



Town of Newmarket

# Minutes

## Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee

Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 6:30 PM  
Cane A&B

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The meeting of the Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 in Cane A&B, 395 Mulock Drive, Newmarket.

Members Present:           Dena Farsad, Chair  
                                  Steven Kovecevic, Vice-Chair  
                                  John Birchall  
                                  Catherine Ethier

Absent:                       Councillor Vegh  
                                  Jill King  
                                  Ben Longstaff

Staff Present                A. Walkom, Council/Committee Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM.

Dena Farsad in the Chair.

### **Additions and Corrections to the Agenda**

None.

### **Declarations & Pecuniary Interest**

None.

### **Presentation**

None.

## Approval of Minutes

Correction: Correspondence

Add: The Committee received the correspondence previously circulated by email.

Moved by: John Birchall  
Seconded by: Catherine Ethier

### 1. **Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 22, 2017**

1. That the Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 22, 2017 be approved as amended.

**Carried**

## Correspondence

The Committee received the correspondence previously circulated by email.

## Items

### 2. **Public Events for 2018 and Review of Workplan**

- a. E-waste and garage sale

The Committee discussed the possible 2018 public events with a focus on the e-waste collection day and the garage sale. The Committee will examine the possibility of combining the two into one day with a tentative date of May 26. John Birchall will take the next steps for setting up the e-waste collection event, with the Upper Canada Mall parking lot as a planned location.

- b. Earth Hour

There was discussion related to possible activities for Earth Hour 2018. John Birchall gave a summary of the activities which the Committee has coordinated in previous years. The group agreed that each member should return to the next meeting with ideas for activities.

c. Ian Gray Award

John Birchall gave an overview on the history of the award and how the program operated in previous years. The group discussed how the program could be simplified to make it more effective and improve school participation.

d. Farmers Market

There was discussion on the past practice of setting up at the Farmers Market and the challenges of attending the event, especially later in the season. The group discussed the possibility of having a joint event with the Region, since much of the material distributed is the same.

e. Annual Public Forum

The Committee discussed possible opportunities to engage the community and determine what the Town's environmental priorities may be. The Committee agreed that a first step could be to prepare a survey to be distributed through the Town's communication distribution list. The group agreed that each member should bring ideas for possible survey questions to the next meeting.

f. Workplan Review

The Committee discussed the items on the workplan and updated the plan by assigning members to specific items and reorganizing the items. Catherine Ethier to distribute updated workplan via email.

### 3. Recycling Bin Discussion

John Birchall gave an update on the situation in Town parks where recyclable materials are being diverted to landfill due to high levels of contamination from garbage. The group discussed possible solutions which could lower rates of contamination, including different designs of waste collection containers.

Moved by: John Birchall  
Seconded by: Steven Kovecevic

1. That the Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee express concern that recyclable materials from public parks are going into landfill due to contamination; and,
2. That the Committee offer assistance in helping to improve appropriate diversion rates and minimize contamination.

**Carried**

## **New Business**

Catherine Ethier provided a brief update on Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution filing for a rate increase.

## **Adjournment**

Moved by: Steven Kovecevic  
Seconded by: John Birchall

1. That the meeting adjourn at 8:35 PM.

**Carried**

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Date

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Dena Farsad, Chair