

The meeting of the Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, April 2, 2014 in the Mulock Room, 395 Mulock Drive, Newmarket.

Members Present: Councillor Twinney
John Birchall
Philip Breault
Wes Guldemond
Doug Jagger
Jill King
Dayna Laxton
Joanna Parsons

Absent: Geoff Shore

Staff Present: M. Plaunt, Senior Planner - Policy
C. Schritt, Traffic Technician
C. Finnerty, Council/Committee Coordinator

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

Wes Guldemond in the Chair.

Additions & Corrections to the Agenda

Moved by Councillor Twinney
Seconded by Joanna Parsons

THAT the Additions and Corrections to the Agenda noted in the addendum be adopted.

Carried

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Approval of Minutes

1. [Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes of March 5, 2014.](#)

Moved by John Birchall
Seconded by Dayna Laxton

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes of March 5, 2014 be approved.

Carried

Presentations

2. Presentation by Ms. Marion Plaunt, Senior Planner – Policy regarding the Newmarket Urban Centres Secondary Plan and Active Transportation Network.

The Senior Planner – Policy provided an overview of the main changes to the density, heights and bonusing policies, interim development policies, angular plane policies and the new parkland schedule found in the Revised Draft Secondary Plan. She also addressed NEAC's previous comments in respect to urban design, massing and built form, including garbage and loading integration in building, bird friendly practices, screened roof top communities, energy and sustainability, signage and coordination and phasing of development.

A special public meeting will be held on April 28, 2014 for the public to provide feedback on the revised draft.

Discussion ensued with respect to revisions to the plan, the angular plane policy, bird friendly practices and dark skies. The Committee was requested to submit comments to John Birchall for compilation and submission to the Senior Planner – Policy by April 25, 2014.

Items

3. [Correspondence](#)

Moved by Joanna Parsons
Seconded by Philip Breault

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

Carried

4. [Natural Heritage Areas Brochure](#)

Dayna Laxton compiled the comments received with respect to the Natural Heritage Areas Brochure and submitted them to the Traffic Technician. NEAC's suggestions, including updates to the map for enhanced visibility have been incorporated into the revised draft. Discussion ensued regarding map size and inclusion of a QR code or google shortened link to NEAC's web presence.

5. [Trail Map Update](#)

Joanna Parsons provided an update on the progress of the trail map, including funding and printing discussions. Dayna Laxton provided information on EDDMapS Ontario, the Early Detection & Distribution Mapping System for invasive species reporting. Discussion ensued regarding invasive species and availability of the trail maps for the Holland River Clean-up event.

6. [Community Garage Sale](#)

Dayna Laxton advised that the venue for the event on May 31, 2014 has been confirmed, insurance has been obtained from the Town and registration is now open. Volunteers are required to assist with event setup, to direct traffic and collect registration fees.

Discussion ensued regarding staffing the event, site setup, advertising and purchase of additional signs. Wes Guldmond, Jill King and Doug Jagger to assist with the event. Wes Guldmond and Doug Jagger to revise graphics and text on the signs. Doug Jagger to aid in distribution of event flyers. Councillor Twinney to follow up with staff to obtain pylons and barriers for the parking and event areas.

7. [Neighbourhood Community Gardens](#)

John Birchall advised that the recommendations from the March 5, 2014 NEAC meeting will come forward to the Committee of the Whole at their next meeting.

8. [Participation in Holland River Clean-up](#)

John Birchall provided an update on the Holland River Clean-up event. The Committee agreed to participate this year with a booth at the event on Saturday, May 3, 2014 and discussed member participation.

9. [Earth Hour Review and Recommendations](#)

John Birchall provided an update on the Earth Hour event. Newmarket had the lowest total reduction in York Region.

Discussion ensued regarding further community engagement opportunities, including marketing strategies and increased advertising of the event in the community.

10. [Report on Regional Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting](#)

John Birchall provided a verbal report on the presentations and discussions held at the Regional EAC meeting. The next Regional Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting date has been moved to September in order to facilitate the 2014 municipal election.

11. [Provincial Environmental Advisory Symposium - Brampton, ON](#)

John Birchall advised that the agenda for the Provincial EAC symposium has not yet been distributed. The meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 3, 2014.

12. [Resignation of NEAC Member](#)

Moved by Dayna Laxton
Seconded by John Birchall

The Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee recommends to Council:

THAT Stacey Tidman's resignation from the Environmental Advisory Committee be accepted with regret;

AND THAT no replacement be appointed in the remainder of this term of Council.

Carried

New Business

13. a) Jill King directed the Committee's attention to an article published in the Toronto Star on March 31, 2014 regarding Japan's aquaponic initiatives.
- b) John Birchall suggested that the Committee review means of engaging schools in environmental initiatives.

Adjournment

Moved by Doug Jagger
Seconded by Councillor Twinney

THAT the meeting adjourn.

Carried

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Date

Wes Guldemon, Meeting Chair

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mulock Room
Meeting Chair: John Birchall