

The meeting of the Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, November 25, 2015 in Cane A & B, 395 Mulock Drive, Newmarket.

Members Present: Councillor Sponga
John Birchall
Michelle Bourdeau
Cathie Ethier
Nicole Hamley
David Kempton
Jill King (6:38 to 8:58 p.m.)
Petra Vollmerhausen

Staff Present: C. Schritt, Traffic Technician
J. Slykhuis, Senior Environmental Coordinator
C. Finnerty, Council/Committee Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

J. Birchall in the Chair.

The Chair requested that those in attendance introduce themselves and provide a brief summary of their interest and experience related to environmental issues.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Additions & Corrections to the Agenda

None.

Correspondence

Moved by: Cathie Ethier
Seconded by: Nicole Hamley

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

Carried

Items

1. Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair

The Acting Chair opened the floor for discussion related to the appointment of Chair.

Moved by: Councillor Sponga

Seconded by: Petra Vollmerhausen

THAT selection of Chair be deferred to the December 9, 2015 Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee meeting.

Carried

2. Verbal Update regarding Town environmental initiatives

The Traffic Technician introduced the Senior Environmental Coordinator, who provided a verbal update on her position and projects to date. Councillor Sponga provided a verbal update on the budget process and associated environmental initiatives, including the Active Transportation Network, trail connectivity considerations as they relate to street construction, flooding issues and low impact development considerations for the VivaNext and Regional Annex projects. Discussion ensued regarding drinking water, water system flushing and stormwater management.

3. Verbal update regarding the Urban Hens Pilot Project

The Council/Committee Coordinator provided a verbal update regarding the proposed urban hens pilot project and advised that a report will be forthcoming in the new year. She further advised of NEAC's options with respect to providing comments on the pilot project.

4. Verbal Update regarding upcoming events

The Acting Chair provided a verbal update regarding the Regional Environmental Advisory Committee meeting, scheduled for November 26, 2015. He suggested that Newmarket host a Regional Environmental Advisory Committee meeting in 2016. He further provided information regarding NEAC events, including Earth Hour, the Community Garage Sale and the e-Waste event. D. Kempton advised of an upcoming march at Queens Park on November 29, 2015.

5. Committee and Working Group Updates

a) Municipal Energy Plan Stakeholder Advisory Group

J. Birchall provided a verbal update regarding the Municipal Energy Plan Stakeholder Advisory Group and its work to date and advised that the fifth meeting of the group will take place on December 8, 2015. Discussion ensued regarding proposed energy incentive programs associated with the plan and how NEAC will provide further input once the plan is finalized.

6. 2016 Schedule of Meetings

The Council/Committee Coordinator provided an overview of the 2016 Schedule of Meetings, as distributed.

Moved by: Councillor Sponga

Seconded by: Cathie Ethier

THAT the 2016 Schedule of Meetings be approved.

Carried

7. NEAC Workplan

The Committee discussed its workplan for the current term of Council and each member provided input on their individual environmental priorities.

Approval of Minutes

8. Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes of November 12, 2014

9. Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes of October 21, 2015

Moved by: David Kempton

Seconded by: Cathie Ethier

THAT the Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes of November 12, 2014 and October 21, 2015 be approved.

Carried

New Business

None.

Adjournment

Moved by: Petra Vollmerhausen

Seconded by: Jill King

THAT the meeting adjourn.

Carried

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Date

John Birchall, Acting Chair