## Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee



Presentation to Council

June 25, 2018



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**NEAC Today** 

#### Who We Are

A group of skilled and passionate people dedicated to Newmarket's environmental initiatives

#### **Our Mandate**

Advise Council and Staff on environmental issues in the Town



### Accomplishments

- Hosted Regional EACs June 12th
- Input into:
  - A. Community Energy Plan
  - B. Stormwater Management Plan
  - C. Tree Policy and Woodlot Bylaw
  - D. Input Textile Recycling RFP
- Public Engagement: E-waste Recycling & Community Garage Sale Day May 26th

#### E-Waste & Garage Sale (May 26, 2018)



Mayor Tony van Bynen, Dena Farsad, Councillors Christina Bisanz and Tom Vegh, John Birchall, and Carin Binder Total E-waste collected: 6,619 LBS (3 metric tonnes)



#### Events continued...



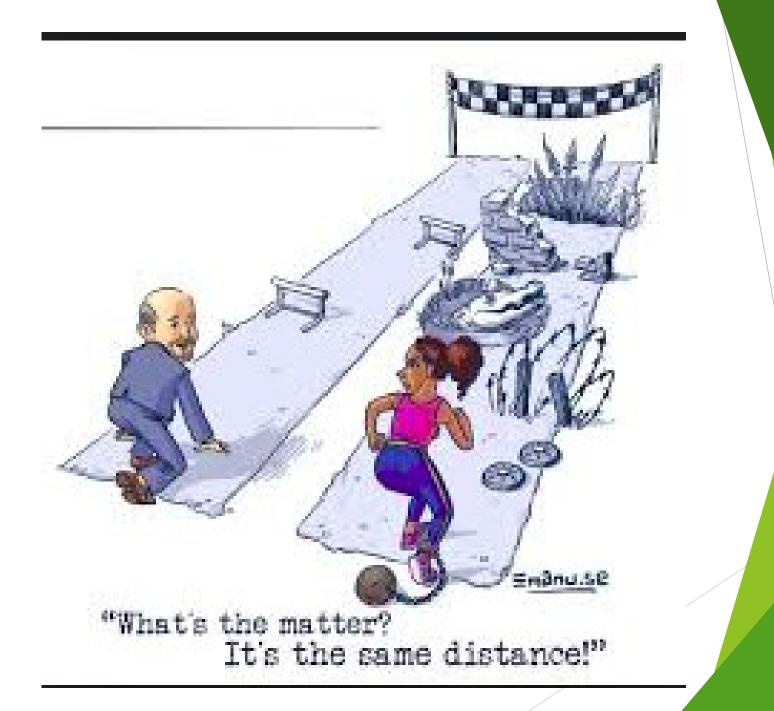


### **NEAC-** Future Actions\*

- Assist in implementation of Textile Program
- Energy grants/funding
- Public Engagement revival of Green Series and Ian Gray Award
- Jointly develop strategic Environmental Plan which incorporates NEAC's work plan

## NEAC 2018-2019 Workplan

- <u>Energy</u> (MEP; lighting standards and by-laws; Ontario's Climate Change Action Plan)
- <u>Water</u> (Water Quality, Stormwater Management Plan and LID;)
- <u>Soil and Vegetation</u> (Reducing soil diversion from development; Expanding Community Gardens)
- Public Outreach and Education (Community Garage Sale and E-Waste Recycling Events; Annual Public Forum/Lecture Series)



#### Recommendations

- Environmental issues integrated into formalized
  Newmarket Strategic Plan
- Involve NEAC in current/future environmental initiatives
- Increase Town of Newmarket staff participation at NEAC meetings

### Moving Forward Together

 NEAC to collaborate with Newmarket Council and Staff to develop a comprehensive strategic Environmental policy

 NEAC integral to a plan that strengthens our community's dedication to the environment for a better future

# THANK YOU

NEAC Tom Vegh- Council Member Dena Farsad- Chair Carin Binder- Vice-Chair John Birchall- past Chair Gina Anderson, Catherine Ethier P.Eng, Jill King, Ben Longstaff, Andrew Walkom- staff