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**1. Call to Order**

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**4. Presentation/Discussion Items**

**4.1 Comprehensive Zoning By-law Review**.....[discussion papers external link](#)  
Stev Andis, Senior Policy Planner **(6:00 – 7:00 p.m.)**

**4.2 Adopt-a-Park Program (7:00 – 7:10 p.m.)** (J. Schofield)

**4.3 ‘Every Minute Counts’ Anti-Idling Program (7:10 – 7:25 p.m.)** (J. Schofield)

**4.4 Clean Air Council - Intergovernmental Declaration on Clean Air and Climate Change**  
**(7:25 – 7:35 p.m.)** (J. Schofield)

**5. Correspondence**

**6. Update from Council**

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

**7.3 Durham-York Energy Centre Update** (N. Burnett)

**8. New Business**

## **9. Adjournment**

*Next Meeting Date: Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., River Plate Room, Town Hall*



**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**Environmental Advisory Committee**  
September 3, 2015  
*River Plate Room, Town Hall*

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Neil Burnett  
Melissa Beynon  
Geoff Carpentier  
Kayla Ginter  
Jeff Hammond  
Jeff Hill  
David Hogg  
Lesia Lapointe  
Kim Sellers  
Scott Slack

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

Guests: Sarah Fleischhauer, Interim Durham Stewardship Coordinator  
Brian Kelly, Sustainability Manager – Region of Durham  
Stev Andis, Senior Policy Planner

Regrets: Valerie Silveira,

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### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order 6:05 p.m. Chair Burnett introduced Ms. Sarah Fleischhauer as the Interim Durham Stewardship Coordinator who would be acting as a liaison to the Committee.

Ms. Moore noted that suggestions were shared during the summer Member survey to assist with meeting management. Members were encouraged to raise their hand and wait to be addressed by the Chair before speaking.

### 2. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

None

### 3. Approval of Minutes

Moved By: G. Carpentier  
Seconded By: M. Beynon

That the June 4, 2015 Meeting Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee be approved.

CARRIED

## **4. Presentation/Discussion**

### **4.1 Transportation Demand Management Plan**

Elysia Leung, Transportation Demand Management Coordinator, provided information on the recently approved Transportation Demand Management Plan, which provides strategies to manage transportation resources more efficiently. The plan includes strategies for walking, cycling, transit, carpooling and remote/flexible employment opportunities. Ms. Leung noted that over the next twenty years, rapid population growth, and changing demographics will significantly impact traffic and transportation. The TDM Plan includes 26 short to medium-term action items ranging from creation of a TDM website, implementing a wayfinding and street furniture strategy, launching public awareness campaigns and implementing car-share and bike-share programs. The resident and commuter surveys conducted during the development of the Plan will be used as baseline data when the Plan is reviewed in 5 years. She encouraged members to take on an ambassador role in promoting the TDM Plan initiatives and getting involved with their implementation.

Members posed questions relative to the context behind single ride trips, which were identified to be mostly for commuter purposes. Members inquired whether any data is available on bike-car interactions. Ms. Leung noted she is working with DRPS to acquire such collision data. On the topic of data collection, it was noted that a trail counter had been installed along the waterfront trail. Details of recruitment for a youth representative for the Transportation Advisory Committee were shared.

### **4.2 Region of Durham Climate Adaptation Plan Overview**

Brian Kelly, Sustainability Manager for the Region of Durham, , delivered a presentation on the Region's Community Climate Adaptation Plan, which covered the assessment process, climate projections for the Region of Durham between the years 2040 and 2049, and upcoming stakeholder presentations. Mr. Kelly shared data specific to Ajax projections, noting that the climate will be warmer, wetter and wilder, peak humidity anticipated to reach 48°C, 16% increase in precipitation, 53% increase in potential tornadoes (Whitby), and an average temperature increase of 3.8°C. Such data is projected to have negative impacts on the physical infrastructure, healthcare system, economic and social systems in Durham Region, in terms of coping with extreme weather in the medium term future.

The presentation also covered details of forthcoming stakeholder and expert charettes, as well as the second phase of the Plan which will include community adaptation planning and program design. Mr. Kelly identified challenges with all levels of government and the private sector identifying climate adaption as a priority, but noted that municipalities can take on the role of risk assessment and mitigation based on the projected data and impacts in order to develop adaptable measures and programs to responds to the foreseeable risks associated with climate change.

Members discussed perceived impacts on the Great Lakes, as well as the time line for reviewing the climate adaptation model for currency.

#### **4.3 Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment for the Belmont Property in the Southwest Block of Harwood and Rossland.**

Stev Andis, Senior Policy Planner, reviewed the application for development on 1 Rossland Road East, at the south-east corner of Harwood Avenue North and Rossland Road. The proposed development includes partial removal of the existing woodlot, which is adjacent to the Rossland Wetland. The proposal includes a series of buildings, with a supermarket as an anchor. A portion of the woodlot is on the applicant's property. The applicant is proposing removal of the northern portion of the woodlot and restoration to the east, to create an east-west connection to the Rossland Wetland.

