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## Environmental Action Committee

**Date:** March 3, 2020  
**Time:** 9:30 AM  
**Location:** Civic Centre, 2nd Floor  
Committee Room A  
300 City Centre Drive, Mississauga, Ontario, L5B 3C1

<b>Members</b>	Councillor Matt Mahoney	Ward 8 (Chair)
	Councillor Stephen Dasko	Ward 1 (Vice-Chair)
	Councillor George Carlson	Ward 11
	Chelsea Dalton	Citizen Member
	Pujita Verma	Citizen Member
	Shazerah Qureshi	PEYA (Peel Environmental Youth Alliance) Student
	Carina Suleiman	UTM (University of Toronto Mississauga) Student
	Joel Longland	Partners in Project Green
	Andrea Rowe	Greening Sacred Spaces (Non-Voting Member)
	Brad Butt	Mississauga Board of Trade (Non-Voting Member)
<b>Members Absent</b>	Brad Bass	Citizen Member
	Lea Ann Mallett	Citizen Member
	Alice Casselman	Association for Canadian Educational Resources
	Melanie Kramer	Credit Valley Conservation
	Britt McKee	Ecosource
	Sid Gendron	Sawmill Sid Inc. (Non-Voting Member)
<b>Staff Present</b>	Dianne Zimmerman, Manager, Environment	
	Lisa Urbani, Supervisor, Environmental Initiatives	
	Diana Suzuki-Bracewell, Supervisor, Environmental Outreach	
	Heliya Babazadeh-Olegi, Environmental Outreach Coordinator	
	Katherine Morton, Manager, Planning Strategies	
	Melanie Zakarian, Statistician, Planning Strategies	
	John MacKinnon, Natural Areas & Million Tree Program Coordinator, Woodlands & Natural Areas	
	Dayna Obaseki, Legislative Coordinator	

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** – 9:31AM

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Approved (C. Suleiman)

3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4.1 **Environmental Action Committee DRAFT Minutes – February 4, 2020**

Approved (J. Longland)

5. **DEPUTATIONS**

5.1 **Census Hub**

Melanie Zakarian, Statistician, Planning Strategies

Ms. Zakarian presented on and provided an interactive demo reel on the Mississauga's Census Hub ([www.mississauga.ca/censushub](http://www.mississauga.ca/censushub)). The demo reel consisted of an overview on the 2016 Census Results that focused on population, demographics, households, family status, languages, ethno-cultural, income, labour force, education and transportation.

Dianne Zimmerman, Manager of Environment inquired when the next census would occur. Ms. Zakarian responded by stating that next census would be conducted in 2021 and that every five (5) years Statistics Canada conducted census surveys. The City of Mississauga will be compiling the information to update the census hub in order to do a growth comparison over the years.

**RECOMMENDATION EAC-0006-2020**

That the deputation and associated presentation by Melanie Zakarian, Statistician, Planning Strategies with respect to the Census Hub be received for information.

Received (P. Verma)

5.2 **2019 One Million Trees Review**

John MacKinnon, Natural Areas & Million Tree Program Coordinator, Woodlands & Natural Areas

Mr. MacKinnon provided a 2019 overview on the One Million Trees Mississauga program. The volunteer program takes place during the spring and fall seasons. In 2019 the program consisted of 114 planting events, which involved 5012 Volunteers planting 13,594 Native Trees and Shrubs. A number of community, corporate, school, internal staff and public groups participated in these planting events as well as stewardship events. The goal is to plant one million trees by 2032, which would require 50,000 trees to be planted annually. By the end of 2019 a total 380,597 trees have been planted in the City of Mississauga.

Members of the Committee spoke to the matter and raised the following questions and comments;

- Suggested to circulate the program information to the Members of the Committee to share with their networks;
- Inquired if a follow up is done on the sites where the trees were planted;
- Inquired about the survival rate of the trees planted; and
- Inquired if the trees are only planted on City property.

