

City of Mississauga

Memorandum



Date: June 1, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Dayna Obaseki, Legislative Coordinator, on behalf of Environmental Action Committee Members

Subject: **Environmental Action Committee Progress Reporting – June 2021**

Background

At the April 6, 2021 Environmental Action Committee (EAC) meeting, Members agreed to report on progress on the Committee's work plan through a memorandum to Mayor and Members of Council via email.

EAC previously presented the Committee's progress and achievements based on the Committee's work plan through a deputation, delivered by student members, at the July 22, 2020 Virtual Council Meeting.

Comments

For an update on EAC's progress, please see Appendix 1 to this Memorandum, a copy of the Committee's work plan approved by EAC at its meeting on June 1, 2021.

Highlights since July 2020 include the following:

- EAC had the opportunity to hear deputations and provide comments and feedback on initiatives such as:
 - The Pedestrian Master Plan
 - Parkland Acquisition
 - The Green Fleet and Equipment Policy – EAC recommended endorsement by General Committee
 - The Stormwater Master Plan
- Various EAC Members participated in a litter clean-up at R.K. McMillian Park – A total of 10 kilograms (22 pounds) of waste was collected

Attachments

Appendix 1: 2019-2022 Environmental Action Committee Work Plan – June 2021

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WORK PLAN ITEM	ACTION FOR EAC MEMBERS	TIMING	PROGRESS	
			<i>Action Taken or Date Completed</i>	
Climate Change	Support approval and implementation of the Climate Change Action Plan.	Ongoing	May 29, 2019	At the May 29, 2019, General Committee meeting, students from Camilla Road Senior Public School requested the City of Mississauga declare climate change an emergency. The following recommendation was issued; <i>That a motion provided by the students of Camilla Road Senior Public School regarding the City of Mississauga declaring climate change an emergency be referred to the Environmental Action Committee for further consideration. GC-0306-2019</i>
			June 11, 2019	Referred from the May 29, 2019 GC meeting, the Eco Team Students from Camilla Road Senior Public School provided an overview on the crisis surrounding climate change and requested that the City of Mississauga declare a Climate Emergency at the June 11, 2019 EAC meeting. The following recommendation was issued; <i>That the Environmental Action Committee supports Camilla Road Sr. Public School Eco Team's position that the City of Mississauga will declare a Climate Emergency and create an action plan to help achieve net zero emissions and increased renewable energy by 2050. EAC-0016-2019</i>
			June 19, 2019	At the June 19, 2019 Council, the following EAC-0016-2019 recommendation was amended and approved as; <i>Climate change is a real and urgent crisis, driven by human activity, that impacts the environment, biodiversity, human health and the economy.</i> <i>The City of Mississauga is committed to taking action on climate change, therefore the City of Mississauga declares a climate emergency and direct staff to develop and bring forward a climate change action plan to Council for approval by the end of 2019.</i> <i>That the students of Camilla Road Senior P.S. be thanked for their initiative on this matter.</i> 0149-2019
			July 9/2019	Deep dive discussion surrounding the Climate Change Action Plan with the EAC Members gaining insightful comments and feedback for consideration during the finalization of the overall plan.
			July 25/2019	The Climate Change Stakeholder Panel workshop was held, where several EAC Members participated. Comments received at this workshop were incorporated in the draft Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP). The updated CCAP will go to Council at the September 18th meeting for information. If public consultation for this draft CCAP is approved by Council at this meeting, public consultations will run from Mid-September to October.

