

EAC Work Planning Sessions

In Person – July 19th

Virtual – August 22nd

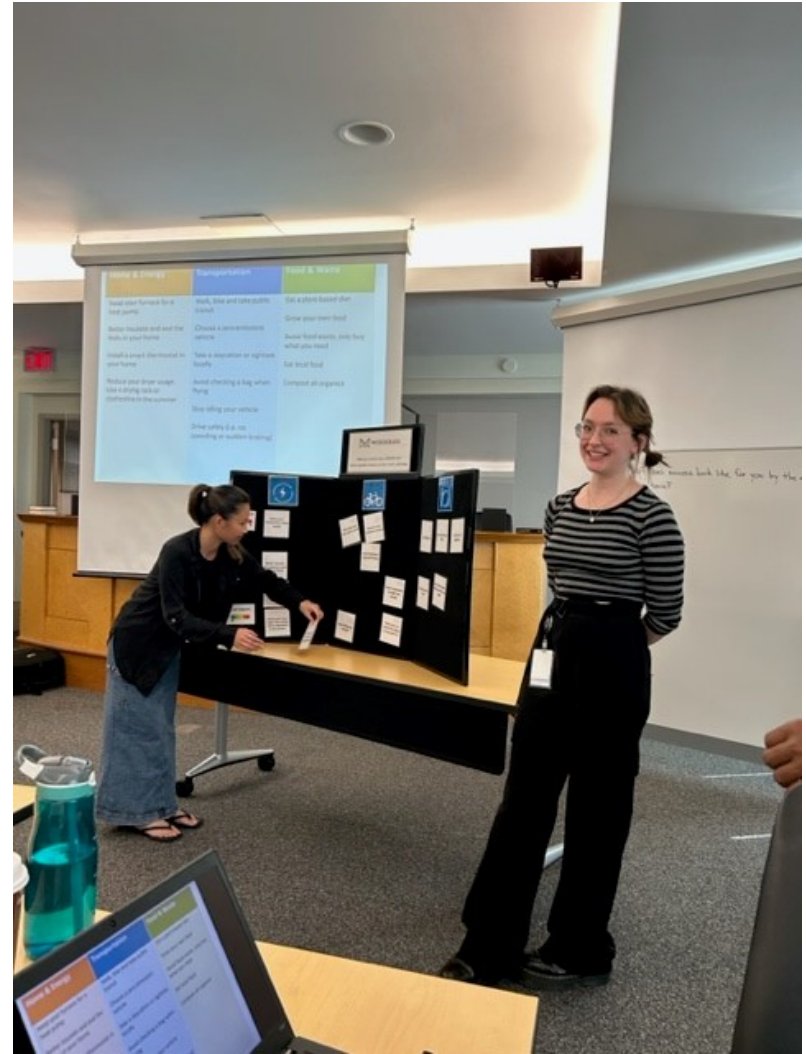
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Agenda/Purpose

- Work planning activities
- Gather insights/feedback on evolving City projects
- Breakdown formal barriers - Bolster engagement & strengthen relationship



Workplan Activity

- How do you currently interact/would like to interact with the City and/or EAC?
- What do you want to learn more about?
- What would success look like for you by the end of your EAC term?



Summary of Work Planning Activity

How do you currently interact/would like to interact with the City and/or EAC?

- Currently:
 - Two-way communication between EAC members and place of work – typically with EAC & Councillor interactions
 - Attending City events
 - CoM website & social media
- In the future:
 - Collaborative meetings with other city departments, citizen committees and industries
 - Collaborate with other levels of government
 - Support grassroots NGO initiatives
 - Virtual stakeholder engagement sessions & community focus groups
 - Presentations from external organizations & community members

