



Town of Newmarket **MINUTES**

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 5, 2014
at 6:30 p.m.
Mulock Room, 395 Mulock Drive

A meeting of the Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mulock Room at 395 Mulock Drive.

Present: John Birchall
Wes Guldemon
Doug Jagger
Jill King
Dayna Laxton

Absent: Councillor Twinney
Philip Breault
Joanna Parsons
Geoff Shore

Staff: C. Kalimootoo, Director of Public Works Services
C. Schritt, Traffic Technician
C. Finnerty, Council/Committee Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

Doug Jagger in the Chair.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

1. NEWMARKET EAC MINUTES – MARCH 5, 2014 – ITEM 1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes of February 12, 2014.

**Moved by Dayna Laxton
Seconded by Wes Guldemon**

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes of February 12, 2014 be approved.

CARRIED

**2. NEWMARKET EAC MINUTES – MARCH 5, 2014 – ITEM 2
CORRESPONDENCE**

**Moved by John Birchall
Seconded by Dayna Laxton**

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

CARRIED

**3. NEWMARKET EAC MINUTES – MARCH 5, 2014 – ITEM 3
NATURAL HERITAGE PRESERVATION PRESENTATION**

The Traffic Technician circulated a Natural Heritage Area brochure for the Committee's review. The brochure outlines the importance of natural heritage preservation in Newmarket and includes a map identifying areas designated as Natural Heritage in the Official Plan.

Review of the brochure was deferred to the April 2, 2014 meeting. The brochure will be circulated electronically with all comments to be submitted to Dayna Laxton not later than Wednesday, March 26, 2014.

**4. NEWMARKET EAC MINUTES – MARCH 5, 2014 – ITEM 4
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES/REQUESTS FOR FEEDBACK**

John Birchall advised that any time sensitive feedback requests can be handled by email. The Chair requested that the subject line of any email identify the sensitivity and requirement for action.

**5. NEWMARKET EAC MINUTES – MARCH 5, 2014 – ITEM 5
COUNCIL REVIEW WORKSHOP UPDATE/PLAN**

John Birchall advised that the Council Review Workshop is tentatively scheduled for March 24, 2014 pending confirmation by staff. The workshop will identify what needs to be accomplished for the balance of the term of Council and establish a framework for the next Committee.

**6. NEWMARKET EAC MINUTES – MARCH 5, 2014 – ITEM 6
ENVIRONMENTAL VISION STATEMENT-FOLLOW-UP**

John Birchall made a verbal presentation regarding the environmental vision statement that was prepared by NEAC in December, 2008 and subsequently adopted by Council. The vision was intended to be used on an interim basis until resident and stakeholder engagement was completed and a draft Community Environmental Plan prepared. John Birchall advised that the Town is not taking advantage of some of the environmental grants and incentives available as there is no staff resource responsible for environmental co-ordination, planning and accountability.

**Moved by John Birchall
Seconded by Jill King**

The Environmental Advisory Committee recommends to Council:

- a) THAT Council direct staff to find a dedicated staff resource to coordinate environmental matters, establish environmental priorities based on best practice guidelines, seek appropriate funding and provide environmental accountability reporting within the Town of Newmarket;**
- b) AND THAT an environmental accountability report be prepared each year for presentation to Council and the public;**
- c) AND THAT Council reaffirm the 2008 draft environmental vision statement pending the preparation of a draft Community Environmental Plan;**
- d) AND THAT Council recommend to the new council that budget priority be given in the next term of Council to fund the PCP Community Environmental Plan.**

CARRIED

John Birchall indicated he would attempt to acquire job descriptions for reference purposes.

**7. NEWMARKET EAC MINUTES – MARCH 5, 2014 – ITEM 7
GARBAGE/WASTE BY-LAW REVIEW**

John Birchall prepared a draft recommendation for the Committee's review based upon Philip Breault's presentation to the Committee at the February 12, 2014 meeting and subsequent discussion around the clear bag program in Markham.