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			Sept. 19/2019	An email was sent to EAC Members to share public consultation opportunities (e.g., open houses, survey) for the draft Climate Change Action Plan. Consultation opportunities available between September 18, 2019 and October 18, 2019.
			Nov. 12/2019	At the November 12, 2019 EAC meeting – A deputation and memo related to the final draft version of the Climate Change Action Plan were presented to the EAC Members and the Committee approved the following recommendation; <i>That the Environmental Action Committee are in support of the Climate Change Action Plan and bringing it to General Committee on December 4, 2019 for endorsement. EAC-0041-2019</i>
			Dec. 4/2019	At the December 4, 2019 General Committee meeting – The Climate Change Action Plan was unanimously supported and approved by the Members of Council. <i>That the Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP), and its supporting vision, goals, and actions, attached as Appendix 1 to the Corporate Report dated November 22, 2019 entitled "Climate Change Action Plan" from the Commissioner of Community Services be approved, subject to the City of Mississauga's annual budget process. GC-0650-2019</i>
			Sept. 15/2020	City staff presented to EAC on the Climate Change Online Public Education and Engagement Tools.
			Nov. 3/2020	At the November 3, 2020 EAC meeting – A deputation from Clean Air Partnership and a staff memo regarding Inter-Governmental Declaration on Clean Air and Climate Change for Clean Air Council were presented to the EAC Members and the Committee approved the following recommendation; <i>2. That the Environmental Action Committee are in support of Clean Air Council's 2019-2023 Intergovernmental Declaration on Clean and Climate Change and recommend endorsement from General Committee on November 18, 2020. EAC-0022-2020</i>
			Dec. 8/2020	At the December 8, 2020 EAC meeting – A deputation from Clean Air Alliance and an associated memo requesting the City to draft a letter to the Province supporting the initiative to Phase-Out Ontario's Gas-Fire Power Plants by 2030 was presented to the EAC Members and the Committee approved the following recommendation; <i>3. That staff further investigate Clean Air Alliance's request to phase-out all gas-fired electricity generation and to benchmark with other municipalities on endorsement and to report back to the Environmental Action Committee prior to General Committee. EAC-0032-2020</i>

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			Feb. 2/2021	<p>At the February 2, 2021 EAC meeting – staff provided an update based on a directive from the December 8, 2020 EAC meeting regarding the initiative to Phase-Out Ontario's Gas-Fire Power Plants by 2030. The Committee approved the following recommendation;</p> <p><i>That the Environmental Action Committee support in principal Phasing-Out Ontario's Gas-Fired Electricity Power Generation and recommends that Jack Gibbons, Chair, Ontario Clean Air Alliance present this initiative for further discussion at an upcoming General Committee meeting. EAC-0002-2021</i></p>
			Feb. 24/2021	<p>At the February 24, 2021 General Committee meeting, Clean Air Alliance made a deputation regarding the Phase-Out Ontario's Gas-Fired Electricity Power Generation in conjunction with a staff corporate report.</p>
			Mar. 3/2021	<p>At the March 3, 2021 Council meeting, Council approved the motion brought forward by the Chair of EAC regarding the City's request to the Province to place an interim cap per year on the GHG emission from gas-fired power plants and to develop and implement a plan to phase-out all gas-fired electricity generation by 2030. Refer to Resolution 0042-2021.</p>
VOLUNTEERING	Participate in volunteering opportunities as members of the Community Green Leaders volunteer program.	Spring 2020	Sept. 26/2019	<p>Opportunities for EAC Members to participate in the program will be brought to the Committee in spring 2020.</p>
		Ongoing	Oct. 8/2019	<p>Adopt-a-Park deputation and discussion around the Members of EAC participating in a litter pick-up at a local park. Pujita Verma, EAC Citizen Member will be coordinating the details of the next volunteer event (date to be determined).</p>