Ms. Andis noted that the TRCA has no objection to the proposed removal and restoration. She responded to Members' questions relative to lighting near the adjacent woodlot and wetland, noting that zero light trespass at the property line and full cutoff down lighting is required.

Moved By: G. Carpentier  
Seconded By: K. Sellers

That the Ajax Environmental Advisory Committee endorse the removal of the woodlot as presented, to be replaced with the creation of an east-west connecting corridor adjacent to the Rossland Wetland;

That restoration plantings consider native species and adhere to all TRCA protocols;

That plant salvaging and seed collection be considered where possible; and

That encroachment to the south and east of the developed property be minimized in terms of runoff, snow removal/storage, waste management, lighting and illegal dumping.

CARRIED.

#### **4.4 Fall Events Update**

Ms. Schofield provided an overview of several forthcoming environmental events for the Committee's interest, participation and sharing. Events identified included:

- Fall tree planting - September 12, 2015 at the Westney Leash-free Park
- Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-up – September 19, 2015 at the Ajax Waterfront
- National Tree Day Workshop – September 23, 2015
- Final Fall Event, to be determined – October 2015

Full event and registration details were noted to be posted online at [www.ajax.ca/environmentalevents](http://www.ajax.ca/environmentalevents).

#### **4.5 EAC Symposium**

Ms. Schofield confirmed that May 12, 2016 has been scheduled for the EAC Symposium to be hosted by the Committee. The event will be held at the Greenwood Discovery Pavilion. Ms. Schofield solicited theme suggestions from the Committee. Ideas shared included climate change, invasive species and pollinators, local foods, air quality, forestry, future challenges to environmental issues, and the human impact on our landscape. She encouraged additional suggestions to be forwarded via email with a vote to be held on the top few.

## **5. Correspondence**

Ms. Moore reminded Members of the forthcoming Scared Speechless Public Speaking Workshop being held on September 24, 2015.

## **6. Update from Council**

Councillor Dies updated the Committee in respect to the Water Pollution Control Plan matter, noting that a decision from the Ministry of Environment is still awaited.

## **7. Standing Items**

### **7.1 Work Plan**

No updated or discussion was required.

### **7.2 Durham Environmental Advisory Committee Update**

Ms. Sellers provided various DEAC updates, including the committee's involvement on commenting on the Region's Growth Plan and Transportation Master Plan.

### **7.4 Durham York Energy Centre Update**

Mr. Burnett noted that an updated would be provided at the October 8, 2015 Meeting.

## **8. New Business**

### **Veteran's Point Gardens**

Chair Burnett expressed frustration with the amount of weeds and overgrowth that has accumulated over the summer at the Veteran's Point Gardens. Staff noted that many Operations staff had been delegated to other duties throughout the summer due to Pan Am and that they are trying their best to catch up. Councillor Dies noted that the Town can no longer use the pesticides used in the past. Ms. Schofield advised she would take his concerns back to the appropriate staff and noted that the Town has an Adopt-a-Park program in place for anyone who wants to take community stewardship over a park.

### **Other**

Ms. Moore noted that one of the action items to come out of the Summer Advisory Committee Member survey is to elevate Committee profiles. She encouraged those Members interested to prepare a brief profile summary to be accompanied by a photo (taken at the October 8, 2015 Meeting), that will be posted on the Town's website.

Geoff Carpentier announced to the Committee that he will be resigning, due to involvement in many competing commitments. On behalf of the Committee, Chair Burnett thanked Geoff for his long-standing membership and contributions. Geoff thanked his fellow Members, staff and Council for his positive experience. He noted that he is still available for consultation and advice any time the Committee needs a resource.

**9. Adjournment**

Moved By: G. Carpentier  
Seconded By: S. Slack

That the September 3, 2015 Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee be adjourned.  
(8:15 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"> <li>Trail improvements</li> <li>Carruthers Marsh rehabilitation</li> <li>Pickering Beach Bioswales</li> <li>Algae growth</li> <li>Water quality testing</li> <li>Interpretive signage</li> </ul>                                                | Catherine Bridgeman, Kevin Tryon, Tim Field | Annual: Spring |                |
| 2            | Environmental Education & Events                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Canada Water Week</li> <li>Earth Hour</li> <li>Green Living Days</li> <li>Pollinator workshops</li> <li>Ajax in Bloom</li> <li>Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup</li> <li>Community cleanups</li> <li>Bring Back the Salmon event</li> </ul> | Jade Schofield, Vanessa Lorrain, TRCA       | Annual: Spring |                |
| 3            | Stormwater Management                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stormwater pond rehabilitation projects</li> <li>Low impact development projects (rain gardens, bioswales)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                       | Kevin Tryon. Catherine Bridgeman            | Annual         |                |
| 4            | Planning & Development Update                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposed development update</li> <li>Active transportation update</li> <li>Engineering update</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                    | Planning & Development                      | Twice Annually |                |
| 5            | Waste Management                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Regional Update- residential waste? (tbd)</i></li> <li>Annual facility waste audits</li> <li>Green event policy comments</li> <li>Public space litter control education campaign,</li> </ul>                                             | Jade Schofield                              | Fall 2015      |                |



## ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### 2014-2018 WORK PLAN

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