
Environmental Action Committee

Date: December 5, 2023
Time: 9:31 AM
Location: Council Chambers, Civic Centre, 2nd Floor
300 City Centre Drive, Mississauga, Ontario, L5B 3C1
and Online Video Conference

Members	Councillor Matt Mahoney	Ward 8 (Chair)
	Councillor Stephen Dasko	Ward 1 (Vice-chair)
	Councillor Brad Butt	Ward 11
	Councillor Alvin Tedjo	Ward 2
	Prabhjit Banga	Citizen Member
	Morgan Lee	Citizen Member
	Karen Pawlowski	Citizen Member
	Derek Stone	Citizen Member
	Alice Casselman	Association for Canadian Educational Resources
		Ecosource
		Credit Valley Conservation
		Partners in Project Green
		PEYA (Peel Environment Youth Alliance)
Members Absent	Jihan Khatib	Student
		Citizen Member

Staff Present

Dianne Zimmerman, Manager, Environment
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, Chair cited the Indigenous Land Statement.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

That the December 5, 2023 Environmental Action Committee Agenda be approved, as presented.

Approved (Councillor Butt)

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**5.1 Environmental Action Committee DRAFT Minutes – November 7, 2023**

That the November 7, 2023 Environmental Action Committee Minutes be approved.

Approved (B. McKee)

6. PRESENTATIONS - Nil**7. DEPUTATIONS****7.1 Carrah Bullock, Climate Change Specialist regarding Technology Pathways to 2050**

Carrah Bullock, Climate Change Specialist spoke to Technology Pathways to 2050.

Members of the Committee engaged in discussion and inquired about the following:

- Tracking of community and corporate inventory regarding GHG emission reductions.
- Residential typology breakdown and the level of results.
- Heat pump incentives and rebates for residents, and;
- If these initiatives are coordinated with other initiatives.

Ms. Bullock, Dianne Zimmerman, Manager, Environment and Jennifer Taves, Partners in Project Green responded to the inquiries from the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION EAC-0031-2023

Moved By Councillor Tedjo

That the deputation and associated presentation from Carrah Bullock, Climate Change Specialist regarding Technology Pathways to 2050, be received.

Received7.2 Leya Barry, Climate Change Supervisor regarding Climate Change Action Plan Progress Update

Leya Barry, Climate Change Supervisor spoke to the Climate Change Action Plan Progress Update.

Councillor Tedjo inquired about transit GHG numbers, the measure of community emissions and the collection of data regarding cycling. Ms. Barry responded to Councillor Tedjo's inquiry.

Councillor Dasko spoke to environmental initiatives in the City.

Morgan Lee, Citizen Member inquired about parkland acquisition, shade structure, tree planting and mulching practices. Ms. Barry responded to Ms. Lee's inquiry.

RECOMMENDATION EAC-0032-2023

Moved By Morgan Lee

That the deputation and associated presentation from Leya Barry, Climate Change Supervisor regarding Climate Change Action Plan Progress Update, be received.

Received7.3 Heliya Babazadeh-Olegi, Environmental Outreach Coordinator regarding the Urban Agriculture Strategy Update

Heliya Babazadeh-Olegi, Environmental Outreach Coordinator spoke to the Urban Agriculture Strategy Update.

Alice Casselman, Community Organization Representative expressed support towards the initiative.

RECOMMENDATION EAC-0033-2023

Moved By Alice Casselman

That the deputation and associated presentation from Heliya Babazadeh-Olegi, Environmental Outreach Coordinator regarding the Urban Agriculture Strategy Update, be received.

Received7.4 Britt McKee, Executive Director, Ecosource regarding Community Gardens 2023 Program Highlights

Britt McKee, Executive Director, Ecosource spoke to Community Gardens 2023 Program Highlights.

Members of the Committee engaged in discussion and inquired about the following:

- Encouraging residential buildings to establish community garden spaces.
- The program wait list, and;
- Compost usage.