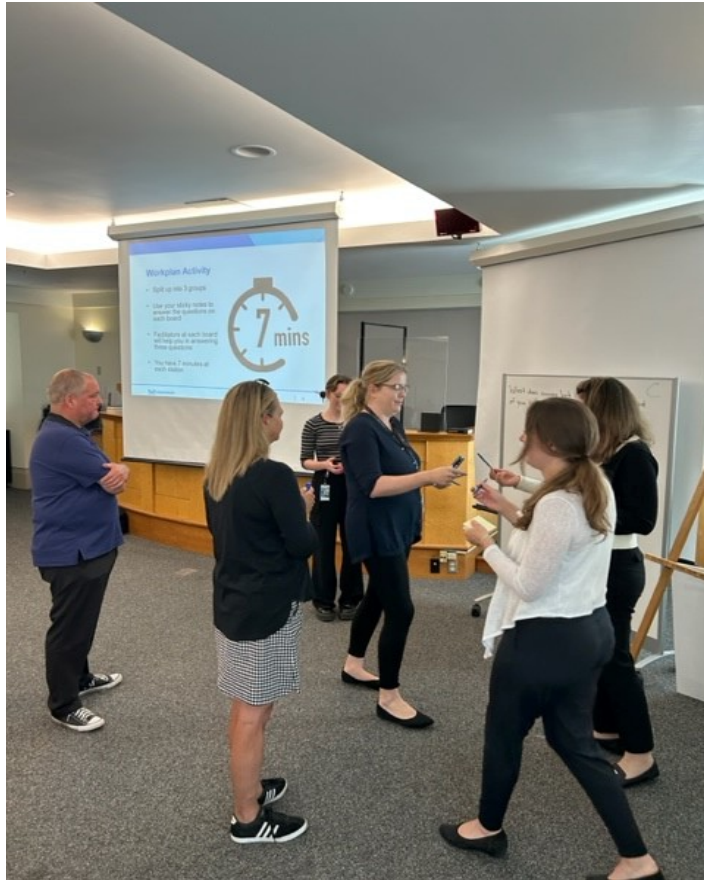
What do you want to learn more about?

- Effective ways to take action
- City and external initiatives including scope of Environment team & other related City departments
- Learn from other experts outside of EAC
- Understanding mid-range climate change targets
- Learning about new innovations to achieve climate goals
- Quantifiable community engagement on climate action
- Clear climate communications & education

What would success look like for you by the end of your EAC term?

- Learn more about & contribute to climate action
- Helping to meet City's targets
- Clear, two way communication and collaboration between EAC and Environment team
- Improved participation levels of EAC members (via discussion and presentations)
- Feedback/reporting of work done via EAC recommendations
 - List of initiatives, recommendations, and major works contributed to by EAC

Evolving Environment's Programs



- Urban Agriculture Strategy
- Home Retrofits Program
- Waste and Litter Diversion

Questions Asked

- How would you like to be involved in these programs?
- What do you like/dislike about these programs?
- What would you modify about these programs?
- How do these programs resonate with you and your community?

Urban Agriculture Feedback

Creating Resilience Through Community Gardens



Community gardens - and urban agriculture in general - are important tools in improving access to locally grown foods and stimulating the local economy.

In partnership with Ecosource, the City has installed nine community gardens and one urban farm. These gardens connect residents to gardening spaces, encouraging active and healthy living.

Taking action
Get back to your roots and volunteer with Ecosource at the Iceland Teaching Garden.

Learn More



ecosource.ca



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- Increase accessibility to gardens
- Education on gardening at home
- Reduce constraints; make it easier to grow food
- More funding; corporate sponsorships
- Utilize underutilized spaces
- City bulk-purchasing of home garden beds for residents to purchase at-cost
- Virtual map of garden locations

Home Retrofits Program Feedback

- Advocate for other levels of government to support City program and provide incentives to residents
- Streamline access to funds
- Promote existing funding
- Knowledge sharing and ideas for program delivery
- Corporate sponsors to subsidize retrofits
- Retrofits for sustainable landscaping and LID opportunities

Home Retrofits Program



In Mississauga, buildings are the largest source of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

The City is working with Brampton and Caledon to design a home energy retrofits program for single-family homes. The program is still being designed, but we anticipate that it will support residents in making their homes more efficient (e.g., provide info on the process, identifying grants and loans that may be available).

Take action
Learn about the Peel Residential Energy Program here







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Waste and Litter Diversion

Think Circular

Waste and Litter Diversion

At the City
We are committed to waste diversion and litter mitigation by collaborating with industry and community partners, leading by example, and implementing a circular economy approach to reduce and rethink waste.

Take action
Learn about the City's 'Own Your Litter' campaign here to play your part in keeping our city beautiful and litter-free.

ownyourlitter.ca

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- Increase number of and improve placement of waste containers
- Waste education for the public
- Leverage exchange programs for materials and products to extend life-cycle
- How-to messaging on supporting resident action
- Translation of waste materials
- Improved public outreach

Next Steps

- Complete CCAP survey by September 30
- Presenting updated work plan with actions



<https://yoursay.mississauga.ca/climate-change>

