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DRAFT MINUTES
Environmental Advisory Committee
March 6, 2014
River Plate Room, Town Hall
Meeting No. 2

Committee Members:	Councillor Joanne Dies Geoff Carpentier, Co-Chair Wayne Hingston Phil Jocz Wilfred Pierre Russ Dolan, Co-Chair (<i>entered 6:40 p.m.</i>) Scott Slack (<i>entered 6:20 p.m.</i>) Leisia Lapointe Valerie Silveira
Staff:	Jade Schofield, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator Sarah Moore, Committee Coordinator
Guests:	David Forget, Manager of Quality Service & Special Projects Kevin Tryon, Manager of Engineering – Development Services Mary Gawen, TRCA Stewardship Liaison
Regrets:	Monique Micallef, Kim Sellers, Tanya Roberts

1. Call to Order

Co-Chair Carpentier called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved By: W. Hingston
Seconded By: P. Jocz

That the January 9, 2014 Meeting Minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee be approved.

CARRIED

4. Presentation/Discussion

4.1 2014 Customer Polling

Mr. Slack entered the Meeting (6:20 p.m.).

Mr. Forget, Manager – Quality Service & Special Projects, presented information relative to upcoming customer polling to be conducted on behalf of the Town. The polling is follow-up to telephone surveys conducted in 2010. Customer polling was identified to gain insight from residents on programs, services and spending. It provides the opportunity to connect with residents the Town may not otherwise be in contact with, as the polling can be conducted in multiple languages. Customer polling in 2014 will provide comparative data to previous polls.

Mr. Forget reviewed the history of customer polling conducted for the Town by Environics Research Group. Subject matter was noted to have changed over time in order to reflect relevant community issues and trends (community safety, political participation, customer service, diversity & community engagement, downtown revitalization and more). He focused on sharing past results relevant to pollution, the environment, air and water quality.

Members inquired whether the survey participants' knowledge is tested on environmental initiatives coordinated by the Town. Alternative methodologies other than telephone polling were encouraged, including the potential for in-person interviews. Members acknowledged they were happy to complete the survey but had not yet been contacted with the opportunity to participate. Several members expressed concern for accuracy of the results, when those who don't have land line telephone service may be excluded from the poll. Public notice of the polling, including through social media channels, was strongly encouraged in advance of the poll period.

Mr. Dolan entered the Meeting (6:40 p.m.).

The results of the 2014 poll will assist with shaping the strategic plan of the new Council term. The poll was identified to be conducted by telephone with a sample size of approximately 600 participants before Easter. Mr. Forget noted he would follow-up with the Committee once results had been compiled.

4.2 Rain Gardens Project

Mr. Kevin Tryon, Manager of Engineering – Development Services, presented information relative to the 2011 Storm water Management and Retrofit Study for the South-west quadrant of Ajax. He reviewed hydrological modelling and discussed the study's recommendations, ranging from lot controls to pipe management.

Several solutions achieved to date were reviewed, and details of forthcoming construction of rain gardens were discussed. Mr. Tryon shared design considerations for the rain gardens and noted that a consultant has been retained. Geotechnical investigations have been conducted and the design is 70% complete. Three areas were identified for the project: Lake Driveway at Clover Ridge Drive, Lake Driveway at Anstead Crescent, and Lake Driveway near Harwood Avenue South, adjacent to the washrooms by Veteran's Point. The project will include a variety of native Ontario plants, to provide full season colour, texture and flowering. The project is anticipated to commence construction in Fall 2014.

Members posed questions relative to cross-connection testing of the sewersheds for contamination, and concurred with the need for an experienced contractor to oversee the project.

4.3 Advisory Committee Review

Ms. Moore solicited comments and feedback from the Committee relative to several new and revised advisory committee-related documents. Specific focus was paid to the Advisory Committee Policy & Procedure document and the EAC Profile.

Questions were posed relative to consideration of criminal reference check requirements for committee members. Minor wording suggestions were shared relative to the EAC Profile document relative to interests, reference documents and mandate.

Additional comments and feedback were requested by the end of the month.

4.4 Ajax Green Living Days

Ms. Schofield distributed and reviewed a detailed summary of the Ajax Green Living Days event schedule and 2014 environmental events calendar. Committee Member participation in any of the events listed was sought. Members were asked to contact Ms. Schofield directly with interest.

4.5 St. Andrews Community Garden Expansion Update

Ms. Schofield distributed updated conceptual plans for the St. Andrews Community Garden expansion. She thanked those Members of the Committee who participated in the February 6, 2014 Open House event, noting over 90 people we estimated to have attended. Construction and installation of the new garden plots are anticipated by May 2014. Ms. Schofield provided details of a recent funding application with Tree Canada for a fruit tree grant that could assist with the St. Andres Community Garden Orchard.

5. Standing Items

5.1 Work Plan

There were not updates to the Work Plan identified.

