
Environmental Action Committee

Date: March 2, 2021
Time: 9:30 AM
Location: Online Video Conference

Members Present	Councillor Matt Mahoney Councillor Stephen Dasko Councillor George Carlson Brad Bass Chelsea Dalton Lea Ann Mallett Shailly Prajapati Alice Casselman Jeff Robertson Melanie Kramer Britt McKee Andrea Rowe Brad Butt	Ward 8 (Chair) Ward 1 (Vice-Chair) Ward 11 Citizen Member Citizen Member Citizen Member PEYA (Peel Environmental Youth Alliance) Student Association for Canadian Educational Resources Partners in Project Green Credit Valley Conservation Ecosource Greening Sacred Spaces (Non-Voting Member) Mississauga Board of Trade (Non-Voting Member)
Members Absent	Pujita Verma Carina Suleiman Sid Gendron	Citizen Member UTM (University of Toronto Mississauga) Student Sawmill Sid Inc. (Non-Voting Member)

Staff Present

Dianne Zimmerman, Manager, Environment
Lisa Urbani, Supervisor, Environment Initiatives
Diana Suzuki-Bracewell, Supervisor, Environmental Outreach
Heliya Babazadeh-Olegi, Environmental Outreach Coordinator
Diane Gibson, Waste Management Assistant
Gavin Longmuir, Manager, Parks
Catherine Nguyen-Pham, Communications Coordinator
Dayna Obaseki, Legislative Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Mahoney, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:34AM.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved (Councillor Carlson)

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - Nil.**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING****4.1 Environmental Action Committee DRAFT Minutes – February 2, 2021**

Approved (B. McKee)

5. DEPUTATIONS**5.1 Earth Days 2021**

*Diana Suzuki-Bracewell, Supervisor, Environmental Outreach
Heliya Babazadeh-Olegi, Environmental Outreach Coordinator*

Ms. Suzuki-Bracewell and Ms. Babazadeh-Olegi presented and provided an overview on upcoming events for the 2021 Earth Days. They noted the proposed programs, community and internal partnerships, a social media campaign, the 20 Minute Maker and a variety of virtual events. Earth Days will take place from April 13th - 23rd, 2021.

Members of Committee raised questions regarding outdoor events and the associated COVID health and safety protocols as well as tree planting and specimen collection.

RECOMMENDATION EAC-0004-2021

Moved By A. Casselman

That the deputation and associated presentation by Diana Suzuki-Bracewell, Supervisor, Environmental Outreach and Heliya Babazadeh-Olegi, Environmental Outreach Coordinator regarding Earth Days 2021 be received.

Received

5.2 Dog Waste In-Ground Containers Results

Diane Gibson, Waste Management Assistant

Ms. Gibson presented and provided an overview on the results of the Dog Waste In-Ground Containers. She addressed the issue of contamination stemming from incorrectly placed dog waste in park recycling bins. The pilot project began in January 2018 and has had continued success. Ms. Gibson noted benchmarking with other municipalities, collection audits, public feedback and the overall highlights.

Members of the Committee applauded the pilot project and the increasing public uptake. Councillor Dasko inquired if additional dog waste receptacles would be rolled-out especially along the waterfront trail.

Ms. Gibson and Gavin Longmuir, Manager of Parks responded that additional units will be installed and the locations are to be determined during further consultation with the Leadership Team and Council. They further noted that not every park will have a dog waste container due to the collection process and the large machinery utilized to service the units.

RECOMMENDATION EAC-0005-2021

Moved By Councillor Dasko

That the deputation and associated presentation by Diane Gibson, Waste Management Assistant regarding the Dog Waste In-Ground Containers Results be received.

Received

6. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - 15 Minute Limit

No members of the public registered to speak.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

No items were approved under Consent Agenda.

8. MATTERS CONSIDERED

8.1 Environmental Action Committee (EAC) Work Plan

No discussion took place.

RECOMMENDATION EAC-0006-2021

Moved By Councillor Carlson

That the Environmental Action Committee Work Plan be approved as discussed at the March 2, 2021 EAC meeting.

Approved

9. INFORMATION ITEMS - Nil.

10. OTHER BUSINESS/ENQUIRIES

Highway 413

Councillor Mahoney spoke to the proposed Highway 413 and noted that Council unanimously objected to the highway at the February 24, 2021 Special Council meeting. He further noted that at Regional Council, the item was referred to staff to report back with more information including environmental concerns. Councillor Mahoney noted that

the Committee Members could submit their comments online regarding the proposed highway and requested that the Legislative Coordinator provide the EAC Members with webpage to submit their comments.

Direction to staff was given to provide the Members of EAC with the webpage link to submit comments pertaining to the proposed Highway 413.

Brad Butt, Community Group Representative (non-voting member) noted that the Mississauga Board of Trade as not taken a position on the matter and that a few affiliated organizations are in support of the highway. Chelsea Dalton, Citizen Member brought forward a motion opposing the proposed highway.

Greenhouses

Alice Casselman, Community Group Representative noted the need for an increase of greenhouses within the City of Mississauga. Ms. Casselman suggested creating greenhouses on school property; such as high schools and post secondary institutions. Chelsea Dalton, Citizen Member responded by noting that University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) currently has two greenhouses on campus, however these facilities are not open to the public as one is a research lab and not always staffed to allow for public access.

Members of the Committee further noted using under-utilized spaces to create greenhouses, urban agriculture, native seed planting, plant adoptions and other grass root initiatives. Dianne Zimmerman, Manager of Environment noted that the launch of the Urban Agriculture Strategy in April as well as further exploring greenhouses, grass roots efforts and public engagement.

RECOMMENDATION EAC-0007-2021

Moved By C. Dalton

That the Environmental Action Committee is in full support of Council's opposition to the proposed highway 413.

Approved

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, April 6, 2021 - 9:30am, Online Video Conference

12. ADJOURNMENT

10:19AM (L. Mallet)