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## Environmental Action Committee

**Date:** February 2, 2021  
**Time:** 9:30 AM  
**Location:** Online Video Conference

<b>Members</b>	Councillor Matt Mahoney	Ward 8 (Chair)
	Councillor Stephen Dasko	Ward 1 (Vice-Chair)
	Brad Bass	Citizen Member
	Chelsea Dalton	Citizen Member
	Carina Suleiman	UTM (University of Toronto Mississauga) Student
	Alice Casselman	Association for Canadian Educational Resources
	Britt McKee	Ecosource
	Jeff Robertson	Partners in Project Green
	Melanie Kramer	Credit Valley Conservation
	Andrea Rowe	Greening Sacred Spaces (Non-Voting Member)
	Brad Butt	Mississauga Board of Trade (Non-Voting Member)
	Sid Gendron	Sawmill Sid Inc. (Non-Voting Member)

<b>Members Absent</b>	Councillor George Carlson	Ward 11
	Lea Ann Mallett	Citizen Member
	Pujita Verma	Citizen Member
	Nandini Menon	PEYA (Peel Environmental Youth Alliance) Student

<b>Staff Present</b>	Dianne Zimmerman, Manager, Environment
	Lisa Urbani, Supervisor, Environment Initiatives
	Muneef Ahmad, Manager, Stormwater Projects and Approvals
	Leya Barry, Climate Change Specialist
	Teresa Chan, Climate Change Specialist
	Catherine Nguyen-Pham, Communications Coordinator
	Dayna Obaseki, Legislative Coordinator

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor Mahoney, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Approved (B. Bass)

**3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - Nil.****4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING****4.1 Environmental Action Committee DRAFT Minutes – December 8, 2020**

Approved (C. Dalton)

**5. DEPUTATIONS****5.1 "Build Beautiful" Stormwater Master Plan (20 Minutes)**

- Ron Scheckenberger, Project Manager, Wood
- Samantha Stokke, Environmental Planner, Wood
- Muneef Ahmad, Manager, Stormwater Projects, City of Mississauga

Mr. Scheckenberger, Ms. Stokke and Mr. Ahmad presented and provided an overview on the Stormwater Master Plan. They discussed the project scope, work plan, vision development, legislation, current conditions, stormwater in other cities, establishing actions and next steps. They highlighted the work plan's six tasks and the feedback provided by the public consultations. They also discussed the two types of actions, four themed areas and six service deliveries. The next steps consist of providing a draft in May 2021 to EAC for feedback before getting final approval from Council in June 2021.

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

- Tree Canopy and tree planting on the stormwater facilities;
- Strategic communications, such as digital boards and signs on the railway corridor;
- Suggested ecological co-benefits and partnering with organizations for outreach opportunities;
- Youth outreach;
- Inquired about the connection to the Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP);
- Expressed concern that there was no mention of the stormwater charge, research and the role of recovery of nutrients; and
- Inquired about if the feedback being received in March at the Public Information Center will be incorporated into the plan prior to returning to EAC in May.

Mr. Scheckenberger, Ms. Stokke, Mr. Ahmad and Dianne Zimmerman, Manager of Environment responded to the questions from the Members of the Committee;

- Noted the green space located on the facilities could be utilized for tree canopy.
- Noted the communication messaging will be leverage across a board range of channels, that consist of social media and public meetings as well as further explore incorporating the signage suggestion.
- Noted there is youth summit.
- One of the actions stated in the CCAP is to create a Stormwater Master Plan and this is a direct deliverable. The other CCAP connections are associated with urban agriculture, public engagement and green infrastructure.
- The element of research is based on the best practice review and industry scan. The economic interests are actions bound to the stormwater charge.
- The Stormwater Master Plan is an aspirational plan that outlines future actions to complement the stormwater program, thus the feedback received would be incorporated into the actions.

**DIRECTION** to staff to provide fact sheet to Members of Council to add to their Councillor newsletter.

RECOMMENDATION EAC-0001-2021

Moved By M. Kramer

That the deputation and associated presentation by Ron Scheckenberger, Project Manager, Wood, Samantha Stokke, Environmental Planner, Wood and Muneef Ahmad, Manager, Stormwater Projects, City of Mississauga regarding "Build Beautiful" Stormwater Master Plan be received.

Received

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

No member of the public registered to speak.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

No items were approved under the Consent Agenda.

**8. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED**

**8.1 Update on Phasing Out Ontario's Gas-Fired Power Plants Memo**

This item is an requested update to the Environmental Action Committee (EAC) based on directive from the December 8, 2020 meeting, where Jack Gibbons from the Ontario Clean Air Alliance presented and requested to phase-out gas-fired power plants in Ontario.

Dianne Zimmerman, Manager, Environment provided an overview on Interim GHG Cap and Phase-Out of Gas-Fired Electricity Power Generation. She noted that staff recommends that the City of Mississauga established a precedent by calling on the Province to develop and implement a plan to phase-out gas-powered electricity generation by 2030 to ensure that Ontario meets its 2030 climate targets.

Carina Suleiman, UTM Student Representative inquired about the alternate energy sources. Ms. Zimmerman responded by noting exploring a number of different approaches that consist of energy conservation, solar options, renewable energy, and further utilizing hydro electricity from Quebec. Members of the Committee noted their support to phase out gas-powered electricity generation.

**RECOMMENDATION EAC-0002-2021**

Moved By C. Dalton

That the Environmental Action Committee support in principal Phasing-Out Ontario's Gas-Fired Electricity Power Generation and recommends that Jack Gibbons, Chair, Ontario Clean Air Alliance present this initiative for further discussion at an upcoming General Committee meeting.

Approved

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

No discussion took place.

**RECOMMENDATION EAC-0000-2021**

Moved By C. Suleiman

That the Environmental Action Committee Work Plan be approved as discussed at the February 2, 2021 EAC meeting.

Approved

9. **INFORMATION ITEMS** - Nil.

10. **OTHER BUSINESS AND ENQUIRIES** - Nil.

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, March 2, 2021 - 9:30am, Online Video Conference

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

10:30AM (B. Bass)