5.2 Operation & Environmental Services Update

Ms. Schofield noted that spring planting and removal will soon be underway. The Emerald Ash Borer management program will require reassessment before moving forward in 2014 with the treatment of trees. Mr. Jocz was noted to be working with staff to revitalize the "Adopt-a-Park" program and coordinate community litter picks. The suggestion was made to tie-in litter picks with upcoming community events such as Trailfest (June 2, 2014) and the Great Waterfront Shoreline Clean-up (September 20, 2014). The Committee proposed coordinating more litter pick events throughout the year to support the ongoing issue.

5.3 Durham Environmental Advisory Committee (DEAC) Update

Chair Carpentier discussed DEAC's work on developing its 2014 Work Plan. Several items identified on the work plan list were reviewed. Members posed questions relative to the reporting relationship of the Regional Committee.

Members briefly discussed concerns about relative environmental issues including fracking and peat removal.

5.4 Pan Am 2015 Local Host Committee Update

As the Committee's Pan Am liaison, Ms. Silveira provided a summary of recent Local Host Committee Meetings. She noted details relative to a one-year countdown event called Viva La Noche Ajax, on July 10, 2014 at Audley Recreation Centre. Additional details relative to volunteer opportunities will be provided at forthcoming meetings and community events.

6. Correspondence

6.1 DEAC Award Nomination

Councillor Dies and Ms. Moore commended Mr. Jocz and Mr. Dolan for coordinating the nomination package and the Committee for its support.

With consent of all Members present, the item of correspondence identified at the March 6, 2014 Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting was received for information.

7. Update from Council

Councillor Dies discussed the placement of a referendum question relative to fair representation on Regional Council and the election of the Regional Chair on the 2014 Municipal Election ballot. Not every municipality has decided to place a question on the ballot.

8. New Business

8.1 Provincial Environmental Advisory Committee Symposium

Ms. Schofield surveyed interest from the Committee in attending and or presenting at the 2014 Provincial EAC Symposium. No Member interest was determined to attend this year's event.

8.2 Enbridge Line 9B Reversal Update

Co-Chair Dolan inquired about the status of the Enbridge Line 9B reversal application. Councillor Dies informed the Committee that the decision had been released that afternoon, however staff will require time to review before reporting back to the Committee on any of the conditions requested.

9. Adjournment

Moved By: V. Silveira

Seconded By: S. Slack

That the March 6, 2014 Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee be adjourned (8:25 p.m.).

CARRIED

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EAC WORK PLAN - 2013

	ITEM	SUMMARY	TARGET DATE / STATUS
1.	Ajax Waterfront Management and Shoreline Improvement	Review and comment on the implementation of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterfront Management Plan (including naturalization planting, interpretive signage and waterfront trail improvements) • Public beach/shoreline restoration/water quality • Sign systems for natural/cultural heritage (terrestrial and aquatic features, natural processes) 	Ongoing R. Wraith - TBD J. Stewart
2.	Ajax Outreach & Stewardship	Consultation & participation in municipal/community projects and events that promote public outreach and stewardship initiatives such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ajax Green Living Days <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Proclamation to Council? • Durham Environmental Advisory Committee • TRCA programs & events • Yellow Fish Road Program • Ajax In Bloom • Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup • Mayor's 20 Minute Makeover/litter picks • Salt Management Plan • tree planting • community gardens • educational events/workshops • Atlantic Salmon Restoration Program 	Annual Event – April Ongoing – K. Sellers Ongoing – M. Williams Annual Event – late summer S. Brake – spring/summer ✓ March 7- C. Robinson (OFAH)
3.	Water Quality Monitoring Projects	Participate in consultation, discussion and educational presentations from staff, Region and TRCA relative to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goose management • Storm water quality • Landfill testing • Duffin WPCP EA Process 	a) Duffin Creek WPCP Outfall EA – B. Hodgins (TBD) b) Seaton Community (storm water management focus) – B. Hodgins (TBD)

4.	Greenwood Conservation Lands Management Plan	Assist in the implementation of the Greenwood Management Plan and capital projects planned for the Greenwood Conservation Area.	✓ March 7 – J. Stewart/TRCA
5.	Urban Forestry Management Plan	Review and comment on implementation of the Urban Forestry Master Plan implementation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan • Community Tree Care Kit • Urban Forest Tree Inventory 	Ongoing ✓ January 10 – T. Field
6.	Twice-Annual Planning & Development Update	Provide comments to Planning and Development Services regarding proposed developments in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • impact on wildlife and natural ecosystems systems (grassland nesting birds, shoreline nesting birds and natural heritage corridors) • sustainable development/design elements • Enbridge Pipeline Inc's Line 9B Reversal & Line 9 capacity Expansion Project 	G. Romanowski B. Scopacasa – Spring / Fall B. Hodgins - TBD
7.	Integrated Community Sustainability Plan	Review and provide comment on development of the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan and implementation.	Ongoing
8.	Corporate Sustainability	Provide comment on proposed Town of Ajax initiatives/programs including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "green"/diversion/recycling programs • energy management plan (utilities) • litter/waste management 	Ongoing R. Ford - TBD
9.	Park Naming Policy	Provide comment on proposed criteria and parameters for naming of public parks	D. Meredith - Spring

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