
Environmental Action Committee

Date: May 3, 2022
Time: 9:30 AM
Location: Online Video Conference

Members Present

Councillor Matt Mahoney	Ward 8 (Chair)
Councillor Stephen Dasko	Ward 1 (Vice-Chair)
Councillor George Carlson	Ward 11
Chelsea Dalton	Citizen Member
Lea Ann Mallett	Citizen Member
Sophie Zhang	PEYA (Peel Environmental Youth Alliance)
Alice Casselman	Association for Canadian Educational Resources
Melanie Kramer	Credit Valley Conservation
Jennifer Taves	Partners in Project Green
Andrea Rowe	Greening Sacred Spaces (Non-Voting Member)
Brad Butt	Mississauga Board of Trade (Non-Voting Member)

Members Absent

Brad Bass	Citizen Member
Pujita Verma	Citizen Member
Sydney Miller	UTM (University of Toronto Mississauga) Student
Britt McKee	Ecosource
Sid Gendron	Sawmill Sid Inc. (Non-Voting Member)

Staff Present

Dianne Zimmerman, Manager, Environment
Diane Gibson, Supervisor, Climate Risks
Teresa Chan, Supervisor, Climate Change
Karen Flores, Communications Advisor
Michelle Sanstra, Legislative Coordinator

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor Mahoney, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:32AM.

2. **INDIGENOUS LAND STATEMENT**

Councillor Mahoney, Chair recited the Indigenous Land Statement.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Approved (C. Dalton)

4. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

5.1 **Environmental Action Committee DRAFT Minutes – April 5, 2022**

Approved (Councillor Dasko)

6. **DEPUTATIONS**

6.1 **Dianne Zimmerman, Manager, Environment regarding a presentation on the Urban Agriculture Strategy**

Ms. Zimmerman provided a presentation on the Urban Agriculture Strategy and spoke to the rationale, strategy approach, benefits, community engagement, and action pathways.

Melanie Kramer, Citizen Member inquired about the funding. Ms. Zimmerman responded that funding is provided through a multi-year grant with Ecosource and through the regular budget process and currently seeking other grant opportunities for future growth.

Alice Casselman, Community Group Representative suggested educational programs regarding food from the garden and the exploration of extending the initiative to schools. Arielle Navarro, Ecosource Representative responded to Ms. Casselman's suggestion and spoke to the free workshops that Ecosource offers through field to table programs and will share future opportunities with the Committee. Ms. Zimmerman also responded to Ms. Casselman and spoke to the educational programs and workshops that are offered.

Councillor Mahoney spoke to a food bank in his Ward called Eden for Change and the programs they offer.

Councillor Dasko suggested expanding community gardens to include hydro fields. Ms. Zimmerman responded to Councillor Dasko's suggestion and spoke to future expansions. Ms. Navarro also responded to Councillor Dasko's inquiry and spoke to Ecosource current endeavours and suggested continuing the conversation offline. Alice Casselman, Community Group Representative suggested including gardens on dead end streets.

RECOMMENDATION EAC-0008-2022

Moved By L. Mallett

1. That the Environmental Action Committee are in support of the Urban Agriculture Strategy and in support of bringing it to General Committee in June of 2022 for endorsement.
2. That the comments made regarding the Urban Agriculture Strategy provided by the Environmental Action Committee members be considered.

Received

6.2 Carrah Bullock, Climate Change Specialist regarding a presentation on the Peel Zero Emission Vehicle Strategy

Ms. Bullock provided a presentation on the Peel Zero Emission Vehicle Strategy and spoke to the goals, development, community surveys, research studies, public ZEV (Zero Emission Vehicle) charging stations, education and awareness, charging infrastructure, reporting and next steps.

Councillor Mahoney commented on the City's Parking Master Plan for new builds to include 30% with EV charging stations.

Chelsea Dalton, Citizen Member inquired about including spaces for public e-bike charging stations. Ms. Bullock responded that the Micromobility team is taking that into consideration.

Alice Casselman, Community Group Representative inquired if buses would be eventually moving towards ZEV and inquired if buses could be used as PR to promote ZEV's. Ms. Bullock responded that this strategy was inclusively focused on the community, however awareness around the fleet was raised.

RECOMMENDATION EAC-0009-2022

Moved By A. Casselman

1. That the deputation and associated presentation from Carrah Bullock, Climate Change Specialist regarding the Peel Zero Emission Vehicle Strategy, be received.
2. That the comments made regarding the Peel Zero Emission Vehicle Strategy provided by the Environmental Action Committee members be considered.

Received

7. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - 15 Minute Limit**

No members of the public registered to speak.

8. **CONSENT AGENDA**

No items were approved under the Consent Agenda.

9. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED**9.1 Environmental Action Committee (EAC) Work Plan**

No discussion took place regarding this item.

RECOMMENDATION EAC-0010-2022

Moved By M. Kramer

That the Environmental Action Committee Work Plan, be approved as discussed at the May 3, 2022 EAC meeting.

Approved

10. INFORMATION ITEMS - Nil**11. OTHER BUSINESS/ENQUIRIES**

Alice Casselman, Community Organization Representative informed the Committee about the anniversary of ACER on June 26, 2022 and will provide further details at the next meeting.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, June 7, 2022 - 9:30AM - Via Online Video Conference

13. ADJOURNMENT

10:25AM (M. Kramer)