

The meeting of the Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 in Mulock Room, 395 Mulock Drive, Newmarket.

Members Present: John Birchall
Michelle Bourdeau
Cathie Ethier
Nicole Hamley
David Kempton
Jill King

Absent: Councillor Sponga
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 6:30 p.m.

J. Birchall in the Chair.

Additions & Corrections to the Agenda

None.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Approval of Minutes

1. Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes of November 25, 2015.

Moved by: David Kempton
Seconded by: Cathie Ethier

THAT the Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes of November 25, 2015 be approved.

Carried

Items

2. Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair

The Chair opened the floor for nominations for Chair.

Moved by: Cathie Ethier
Seconded by: Nicole Hamley

THAT a rotating Chair schedule for 2016 be established.

Carried

3. NEAC Workplan

The Senior Environmental Coordinator provided a verbal update on environmental projects being planned in the Town, including a retrofit project at the Ray Twinney Complex, stormwater management plans for the Regional Annex building, low impact development projects on Forest Glen to reduce impacts on the Western Creek. Discussion ensued regarding the role of the Senior Environmental Coordinator and integrating the Committee as an advisor into the role.

The Committee discussed its workplan for the current term of Council and determined priority level and milestones for items noted on the plan.

4. Committee and Working Group Updates

a) Municipal Energy Plan Stakeholder Advisory Group

J. Birchall advised that the meeting scheduled to take place on December 8, 2015 was cancelled due to illness and would be rescheduled.

5. Verbal Update regarding the York Region Environmental Advisory Committee meeting.

J. Birchall advised that the York Region Environmental Advisory Committee meeting met and provided an update on upcoming meeting locations. He anticipates that Newmarket will host in Spring, 2017 and that the meeting frequency will be increased from biannually to quarterly.

6. Comments regarding the Urban Hens Pilot Project

Discussion ensued regarding the outcome for chickens that pass their egg laying life cycle, disease and potential contamination, and property valuation impacts.

Correspondence

Moved by: Jill King
Seconded by: Michelle Bourdeau

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

Carried

New Business

None.

Adjournment

Moved by: Nicole Hamley
Seconded by: David Kempton

THAT the meeting adjourn.

Carried

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

Date

John Birchall, Chair