Mr. MacKinnon responded to the questions from the Members of the Committee;

- Tree planted sites are monitored by trimming, pruning and adding woodchips, if needed. The City tracks the width of the canopy and the mortality rates of the trees as well.
- The survival rate of the trees planted is approximately 78% overall, however depending on the site; the survival rate could be 100%.
- Currently the program only plants on city-owned property, however working towards partnering with major land-owners to plant on their corporate-owned grounds. If a resident or corporation in Mississauga plants their own trees on their own property, this information can be entered online to count towards the One Million Trees target.

#### RECOMMENDATION EAC-0007-2020

That the deputation and associated presentation by John MacKinnon, Natural Areas & One Million Tree Program Coordinator, Woodlands & Natural Areas with respect to the 2019 One Million Trees Review be received for information.

Received (J. Longland)

#### 5.3 2020 Earth Days

Heliya Babazadeh-Olegi, Environmental Outreach Coordinator

Ms. Babazadeh-Olegi presented on the 2020 Earth Days noting there will be two weeks of events for the community to get involved and make the city "Green". From April 13 to 26, 2020 the City will be hosting a number of events at the local libraries, conducting 20 minute makeovers, a variety of recycling drives and participating in various one million trees planting.

Shazerah Qureshi, Student Member noted that Ramadan begins during the two weeks of the 2020 Earth Days events. She suggested to be mindful of those participating in the Earth Day events who may celebrate Ramadan.

#### RECOMMENDATION EAC-0008-2020

That the deputation and associated presentation by Heliya Babazadeh-Olegi, Environmental Outreach Coordinator with respect the 2020 Earth Days be received for information.

Received (S. Qureshi)

#### 5.4 Adopt-A-Park Participation

Pujita Verma, Environmental Action Committee Member

Ms. Verma spoke to the Committee regarding the member's participation with the Adopt-A-Park Litter Clean-up program. Ms. Verma outlined the priorities associated with the clean-ups and proposed a selection of dates for 2020.

Members of the Committee spoke to the matter and decided on the following proposed dates:

- At 10AM on Saturday April 18, 2020 at R.K. McMillan Park along the banks of the Cooksville Creek;
- Saturday August 22, 2020 at 10AM – location to be determined; and
- Saturday October 17, 2020 at 10AM – location to be determined.

Councillor Carlson noted that he may suggest a second date in April as he usually partakes in a clean-up during the spring months. One of the members requested to clean-up at parks that provide bike parking.

#### RECOMMENDATION EAC-0009-2020

1. That the deputation and associated presentation by Pujita Verma, EAC Member with respect to the Adopt-A-Park Initiative be received for information.
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.
  - 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.
  - 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.

Received (C. Suleiman)

#### 6. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - 15 Minute Limit**

No members of the public requested to speak at this time.

#### 7. **MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED**

##### 7.1 Environmental Action Committee (EAC) Work Plan

Dayna Obaseki, Legislative Coordinator spoke to this item noting a number of members stated that they would prefer a deputation to be made to General Committee outlining the Environmental Action Committee's progress and achievements.

Shazerah Qureshi and Carina Suleiman, Student Members have volunteered to be the presenters. They also provided an overview to the Committee on a draft presentation they created. Staff will work with Ms. Suleiman and Ms. Qureshi to present a draft presentation at the May EAC meeting to gather feedback from the Members. The Committee decided that a presentation by the Members will take place on June 10, 2020 to General Committee.

RECOMMENDATION EAC-0010-2020

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.

Approved (Councillor Dasko)

8. **INFORMATION ITEMS** – Nil.

9. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Chelsea Dalton, Citizen Member noted that UTM (University of Toronto Mississauga) is hosting a campus-wide Sustainability Week from March 9 to March 13, 2020. The week will consist of a variety of activities and include daily theme; Meatless Monday, Trashless Tuesday, Wellness Wednesday, Tech Thursday and Future Friday.

10. **ENQUIRIES** – Nil.

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday, May 5, 2020 - 9:30am, Hearing Room

12. **ADJOURNMENT** - 10:36AM (Councillor Carlson)