

## Environmental Action Committee

**Date:** June 6, 2023  
**Time:** 9:30 AM  
**Location:** Council Chambers, Civic Centre, 2nd Floor  
300 City Centre Drive, Mississauga, Ontario, L5B 3C1  
and Online Video Conference

<b>Members Present</b>	Councillor Matt Mahoney	Ward 8 (Chair)	
	Councillor Stephen Dasko	Ward 1 (Vice-chair)	
	Councillor Brad Butt	Ward 11	
	Derek Stone	Citizen Member	
	Jihan Khatib	Citizen Member	
	Karen Pawlowski	Citizen Member	
	Morgan Lee	Citizen Member	
	Melanie Kramer	Credit Valley Conservation	
	<b>Members Absent</b>	Britt Mckee	Ecosource
		Councillor Tedjo	Ward 2
Alice Casselman		Association for Canadian Educational Resources	

### Staff/Agency Representatives

Dianne Zimmerman, Manager, Environment  
Matthew Sweet, Manager, Active Transportation  
Michelle Sanstra, Legislative Coordinator

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor Mahoney, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM.

2. **INDIGENOUS LAND STATEMENT**

Councillor Mahoney cited the Indigenous Land Statement.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Approved (J. Khatib)

4. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Nil

5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

5.1 **Environmental Action Committee DRAFT Minutes – May 16, 2023**

That the May 16, 2023 Environmental Action Committee Minutes be approved.

Approved (D. Stone)

6. **PRESENTATIONS - Nil**

7. **DEPUTATIONS**

7.1 **LJ Prabakaran, Environmental Outreach Assistant and Tooba Shakeel, Senior Coordinator, Sustainable Neighbourhoods, Credit Valley Conservation regarding Planning the Cooksville Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Program (SNAP)**

LJ Prabakaran, Environmental Outreach Assistant and Tooba Shakeel, Senior Coordinator, Sustainable Neighbourhoods, Credit Valley Conservation spoke about planning the Cooksville sustainable neighbourhood action program (SNAP).

Members of the Committee engaged in discussion and enquired about the foreseen challenges of the Cooksville SNAP compared to the previous SNAP projects, the other SNAP program, parkland and acquisitions and sought clarification regarding the requested motion. Mr. Prabakaran, Ms. Shakeel and Dianne Zimmerman, Manager, Environment and Councillor Mahoney responded to the enquires from the Committee.

**RECOMMENDATION EAC-0013-2023**

Moved By Morgan Lee

1. That the deputation and associated presentation from LJ Prabakaran, Environmental Outreach Assistant and Tooba Shakeel, Senior Coordinator, Sustainable Neighbourhoods, Credit Valley Conservation regarding Planning the Cooksville Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Program (SNAP), be received.
2. That the Environmental Action Committee Members support the development of the new Sustainable Action Plans (SNAP)

3. That Council endorse the development of a plan for the Cooksville SNAP that includes sustainability goals, specific targets, actions, implementation and monitoring strategy, as well as the allocation of \$40,000 from the Environmental budget towards the cost.

Approved

7.2 Dianne Zimmerman, Manager, Environment and Matthew Sweet, Manager, Active Transportation regarding City Efforts to Reduce Carbon Impact of Transportation

Dianne Zimmerman, Manager, Environment and Matthew Sweet, Manager, Active Transportation spoke to the City of Mississauga efforts to reduce carbon impact of transportation.

Councillor Mahoney commented on the school streets pilot program and enquired if there is a plan regarding rising awareness and communication with Micro-mobility in parks and pathways. Mr. Sweet responded to Councillor Mahoney's enquiry that they are currently working on developing a promotional campaign.

RECOMMENDATION EAC-0014-2023

Moved By Derek Stone

That the deputation and associated presentation from Dianne Zimmerman, Manager, Environment and Matthew Sweet, Manager, Active Transportation regarding City Efforts to Reduce Carbon Impact of Transportation, be received.

Received

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

Rahul Metha, Founder, Sustainable Mississauga, Co-founder, Stop Sprawl Peel asked the following questions:

Question 1 (regarding 7.1):

The SNAP is an excellent example of community, government and local experts/organizations (in this case the Conservation Authority) coming together with the experience and expertise of each to support sustainability outcomes in the near and long-term. It is clear that a higher priority exists in some neighbourhoods due to others due to existing inequities and climate vulnerability, however the program elements shared today are clearly needed, with substantial benefit, city-wide. We also know that programs such as blooming boulevards, once implemented city-wide, can become more manageable and predictable with City oversight. Will the Committee consider recommending to GC the implementation of SNAP-style programs, city-wide, to help meet our Climate/Water/Waste/Energy targets? Examples include a city-wide tree-giveaway program (currently confined to select wards via CVC/TRCA), City-wide rain barrel giveaway program for low-income households (currently available for purchase at

distant and car-dependant CRCs) and "depave" retrofit program (currently non-existent, incentivizing low-income households and co-ops to replace impermeable with permeable surfaces). All of these programs could be funded through a SWM levy marginal increase.

Question 2 (regarding 7.2):

We know climate change is real and an urgent issue affecting all of us, including all city services and the infrastructure on which we depend. While our climate and transportation plans range in ambition, they are among the better plans in the region - when it comes to targets. Unfortunately, we are not meeting most of our targets, be it on emissions reductions, transit growth and usage, green retrofit funding and completions and walking/cycling annual build length or funding. We have approved these plans, yet the targets continue to be missed, making the 50% modal split by sustainable means farther and farther out of reach. Seeing the rapid growth of the cycling network and Toronto and bus network in Brampton, in just the past three years of COVID, we do not have a reasonable excuse for falling so far behind. Will this committee consider recommending to GC increased funding to meet our annual funding targets for the Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan, as well as to increase transit service hours in line with Brampton (a city smaller than us with transit ridership and service hours increasing exponentially)?

Councillor Mahoney, Chair noted that a response would be sent from staff by email.

**9. CONSENT AGENDA**

No items were approved under Consent Agenda.

**10. MATTERS CONSIDERED**

**10.1 Environmental Action Committee (EAC) Work Plan**

Dianne Zimmerman, Manager, Environment spoke to conducting a workshop for Committee members to brainstorm ideas to include in the work plan. Councillor Mahoney enquired if Ms. Zimmerman would arrange the workshop for the members.

**RECOMMENDATION EAC-0015-2023**

Moved By Jihan Khatib

That the Environmental Action Committee Work Plan be approved as discussed at the June 6, 2023 EAC meeting.

Approved

**11. INFORMATION ITEMS - Nil**

**12. OTHER BUSINESS/ENQUIRIES - Nil**

13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, July 4, 2023 at 9:30 am

Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Civic Centre

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14. **ADJOURNMENT**

10:11AM (K. Pawlowski)

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