



Town of Newmarket
MINUTES

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, January 8, 2014
at 6:30 p.m.
Cane A & B, 395 Mulock Drive

A meeting of the Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cane Room at 395 Mulock Drive.

Present: John Birchall
Philip Breault
Wes Guldemon
Jill King
Dayna Laxton (Meeting Chair)
Geoff Shore
Councillor Twinney

Absent: Doug Jagger
Joanna Parsons
Stacey Tidman

Guest: Pat Lusink, Program Manager, Smart Commute Central York

Staff: D. Ruggle, Senior Planner – Community Planning (6:33 to 8:00 pm)
C. Schritt, Traffic Technician
L. Moor, Council/Committee Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

Dayna Laxton in the Chair.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

**1. NEWMARKET EAC MINUTES – JANUARY 8, 2014 – ITEM 1
APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes of November 6, 2013.

**Moved by Philip Breault
Seconded by Wes Guldemond**

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes of November 6, 2013 be approved.

CARRIED

**2. NEWMARKET EAC MINUTES – JANUARY 8, 2014 – ITEM 2
CORRESPONDENCE**

**Moved by Councillor Twinney
Seconded by Geoff Shore**

THAT the correspondence items, previously distributed by e-mail, be received.

CARRIED

**3. NEWMARKET EAC MINUTES – JANUARY 8, 2014 – ITEM 3
SMART COMMUTE PRESENTATION**

Ms. Pat Lusink, Program Manager, Smart Commute Central York addressed the Committee with a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Smart Commute program, initiatives and statistics of its success. Ms. Lusink requested that the Environmental Advisory Committee recommend support for permanent funding on a go forward basis by the Town. Councillor Twinney advised that the 2014 budget deliberations included a line of item of \$25,000 with the intention of keeping this in future budgets for the Smart Commute program.

**Moved by Wes Guldemond
Seconded by Geoff Shore**

THAT the PowerPoint presentation by Ms. Pat Lusink, Program Manager, Smart Commute Central York regarding the program, initiatives and statistics be received.

CARRIED

**4. NEWMARKET EAC MINUTES – JANUARY 8, 2014 – ITEM 4
DARK SKIES – GENERAL DISCUSSION**

The Senior Planner – Community Planning addressed the Committee regarding exterior lighting requirements contained within Planning documents. Discussion ensued regarding feasible terminology and potential mandated lighting/signage controls being incorporated into zoning, site plan and subdivision development documents. The Committee members advised the Senior Planner – Community Planning that a broad definition of “dark skies” will be compiled in the next few weeks along with collaborative information and a subsequent recommendation would then be submitted to the Planning Department for review.

The Meeting Chair requested a roundtable introduction of members for the benefit of the newest member in attendance.

**5. NEWMARKET EAC MINUTES – JANUARY 8, 2014 – ITEM 5
DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES REPORT – PLANNING AND
BUILDING SERVICES 2013-59 – APPLICATION FOR OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT,
ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT, DRAFT PLAN OF CONDOMINIUM AND DRAFT
PLAN OF SUBDIVISION – 292145 ONTARIO LIMITED**

Discussion ensued regarding the details associated with the development applications for the property located on the west side of Silken Laumann Drive, east of Yonge Street, and south of Mulock Drive, Concession I, Part of Lot 89, in the Town of Newmarket. The Senior Planner – Community Planning advised that the statutory public meeting for the application is tentatively scheduled for February 24, 2014 beginning at 7:00 p.m. John Birchall suggested that comments be compiled and ready for final substantiation at the February 5, 2014 Environmental Advisory Committee meeting.

**6. NEWMARKET EAC MINUTES – JANUARY 8, 2014 – ITEM 6
RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE BAG REDUCTIONS**

John Birchall provided a verbal report regarding the City of Markham's refuse collection and their use of clear plastic bags. Preliminary discussions ensued with respect to the feasibility of the reduction of refuse bag limits in the Town of Newmarket. A suggestion was made to bring this matter back to the February 5, 2014 Environmental Advisory Committee meeting for further idea exchange.

**7. NEWMARKET EAC MINUTES – JANUARY 8, 2014 – ITEM 7
POST COUNCIL REVIEW WORKSHOP UPDATE/PLAN**

John Birchall provided a verbal update regarding the November 12, 2013 Council/NEAC Workshop. He advised that although some progress was made at the workshop regarding NEAC initiatives/focus and resources, another workshop in February or March, 2014 will be scheduled to continue discussions.

**8. NEWMARKET EAC MINUTES – JANUARY 8, 2014 – ITEM 8
NEW BUSINESS**

- a) John Birchall provided a verbal update subsequent to Joanna Parsons recent e-mail explaining the challenges associated with re-printing of the trail maps. He advised that the Town's GIS department has completed updated mapping and the Committee could be in a position to re-print maps by February, 2014. Discussion ensued regarding the feasibility of sponsorship opportunities to assist in the funding of re-prints. John Birchall advised that he would contact the Supervisor of Marketing and Sponsorship for potential assistance in this regard.
- b) The Meeting Chair distributed copies of the 2012/2013 Community Report
- c) Geoff Shore advised of his interest in finding out what environmental incentives are being offered in the Mosaik Homes subdivision development at Bathurst Street and Davis Drive West.

**Moved by Councillor Twinney
Seconded by Geoff Shore**

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Date

Dayna Laxton, Meeting Chair

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 5, 2014 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Mulock Room. Meeting Chair – Philip Breault