

Additions & Corrections to the Agenda

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

Presentations

1. **Presentation regarding Energy Conservation**
Nirupa Balendran, Conservation Energy Manager, Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.
 1. That the Presentation regarding Energy Conservation be received.

Approval of Minutes

2. **Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of January 3, 2018** Pg. 1
 1. That the Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of January 3, 2018 be approved.

Correspondence

3. **Update regarding the Site Alteration By-law and Implementation of the Stormwater Management Master Plan** Pg. 5
Jen Slykhuis, Engineering Services, Town of Newmarket
 1. That the update regarding the Site Alteration By-law and Implementation of the Stormwater Management Master Plan be received.
4. **Correspondence previously distributed by email**
 1. That the correspondence previously distributed by email be received.

Items

5. Public Events for 2018

- a. Earth Hour
- b. Farmers Market
- c. Annual Public Forum

6. Appointment of Vice-Chair

New Business

Adjournment



Town of Newmarket

Minutes

Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee

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

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 Grey 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

Date

Dena Farsad, Chair

I am providing a formal response to NEAC's request for an update on:

1. Site Alteration By-law
2. Implementation of the Stormwater Management Master Plan

Site Alteration By-law

This by-law was adopted by Council in late 2017. If members wish to review it they can find it here: <http://www.newmarket.ca/LivingHere/Documents/2016-58%20Site%20Alteration%20By-law.pdf>

Stormwater Master Plan

This plan was also adopted by Council in 2017. The main purpose of the plan is the reduction of phosphorus from stormwater run-off. There are several projects that have been completed, they can be viewed

here: <http://www.newmarket.ca/LivingHere/Pages/Environment%20and%20Sustainability/Low%20Impact%20Development%20and%20Stormwater%20Management/Stormwater-initiatives.aspx>

If NEAC members wish to review the Master Plan, I can provide a link for them to download it for review.

Part of my plan for 2018/2019 is outlined below:

1. Design and Construct stormwater management facilities in the Wayne Waratah area
2. Continue with the stormwater pond inspection and maintenance program
3. Implement LID in the Pony Drive road reconstruction project
4. Formalize stormwater asset management plan
5. Continue to identify opportunities for LID in our capital road reconstruction program.
6. Have our summer student conduct site inspections for erosion and sediment control.

If NEAC would like a formal update or presentation I request that specific questions on one area are prepared ahead of time so that I may prepare a presentation.

I would also request that NEAC continue to promote LID and our subsidized backyard tree planting programs. I have brochures I can provide, just let me know and I can give them to you to bring to the meeting.

Thank you and please let me know if you require additional information.



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