

Additions & Corrections to the Agenda

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Approval of Minutes

1. Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes of April 5, 2016. p. 1

Recommendation:

THAT the Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes of April 5, 2016 be approved.

Correspondence

Items

2. Discussion regarding the Municipal Energy Plan and NEAC Recommendations.
3. Public Engagement and Environmental Events
 - a) Community Cleanup Day - Saturday, May 7, 2016
 - b) Community Garage Sale - Saturday, May 28, 2016
 - c) Discussion regarding the Newmarket Farmer's Market.
4. Discussion regarding informal summer meetings of NEAC.
5. Committee and Working Group Updates p. 5
6. Verbal Report from the Senior Environmental Coordinator regarding an environmental projects update.

New Business

Adjournment

The meeting of the Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 in the Mulock Room, 395 Mulock Drive, Newmarket.

Members Present: Councillor Sponga (7:24 to 9:06 p.m.)
Nicole Hamley, Chair
John Birchall
Michelle Bourdeau
David Kempton
Jill King
Petra Vollmerhausen

Absent: Cathie Ethier

Staff Present: C. Schritt, Traffic Technician
C. Finnerty, Council/Committee Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Nicole Hamley in the Chair.

Additions & Corrections to the Agenda

None.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Approval of Minutes

1. Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes of March 2, 2016.

Moved by: Michelle Bourdeau

Seconded by: David Kempton

THAT the Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes of March 2, 2016 be approved.

Carried

Correspondence

Moved by: John Birchall

Seconded by: Petra Vollmerhausen

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

Carried

Items

2. Discussion regarding the Municipal Energy Plan.

J. Birchall provided an update from the Municipal Energy Plan Stakeholder Advisory Group and advised that the timeframe for comments has been delayed to provide an opportunity for NEAC to comment on the draft plan. Discussion ensued regarding the draft plan, including items that may require further refinement, funding challenges for environmental projects, membership on the stakeholder group. The following areas were identified for inclusion and/or clarification in the draft plan:

- what is a retrofit – considerations for residential retrofit, including timelines, required infrastructure, potential costs, etc.
- the label program should maintain consistency with other plans and not be unique to the Newmarket project.

J. Birchall suggested that all members provide him with their comments, by e-mail within two weeks for compilation and consideration by the Committee at the May 4, 2016 meeting.

3. NEAC Workplan and Council Workshop Presentation on April 11, 2016.

The Council/Committee Coordinator distributed the workplan, as revised by J. Birchall to include further deliverables and priorities. Discussion ensued regarding the Council Workshop presentation.

4. Discussion regarding the Newmarket Farmer's Market.

Discussion ensued regarding past presence at the Newmarket's Farmer's Market and whether there was interest to have a presence at the Farmer's Market, storage challenges, volunteer recruitment, scheduling and potential interactive engagement opportunities. Committee members were requested to advise the meeting Chair of their interest and availability to participate.

5. Event Updates

a) Regional Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting - March 30, 2016.

The Chair provided a verbal update on the Regional Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting that was held at the Bill Fisch Forest Stewardship and Education Centre in Stouffville on March 30, 2016. She advised that those in attendance were provided with a tour of the meeting facility and summary of the environmental features of the building. Discussion ensued regarding Regional tree canopy targets and works of other Environmental Advisory Committee's within the Region.

b) Neighbourhood Network Tree Planting - April 30, 2016.

J. Birchall advised of the upcoming Neighbourhood Network Tree Planting which will take place on April 30, 2016.

c) Holland River Clean-up - May 7, 2016.

J. Birchall advised of the upcoming Holland River Clean-up on May 7, 2016 and provided background on NEAC's presence at past events. Discussion ensued regarding participation at the event.

d) Community Garage Sale - May 28, 2016.

P. Vollmerhausen advised that the location and insurance have been obtained. She further advised that commitments from NEAC members and volunteers to assist remain outstanding. J. Birchall to determine whether there is a need for the garage sale signs to be replaced and submit sign locations to P. Vollmerhausen.

Moved by: John Birchall

Seconded by: Petra Vollmerhausen

THAT the Committee approve an advertising expenditure not exceeding \$600.00 for two ads in the Newmarket Era newspaper and further signage, if required.

Carried

New Business

a) Councillor Sponga advised that LEAF will be hosting an event at Riverwalk Commons on July 16, 2016.

- b) P. Vollmerhausen requested an update on Earth Hour. Councillor Sponga advised that Ward 1 and Ward 7 won the War of the Wards and will be receiving a community barbecue event.

Adjournment

Moved by: David Kempton
Seconded by: Michelle Bourdeau

THAT the meeting adjourn.

