
Date: May 17, 2021

To: Chair and Members of Environmental Action Committee

From: Muneef Ahmad, Manager – Stormwater Projects and Approvals

Meeting date: June 1, 2021

Subject: **Build Beautiful Stormwater Master Plan (City-wide) Draft Actions**

The Build Beautiful Stormwater Master Plan has progressed to a stage where a list of draft Actions have been prepared (Appendix 1). This memorandum is provided to the Environmental Action Committee (EAC) to supplement a June 1, 2021 deputation that will briefly highlight the draft Actions and summarize the consultation efforts thus far.

Background

The Build Beautiful project team has engaged EAC at the following stages:

- November 12, 2019: Outlined the goals and initial Vision of Build Beautiful, prior to Consultant procurement;
- July 2020: The project team, having on-boarded its Consultant, Wood, prepared a presentation and summary of relevant background that EAC provided feedback through their Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) representative; and
- February 2, 2021: Project team updated EAC on public consultation, role of legislation, project precedents and high-level overview of the action framework.

Since that time, two virtual Public Information Centres were held on April 13, 2021. Approximately forty attendees took part between both sessions.

Comments

A project Vision has been formalized as follows: “Build value in water resources through collaboration, to protect and enhance the quality of our built and natural environment. *Build Beautiful* to connect to nature and our communities.”

The above Vision sets the stage for continued and strengthened collaboration with our partners both internal and external to the City. It is a statement positioned to be proactive, “Build,” while fostering “Beautiful,” in both what and how we undertake our Actions.

The draft Actions in the Build Beautiful Stormwater Master Plan have been developed based on the following:

- Review of best practices & precedents;
- Legislative Requirements;
- Emerging Requirements & Changes;
- Consultation (Stakeholders, Public, EAC, City); and,
- Interviews with City Staff (12 interviews to date, consultation ongoing).

The draft Actions have been structured into four main Theme Areas:

- Understand Its Nature;
- Create Solutions;
- Celebrate Its Value; and
- Protect Quality.

Within each Theme Area, every draft Action has been identified with the Type of Action (Existing or Future), Type of Service Delivery (Plan / Program /Policy/ Partnership / Procedure / Project) and comprehensive documentation outlining how to successfully deliver the Action.

Additionally, a series of Service Lines capture aspects that are within the City's current activities, for improvement, under the following categories: Policies, Guidelines, Regulations, Development Review, Capital Program & City Operating Procedures.

Next Steps

EAC is invited to provide feedback on the draft Actions by the end of June 2021 and may wish to know that CVC has already commented on these draft Actions through our stakeholder engagement. As EAC reviews the attached, the project team will continue to proceed with the following efforts:

- Indigenous Consultation (underway);
- Development of an Implementation Plan; and,
- Internal staff review.

It is staff's intention to bring forward a report to General Committee in fall 2021.

Attachments

Appendix 1: Build Beautiful Stormwater Master Plan – Draft Actions



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