**Moved by Jill King
Seconded by Wes Guldemon**

The Environmental Advisory Committee recommends to Council:

Whereas staff and NEAC recommended approximately four years ago a plan to reduce the amount of garbage bags picked up at curbside; and

Whereas Council decided that more time was needed before making a change; and

Whereas green bin success continues to reduce the need for actual garbage to be picked up; and

Whereas there have been successful programs to use clear plastic bags with Aurora being the first to proceed in the N6 municipalities;

- a) It is therefore recommended that Council direct staff to prepare a report on waste reduction and curbside garbage pickup;**

- b) **AND THAT** such report addresses the waste strategy and communication implementation plan;
- c) **AND THAT** NEAC be consulted on any recommendations included in the plan;
- d) **AND THAT** the report be presented to Council in the first quarter of 2015.

CARRIED

The Committee requested that the report address garbage limits for secondary dwelling units and biomedical waste separate from other waste reduction strategies.

8. NEWMARKET EAC MINUTES – MARCH 5, 2014 – ITEM 8
NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMUNITY GARDENS

John Birchall spoke with representatives from the York Region Food Network who advised that the community garden could be expanded this year to include an additional two rows of plots without any requirement for a water line expansion. Volunteers would mark the gardens, using wood chips to delineate each plot. He presented a video prepared by the York Region Food Network on upStream Aquaponics project. The business operates a water based method of growing fresh produce in a closed loop system using tilapia and vermin composting.

Moved by John Birchall
Seconded by Wes Guldemond

The Environmental Advisory Committee recommends to Council:

Whereas there is no additional requirement for water to be provided at the existing community gardens.

Therefore be it resolved that Council authorize an extension of two rows at the existing community gardens;

AND THAT NEAC contribute a maximum of \$500.00 toward plowing and site preparation.

CARRIED

9. NEWMARKET EAC MINUTES – MARCH 5, 2014 – ITEM 9
EVENTS UPDATE

Community Garage Sale

The Committee set Saturday, May 31, 2014 as the event date. The Chair suggested that NEAC invest in new signs.

Moved by John Birchall
Seconded by Dayna Laxton

THAT the Committee authorize an expense up to \$600 from the NEAC budget for the purchase of new signs for the Community Garage Sale.

CARRIED

Earth Hour

John Birchall advised that Earth Hour is March 29, 2014. The theme is 'Keep Your Parents in the Dark'. Newmarket Hydro has donated 500 t-shirts and there will be an event on March 22, 2014 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Magna Centre to engage children in the cause.

E-Waste Challenge

The E-Waste Challenge will take place on September 27, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Upper Canada Mall.

**10. NEWMARKET EAC MINUTES – MARCH 5, 2014 – ITEM 10
APPLICATION FOR OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT, ZONING BY-LAW
AMENDMENT, DRAFT PLAN OF CONDOMINIUM AND DRAFT PLAN OF
SUBDIVISION - SILKEN LAUMANN DRIVE - NEAC COMMENTS**

John Birchall advised that NEAC's comments on the proposed Silken Laumann Drive development were received at the Public Meeting held on February 24, 2014. Planning staff expressed their thanks for the in-depth review and comment submission.

**11. NEWMARKET EAC – MARCH 5, 2014 – ITEM 11
TRAIL MAP UPDATE**

Trail map update deferred to the April 2, 2014 meeting.

**12. NEWMARKET EAC – MARCH 5, 2014 – ITEM 12
ATTENDANCE**

Staff are in receipt of the notice of resignation from Stacey Tidman. The resignation will be received at the April 2, 2014 meeting.

**13. NEWMARKET EAC – MARCH 5, 2014 – ITEM 13
NEW BUSINESS**

None.

Moved by Dayna Laxton
Seconded by Wes Guldemon

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Date

Doug Jagger, Meeting Chair

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 2, 2014 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Mulock Room.
Meeting Chair – Wes Guldemon