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VOLUNTEERING	Participate in volunteering opportunities as members of the Community Green Leaders volunteer program.	Ongoing	Mar. 3/2020	<p>Pujita Verma, EAC Citizen Member coordinated the details of Adopt-A-Park Clean Up for the Members of the Committee. The Committee decided on the following;</p> <p>2. That the Environmental Action Committee selected the proposed dates of April 18, August 22, and October 17, 2020 at 10:00AM to participate in the Adopt-A-Park Clean-Up Program.</p> <p>a. That the April 18, 2020 Adopt-A-Park Clean Up be located at the R.K. McMillan Park along the banks of the Cooksville Creek from Lakeshore Road to Lake Ontario.</p> <p>b. That the locations of the August 22 and October 17, 2020 proposed Adopt-A-Park Clean-up dates be determined at a future date. EAC-0009-2020</p> <p>Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic – the April and August dates for the Adopt-A-Park Clean Ups have been postponed.</p>
			Aug. 14/2020	City staff have developed COVID protocols for safely reengaging volunteers and on August 14, 2020 conducted a trail litter clean up at R.K. McMillan Park with the Environment staff to test these protocols. Based on this, a date to conduct a litter clean-up with EAC Members will be discussed on September 15, 2020 EAC Meeting.
			Oct. 6/2020	Pujita Verma, EAC Citizen Member provided an update to EAC on the Committee's upcoming October Litter Clean Up and new health and safety protocols surrounding COVID-19. An email was sent post meeting outlining the volunteer participation; Saturday, October 17, 2020 from 10AM to 12PM at R.K. McMillian Park.
			Oct. 17/2020	EAC Members participated in Litter Clean Up at R.K. McMillian Park. Several EAC members participated in the clean-up and a total of 10 kg of waste was collected. Littered items mainly included coffee cups, balloons, confetti, beer bottles.
Support City Action on Environment	Be prepared to comment on City-led items brought forward to EAC meetings. (E.g., strategic plans, by-laws).	At EAC meetings	Sept. 9/2019	The Corporate Green Building Standard for New Construction and Major Renovations Building Projects was presented to EAC and recommended by the Members of Environmental Action Committee to General Committee for endorsement.
			Sept. 9/2019	The Downtown Strategy was presented at EAC, where the Members provided comments and feedback. An email was sent post meeting asking for participation from the EAC Members to fill out the survey to provide more insightful feedback.
			Nov. 12/2019	The Stormwater Master Plan was presented at EAC, where the Members provided comments and feedback.
			July 7/2020	An email was sent to EAC Members requesting feedback on the Stormwater Master Plan.
			Sept. 15/2020	City staff presented to EAC an Update on District Energy in the City of Mississauga.
			Oct. 6/2020	A deputation regarding the Pedestrian Master Plan was presented at EAC, where the Members provided comments and feedback.

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			Oct. 6/2020	City staff presented to EAC on the Home Energy Retrofit Program.
			Nov. 3/2020	A deputation regarding Energy Efficiency in Buildings and Low Carbon Energy Supply was presented at EAC, where the Members provided comments and feedback.
			Nov. 3/2020	A deputation regarding Parkland Acquisition was presented at EAC, where the Members provided comments and feedback.
			Nov. 3/2020	A deputation regarding the Downtown Movement Plan was presented at EAC, where the Members provided comments and feedback.
			Nov. 3/2020	At the November 3, 2020 EAC Meeting – the Committee approved the following recommendation; <i>That the draft Green Fleet and Equipment Policy, attached as Appendix 1, the Decision Making Framework and Electric Vehicle Charging Station Standard, attached as Appendix 2 and 3 be supported by the Environmental Action Committee and recommend endorsement by General Committee. EAC-0027-2020</i> Subsequently, at the November 25, 2020 General Committee meeting, Council adopted the Green Fleet and Equipment Policy and Electric Vehicle Charging Station Standard as per Recommendation GC-0317-2020
			Dec. 8/2020	A deputation regarding the Electric Grass Cutting Equipment Pilot Project was presented at EAC, where the Members provided comments and feedback.
			Dec. 8/2020	A deputation regarding the Sustainable Procurement Policy was presented at EAC, where the Members provided comments and feedback.
			Feb. 2 /2021	The Stormwater Master Plan and project scope was presented at EAC, where the Members provided comments and feedback.
			Feb. 24/2021	At the February 24, 2021 Special Council Meeting, Members of Council brought forward a motion opposing the construction pertaining to the GTA West highway 413. Refer to Resolution 0033-2021 .
			Mar. 2/2021	At the March 2, 2021 EAC Meeting, the Committee approved the following recommendation; <i>That the Environmental Action Committee is in full support of Council's opposition to the proposed highway 413. EAC-0007-2021</i>
			Mar. 2/2021	A deputation regarding the upcoming 2021 Earth Days events was presented at EAC.

