



**MARKHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
ZOOM MEETING, MARKHAM CIVIC CENTRE**

**November 24, 2022**

**7:00 PM**

**AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**
- 3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2022 AND ON OCTOBER 27, 2022**

RECOMMENDATION: “THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2022 AND ON OCTOBER 27, 2022 BE ADOPTED.”

- 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
  - a. Information reports on Markham initiatives and Council Matters
- 5. NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. Election of Vice Chair
  - b. MEAC Focus – discussion
- 6. OTHER BUSINESS**

- 7. NEXT MEETING**

The next Markham Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting will be held on **Thursday January 26, 2023** at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

- 8. ADJOURNMENT**



## MARKHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

**Electronic Zoom Meeting  
October 27, 2022**

#### Attendance

##### Present

Stuart Cumner, Chair  
Karl Lyew  
Frank Vignando  
Paddy Wong

##### Staff

Bev Shugg Barbeito, Committee Clerk

##### Regrets

Andrew Hazen, Vice Chair  
Ashok Bangia  
Caryn Bergmann, Immediate Past Chair  
Karl Fernandes  
Regional Councillor Joe Li  
Gabriela Ansari-Correa, Community  
Engagement Assistant  
Janet Reid, Community Engagement Program  
Specialist  
Jennifer Wong, Sustainability Coordinator

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Markham Environmental Advisory Committee (MEAC) was called to order at 7:06 PM with Stuart Cumner presiding as Chair.

#### **2. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

The agenda was accepted as distributed.

#### **3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2022**

As there was no quorum, approval of the minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

No report was available.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR**

It was agreed to defer the election to the November meeting, by which time new members may have been recruited.

Karl Lyew joined the meeting at 7:20 pm.

### **B. MEAC FOCUS**

Chair Stuart Cumner led Committee members in a discussion of projects to rejuvenate MEAC's passion for addressing the current world climate situation. Committee members recommended projects where residents could be educated to realize that changing daily habits could result in great benefits, such as: increasing the use of electric vehicles by encouraging the public to consider purchasing electric vehicles; reduce reliance on gas for residential heating; reducing reliance on gas powered lawn equipment and garden equipment; reducing food waste, including identifying where food is available, and where food is needed; and encouraging people to move towards plant-based food. It is hoped to continue the discussion at the November meeting and that the Sustainability Office might make a presentation early in the New Year about its priorities, in order to assist MEAC in identifying projects moving forward.

## **6. OTHER BUSINESS**

Paddy Wong reported that OMNI Television will interview her during the week of November 8<sup>th</sup> about the effects of car idling; a future interview will focus on climate change.

## **7. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Markham Environmental Advisory Committee is scheduled for Thursday, November 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., via Zoom.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The Markham Environmental Advisory Committee adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Environmental Advisory Committee

November 24, 2022

7:00 pm

Building Boardroom

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