



The meeting of the Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 in the Mulock Room, 395 Mulock Drive, Newmarket.

Members Present: John Birchall, Chair
 Cathie Ethier
 David Kempton
 Petra Vollmerhausen
 Councillor Vegh (6:55 to 7:55 p.m.)

Absent: Jill King

Staff Present: L. Moor, Council/Committee Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

J. Birchall in the Chair.

Additions & Corrections to the Agenda

- a) The Chair advised that the 2014-2018 Committee Work Plan be added to the agenda.
- b) D. Kempton advised he would provide a verbal update regarding tree preservation measures discussed at the recent Ward 5 meeting.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Approval of Minutes

- 1. The Chair advised that with recent Town staffing changes, the November, 2016 Environmental Advisory Committee minutes are unavailable.

Correspondence

Moved by: Cathie Ethier
Seconded by: Petra Vollmerhausen

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

Carried

Items

2. Public Engagement and Environmental Events

a) Annual Garage Sale Discussion

P. Vollmerhausen provided an overview of the Committee's needs in terms of a proposed location for the Annual Garage Sale. A suggestion was made that the Ray Twinney Complex Parking Lot would be a suitable location in light of the fact that the Regional parking lot that had been used in prior years is now under construction. The date for the sale is Saturday, May 27th, 2017. The Council/Committee Co-ordinator advised that she would provide the contact information regarding use of that space and insurance requirements. P. Vollmerhausen further advised that advertising efforts would be focused on social media, local publications and newspaper.

P. Vollmerhausen requested assistance from any volunteers willing to assist with the garage sale event.

Councillor Vegh provided a verbal update and advised of details associated with the Ward 1 Clean-Up scheduled for May 27th, 2017 at the Magna Centre and offered to direct visitors to the EAC garage sale and distribute any EAC promotional material.

b) Newmarket Farmer's Market

Discussion ensued regarding EAC attendance at the Newmarket Farmer's Market held on Saturdays from May through October. A suggestion was made to commit attendance at the June, July, August and tentative September market days. C. Ethier advised she would approach Newmarket Hydro and the Region of York to request swag items for distribution to visitors. J. Birchall suggested possible collaboration with the Region for booth manning with the limited resources of NEAC members.

c) Verbal Update – Tree Preservation Measures

D. Kempton provided a verbal update regarding the recent Ward 5 meeting where Councillor Kwapis advised that Town staff will be reporting back to Council a Town wide tree preservation plan. D. Kempton advised that at the Ward 5 meeting, he requested of Councillor Kwapis, that said report be vetted through the Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee before considered by Council.

Councillor Vegh provided a verbal update regarding the Tree Removal Policies/Regulations presentation that was recently considered at the Committee of the Whole.

d) Challenges

J. Birchall provided a verbal update regarding some of the challenges that NEAC has faced to date.

Discussion ensued regarding the 2014-2018 work plan and available resources.

Councillor Vegh suggested that the Commissioner of Development and Infrastructure Services and the Town Planner be invited to the April and May 2017 meetings of NEAC for some fulsome discussion in an effort to address the challenges outlined as well as an extensive examination of the work plan and achievable solutions.

Further discussion ensued regarding the feasibility of recruitment of new members. Councillor Vegh provided input regarding recruitment of members to sit on the Committee for a relatively brief time frame associated with the current term of Council.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

Moved by: Dave Kempton
Seconded by: Petra Vollmerhausen

THAT the meeting adjourn.

Carried

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Date

John Birchall, Chair