.

6. Update from Council

Councillor Dies shared information with the Committee relative to the Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade's recent support for development of a Pickering airport. She briefly discussed the matter of the Pickering airport lands and encouraged Members to read more about the matter by visiting www.landoverlandings.com. Councillor Dies informed the Committee that the town had received correspondence from Minister of the Environment, Glenn Murray, regarding the Duffins Creek Water Pollution Control Plant issue, noting that further study is required. She thanked all of those who submitted Part II order requests as they contributed to the Minister's decision. Of the interest of the Committee, Councillor Dies mentioned a forthcoming presentation to Council on April 18, on behalf of the Rouge Valley Health System regarding possible amalgamation.

7. Standing Items

7.1 Work Plan

J. Schofield provide a brief update on the 'Bring Back the Salmon' initiative. She noted that the salmon will be released into Duffins Creek in a few weeks. N. Burnett inquired on the status of an update from the Regional Waste Management section.

7.2 Durham Environmental Advisory Committee Update

K. Sellers provided a summary of presentation and discussion topics from the recent DEAC meeting. The DEAC received a presentation on [Durham Partners in Project Green](#) and discussed the nominations received for the DEAC Environmental Achievement Awards.

8. New Business

Councillor Dies informed the Committee that the removal of the woodlot at Rossland Road and Harwood Avenue had commenced. Members inquired whether the trees that had been removed along Kingston Road will be replaced. J. Schofield noted that the trees had been removed by the Region of Durham and will not be replaced. Members noted concern for this matter and requested additional time for discussion at the next Meeting.

9. Adjournment

Moved By: M. Beynon
Seconded By: J. Hammond

That the April 7, 2016 Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee be adjourned. (7:55 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	