
Environmental Action Committee

Date: May 6, 2025
Time: 9:32 AM
Location: Council Chambers, Civic Centre, 2nd Floor
 300 City Centre Drive, Mississauga, Ontario, L5B 3C1
 and Online Video Conference

Members Present	Chair and Councillor Matt Mahoney	Ward 8
	Vice-Chair and Councillor Stephen Dasko	Ward 1
	Councillor Alvin Tedjo	Ward 2
	Councillor Brad Butt	Ward 11
	Prabhjit Banga	Citizen Member
	Jihan Khatib	Citizen Member
	Morgan Lee	Citizen Member
	Karen Pawlowski	Citizen Member
	Derek Stone	Citizen Member
	Britt McKee	Ecosource
	Melanie Kramer	Credit Valley Conservation
	Lily Bai	Peel Environmental Youth Alliance (PEYA) Student Representative
	Beesan Tayyar	University of Toronto Mississauga Student
Members Absent	Alice Casselman	Association for Canadian Educational Resources
	Jennifer Taves	Partners in Project Green
	Tea Falzata	University of Toronto Mississauga Student

Staff

Dianne Zimmerman, Manager, Environment
 Eglantina Bacaj-Gondia, Legislative Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. INDIGENOUS LAND STATEMENT

Councillor Mahoney, Chair recited 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 Minutes – March 4, 2025**

Approved (K. Pawlowski)

6. PRESENTATIONS - Nil**7. DEPUTATIONS****7.1 Jeanne McRight, Blooming Boulevards regarding the Nuisance Weed and Tall Grass Control By-Law and designing with native grasses**

J. McRight spoke to the Nuisance Weed and Tall Grass Control By-law and proposed amendments, and further spoke to the Blooming Boulevards organization and designing with native grasses.

Councillor Butt inquired when the By-law above was last updated and the nature of the updates made; in response, and Nathaniel McLaren, Manager, Compliance and Licensing Enforcement provided information.

Councillor Dasko commented on the volume of complaints related to weed nuisance and tall grass, and differentiating between grass and native species.

Melanie Kramer, Community Organization Representative spoke to incorporating the input of an ecologist or biologist in the review of the above By-law.

Direction was provided to By-law and Environment staff to perform a comprehensive review and benchmarking with other municipalities of the Nuisance Weed and Tall Grass Control By-law and report back to Environmental Action Committee.

RECOMMENDATION EAC-0009-2025

Moved By Councillor Dasko

That the deputation and associated presentation from Jeanne McRight, Blooming Boulevards regarding the Nuisance Weed and Tall Grass Control By-Law and designing with native grasses, be received.

Received7.2 This item was removed

~~Adam Halsey, InductEV regarding Wireless Transit Electrification~~

7.3 Darren Ridings, Director, Transit regarding the Hydrogen Bus Pilot

D. Ridings spoke to the Hydrogen fuel cell electric bus pilot project update, outlining MiWay's GHG reduction targets, fleet transition, hydrogen bus layout, and the impact of the fuel cell technology.

Councillor Tedjo inquired about refueling sites, servicing routes, and capacity of fuel cell technology in the winter; in response, D. Ridings, provided information regarding current and future fueling station locations, route deployment and variables affecting range, and reduction in range based on climate.

RECOMMENDATION EAC-0010-2025

Moved By Councillor Tedjo

That the deputation and associated presentation from Darren Ridings, Director, Transit regarding the Hydrogen Bus Pilot, be received.

Received7.4 Carrah Bullock, Climate Change Specialist, Environment regarding Engaging a Hydrogen Ecosystem Project Overview

Dianne Zimmerman, Manager, Environment spoke to the subject matter, providing an overview of hydrogen and its role as a low-carbon source, the City's Hydrogen Ecosystem project overview, engagement activities, and timelines.

D. Zimmerman noted that staff plan to come back to Environmental Action Committee later in the year to speak to the economic assessment findings of the hydrogen hub.

RECOMMENDATION EAC-0011-2025

Moved By Britt McKee

That the deputation and associated presentation from Dianne Zimmerman, Manager, Environment regarding Engaging a Hydrogen Ecosystem Project Overview, be received.

Received8. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - 15 Minute Limit - Nil**9. **CONSENT AGENDA**RECOMMENDATION EAC-0012-2025

Moved By Councillor Butt

That the following items were approved under the Consent Agenda;

- 10.1 - Environmental Action Committee Work Plan dated March 2025

Approved

10. MATTERS CONSIDERED

10.1 Environmental Action Committee Work Plan dated March 2025 (CONSENT)

RECOMMENDATION EAC-0013-2025

Moved By Councillor Butt

That the Environmental Action Committee Work Plan dated March 2025, be approved.

Approved

10.2 Upcoming Events (Environmental Action Committee Members, Verbal)

Committee Members spoke to upcoming park cleanups, plantings, and initiatives in the community.

10.3 Introduction of Beesan Tayyar, University of Toronto Mississauga Student (Verbal)

Councillor Mahoney, Chair welcomed Beesan Tayyar, University of Toronto Mississauga student to the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION EAC-0014-2025

Moved By Councillor Butt

That Beesan Tayyar be appointed as the University of Toronto Mississauga student representative to the Environmental Action Committee for a one (1) year term ending May 5, 2026, or until a successor is appointed.

Approved

11. INFORMATION ITEMS - Nil

12. OTHER BUSINESS - Nil

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - June 3, 2025

14. ADJOURNMENT

10:16AM (D. Stone)