Ms. McKee responded to the Committee's inquiries.

RECOMMENDATION EAC-0034-2023

Moved By Karen Pawlowski

That the deputation and associated presentation from Britt McKee, Executive Director, Ecosource regarding Community Gardens 2023 Program Highlights, be received.

Received

8. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - 15 Minute Limit

Rahul Mehta, Resident asked the following question(s):

Question 1 (regarding item 7.2):

As an aside I wish to note that there were 13 additional slides after the cohesive slide deck (slides 21-33) which I do not think were supposed to be included, which left me very confused seeing different dates and data repeated, unclear as to the actual metrics meant to be reported. Putting these errors aside for now, there was repetition of a more important sort which came up throughout this CCAP update, and that was the central role of the City's transportation fleet and facilities as a major and growing part of our GHG emissions. While no plan was given as to if and how emissions will be reduced anywhere near the 2030 target, as by your own admission we are drifting away from that (now set to be even more ambitious) target with rising total and transport emissions since 2022, there is clearly still much the city, and Environment staff, can do to steer us in a better direction. Considering this - is your team making sure to recommend the strongest possible budget to increase MiWay service hours for the 2024 budget, as well as future budgets for accelerated growth, new garages and fleet electrification? The most recent meeting on the budget and proposed transit increase confirmed a "potential" maximum service/budget increase to MiWay of 6%, yet the Mayor is proposing a more modest 4%. We need leadership from City staff and I hope your answer will provide that in light of our growing challenge of rising corporate emissions that make it impossible to ever meet our 2030 and 2050 climate targets.

Question 2 (regarding item 7.3):

There have been multiple greenhouse facilities, community gardens, urban agriculture projects, tree nurseries, food forests and ecological learning spaces proposed within multiple city/regional plans, specifically the Britannia Farm Master Plan and Credit River Parks Strategy, yet little in regards to results. The public has felt left in the dark and very much let down with the lack of progress in the construction of facilities, trails and educational programs in those plans, poorly funded due in part to repeated austerity budgets - general updates have been lacking too. Limited investment in these well-thought-out existing plans has had a cascading effect over the years in regards to addressing the issues of food security, public health, education of food and environment, local food procurement and farming initiatives at scale to name just a few. Thus, the question, why are these plans not mentioned in updates and planning of the Urban Agriculture Master Plan? Specifically, is the city coordinating with these dated, largely unrealized and sorely underfunded plans, to see them "bear fruit" which in turn will support the UAMP and CCAP?

A written response will be provided to the resident.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

No items were approved on consent under the Consent Agenda.

10. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

10.1 Environmental Action Committee 2023-2026 Work Plan Memorandum for Council

No discussion took place regarding this matter.

RECOMMENDATION EAC-0035-2023

Moved By Melanie Kramer

1. That the Memorandum dated November 23, 2023, entitled "Environmental Action Committee (EAC) Final Progress Reporting on 2023-2026 – Written Submission to Mayor and Members of Council", be received;
2. That the draft Memorandum entitled "Environmental Action Committee Progress on 2023-2026 Work Plan" and the Environmental Action Committee Work Plan attached as Appendix 1 be approved;
3. That the draft Memorandum entitled "Environmental Action Committee Progress on 2023-2026 Work Plan" and the Environmental Action Committee Work Plan attached as Appendix 1 be provided to the Mayor and Members of Council via email.

Approved

10.2 Environmental Action Committee (EAC) Work Plan

No discussion took place regarding this matter.

RECOMMENDATION EAC-0036-2023

Moved By Britt McKee

That the Environmental Action Committee Work Plan, be approved.

Approved

11. INFORMATION ITEMS - Nil

12. OTHER BUSINESS/ENQUIRIES - Nil

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 9:30 am

Council Chambers and Online Video Conference

14. ADJOURNMENT

10:50 AM (D. Stone)