

## Environmental Action Committee

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

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

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### 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)