Carried

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Date

Nicole Hamley, Chair

Council Mandated Priorities:

Project Description		Priority	Project Lead	Milestones	Deliverables	Deadline	Budget Impact	Link to Council's Strategic Priorities and/or Corporate Strategic Goals
1.	Municipal Energy Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy Conservation and Efficiency of Municipally and Privately Owned Properties 	1	Jen Slykhuis/ John Birchall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAG Member Input into PIC Review of Consultant's recommendations and Draft Plan Review of staff recommendations Provide comments to staff for inclusion in plan. 	Final comments, staff report before Council for approval and final adoption.	May 6, 2016	N/A	Well-planned and connected <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term strategy matched with a short-term action plan
2.	Municipal Storm Water Management Plan and Low Impact Development	2	Jen Slykhuis/ Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review LSRCA Document NEAC to review Staff comments and provide feedback 	Staff report before Council for approval and final adoption.	2016	N/A	Well-planned and connected Long-term strategy matched with a short-term action plan Living well <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental protection and natural heritage preservation
3.	Public Engagement and Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Public Forum Farmers Market Education at Schools/School Liaisons Ian Grey Award Environmental Events Earth Hour Community Garage Sale e-Waste 	1	Michelle Bourdeau/ Nicole Hamley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised Plan Completed Plan changes implemented Well planned events executed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised plan for outreach/engagement Commencement of public events Increased environmental awareness Resident satisfaction Encourage involvement of restaurants along Main Street 	Ongoing	Costs incurred to operate events and reserve spaces	Community Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging our changing resident demographics

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4.	Climate Change Response	3	Jen Slykhuis/ Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendation to Council 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide assistance to Staff, as required. 	Ongoing	N/A	Well-planned and connected <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term strategy matched with a short-term action plan

Committee Member Priorities:

Project Description		Priority	Project Lead	Milestones	Deliverables	Deadline	Budget Impact	Link to Council's Strategic Priorities and/or Corporate Strategic Goals
5.	Urban Canopy and Sustainable Tree Plantings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tree Preservation By-law or policy 	4	Michelle Bourdeau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Find out what plans are in place and/or what recommendations are being put forward by the Region, Town or LSRCA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding of upcoming Regional recommendations Provide input on a strategy, as required 	September, 2016	N/A	Living well <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental protection and natural heritage preservation
6.	Community Gardens		David Kempton/ Petra Vollmerhausen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine where the Town is in response to NEAC's recommendation for a Community Garden in each ward. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand need for future gardens Assist the Town and York Region Food Network in developing a strategy, as directed by Council 	October, 2016	N/A	Enhanced Recreational Opportunities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting Community and Neighbourhood Projects
7.	Waste Management		Craig Schritt/ PWS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide information on Waste Management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing review of the waste calendar Determine a means of translating Committee interest into action 	Ongoing	N/A	Well-planned and connected <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term strategy matched with a short-term action plan

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8.	Commuter Cycling Opportunities		David Kempton/ Petra Vollmerhausen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incentives to improved bike lane infrastructure in Newmarket Educational initiatives Determine the interface with the Region's Transportation Master Plan Grant program opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an understanding of current plans and efforts Determine gap opportunities and provide recommendations to Council for consideration 	December, 2016	N/A	Well-planned and connected <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Varied transit options Walking and biking trails, paths and lanes
9.	Drinking/Tap Water Quality		Jill King	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation from Manager, Water/Wastewater to understand system, issues and what can be done Issues include impacts on plants, palatability and humans Revisit plastic water bottle ban 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of an understanding of current issues, impacts and proposed actions Implementation of a plastic water bottle ban in all municipally owned facilities. 	Ongoing	N/A	Well-planned and connected <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term strategy matched with a short-term action plan
10.	Pedestrian Connectivity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pathways and Lighting 		Petra Vollmerhausen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine status of trail plans Determine next steps and timing for new trail map 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive and understand the impacts of new grants and the timing associated with such Finalize plan for a new trail guide Identification of gaps (for example, unlit trail portions) 	Ongoing, with a decision on trail maps to occur by December, 2016	\$5000 to \$7000, for the printing of trail maps	Well-planned and connected <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved inter-connectivity and interaction amongst neighbours and neighbourhoods Walking and biking trails, paths and lanes

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11.	Soil Quality		Michelle Bourdeau /Jen Slykhuis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Markham's Site Alteration By-law/Fill By-laws Receive update from the Senior Environmental Coordinator on any ongoing initiatives Detail concerns of less ground cover in new construction and thinner sod impacts Recommendations with staff input 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding of soil fill impacts Improvements to encourage resident tree plantings Better quality soil retained on residential lots 	December, 2016	N/A	Well-planned and connected <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term strategy matched with a short-term action plan
12.	Lighting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lighting Standards and By-laws 		John Birchall/ Cathie Ethier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Determine means to conserve energy/public awareness campaigns and mitigating measures Development/Site Plan – energy reductions through good practices Receive a presentation from Public Works Staff on the street light project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shielded and timed lights and signage Recommendation to receive Site Plan submissions for review 		N/A	Well-planned and connected <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term strategy matched with a short-term action plan