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			Mar. 2/2021	A deputation regarding the Dog Waste In-Ground Containers Results were presented at EAC.
			Apr. 6/2021	A deputation regarding the Urban Agriculture Strategy was presented to EAC, where the Members could provide feedback.
			Apr. 6/2021	A follow-up deputation providing an update on the 2021 Earth Days events was presented to EAC.
Report on Committee Progress	Report to General Committee bi-annually on the progress of the EAC's work plan and activities. (Includes the EAC Actions Summary as an appendix)	Twice per year	Mar. 3/2020	At the March 3, 2020 EAC Meeting – the Committee approved the following recommendation; 1. That Carina Suleiman and Shazerah Qureshi, Environmental Action Committee Student Members have been selected to present on the Committee's Progress and Achievements outlined in the Environmental Action Committee Work Plan to Members of Council at the June 10, 2020 General Committee. 2. That the Environmental Action Committee Work Plan be approved as discussed at the March 3, 2020 Environmental Action Committee meeting. EAC-0010-2020
			July 22/2020	At the July 22, 2020 Virtual Council Meeting - Carina Suleiman and Shazerah Qureshi, Environmental Action Committee Student members presented (deputation) the Committee's Progress and Achievements based on the Environmental Action Committee Work Plan.
			Dec. 8/2020	Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this year (2020) the Committee will forego the second deputation to report on the Committee's progress outlined in the EAC Work Plan.
			Apr. 6/2021	The Members decided to report on the Committee's progress outlined in the EAC Work Plan via email to the Members of Council and nominated Alice Casselman, Community Group Representative to be the presenter at a future deputation. The Committee approved the following recommendation; 1. That staff prepare a memo with the Environmental Action Committee Work Plan attached to be emailed to the Members of Council by the end of June 2021 to Report on the Committee's Progress. EAC-0013-2021
Additional/Other			Nov. 12/2019	At the November 12, 2019 EAC meeting – the Committee supported going paperless and approved the following recommendation; That the Legislative Coordinator for the Environmental Action Committee (EAC) eliminates the distribution of paper copies of the agenda and will only provide electronic copies of the agendas for all EAC meetings starting December 10, 2019. EAC-0042-2019
			Oct. 6/2020	The Citizen Satisfaction Survey was presented at EAC. Members provide comments and feedback pertaining to expanding the Environmental section to include a question on Climate Change.
			Oct. 6/2020	A verbal update on the Smart City Challenge was provided at EAC. If interested, Members can be invited to attend the industry presentations and the closing awards session.

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			Dec. 8/2020	A secondary student presented to the Committee on Marker Recycling. Staff will work with the student offline to create a potential pilot project to place cardboard bins for markers to be recycled in City owned libraries and recreational facilities.
			Apr. 6/2021	Climate Community Council presented to the Committee on services provided by Climate Community Council.
Next Steps	Upcoming suggested environmental actions and initiatives to be implemented.	Ongoing	Feb. 4/2020	At the February 4, 2020 EAC Meeting – Two external deputations presented on the decline of birds as result of unfriendly bird glazing. The Committee requested that staff contact FLAP (Fatal Light Awareness Program) Canada to gather birds of prey statistics and report back to EAC. The Committee approved the following recommendation; 2. <i>That staff be directed to report back to a future Environmental Action Committee meeting to investigate the feasibility of becoming a Bird City.</i> 3. <i>That Animal Services staff be requested to provide a list of programs and services related to injured animals and wildlife rehabilitation to be circulated to the Environmental Action Committee and Members of Council. EAC-0002-2020</i>
			Apr. 6/2021	Ontario Trumpeter Swan Restoration presented to the Committee on Port Credit Waterfront Pollution and the effects on Waterfowl. The Committee requested that staff report back to EAC on the effects of lead on waterfowl.
			Apr. 6/2021	Blooming Boulevards presented to the Committee on services provided by Blooming Boulevards and requested a Municipal Community Greenhouse. The Committee approved the following recommendation; 2. <i>That the Environment Staff schedule a meeting with Jeanne McRight, President, Blooming Boulevards to further explore the feasibility regarding the request to create a Municipal Greenhouse. EAC-0009-2021</i>
			Apr. 6/2021	A deputation regarding the Urban Agriculture Strategy was presented to the Committee. Direction to staff was given to set up an offline meeting with Britt McKee, Community Group Representative (Ecosource), Lea-Ann Mallet, Citizen Member and any other organizational partners to discuss the application of the Urban Agriculture Strategy.