



MARKHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

**Room C132, Aaniin Community Centre
June 21, 2018**

Attendance

Members

Karl Lyew, Chair
Kevin Boon, Vice Chair
Ashok Bangia
Alimasi Chen
Fanny Luk
Nadine Pinto
Diane Ross
Natasha Welch

Council

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Regional Councillor Joe Li

Staff

Jennifer Wong, Sustainability Coordinator
Bev Shugg Barbeito, Committee Coordinator

Guests

Edward Chou, student
Zoe Gin, student
Peter Huang, student

Regrets

Karl Fernandes
Christopher Ford
Vikas Gautam
Phil Ling, Immediate Past Chair
Elvis Nurse
Adam Poon
Carrie Sally

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Markham Environmental Advisory Committee (MEAC) was called to order at 7:16 PM with Karl Lyew presiding as Chair. He welcomed the guests to the meeting. Peter Huang advised the Committee about a student initiative that had been held to increase awareness of Indigenous groups.

2. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The agenda was accepted with the following changes:

- Board/Committee Orientation was deleted from the agenda since this presentation was made at the May 17, 2018 meeting;
- Review of the York Region EAC meeting was renumbered as item 5C.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MAY 17, 2018

The Committee reviewed the minutes and requested the following changes *in italics*:

- Phil Ling, Immediate Past Chair, should be shown as present at the meeting;
- Item 5a Information on Markham Initiatives and Council Matters –
Deputy Mayor Jack Heath indicated there will not be a Deputy Mayor Walk for the Rouge this year as it is an election year.

A final review of the environmental aspect of waste management in Markham is underway. Deputy Mayor Jack Heath commented that yard waste is the biggest thing and further that the shipment of newsprint to China is being terminated.

Deputy Mayor Heath indicated that MEAC may need to meet over the summer to help work out questions *for the meeting* with Parks Canada. The *Toronto Zoo* and *MEAC* will also attend that meeting.

- Item 7A Municipal Energy Plan - It was announced that the Municipal Energy Plan is going to Council for final endorsement on *May 29th*. Markham would like to get to net 0 *for emissions* by 2050.

It was

Moved by	Fanny Luk
Seconded by	Kevin Boon

That the minutes of the Markham Environmental Advisory Committee (MEAC) meeting on May 17, 2018 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A. INFORMATION ON MARKHAM INITIATIVES AND COUNCIL MATTERS

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath reported that representatives from Halifax will be visiting Markham so that they can learn from Markham's waste management initiatives. He also reported that Markham is experiencing success with the clear garbage bag and textile recycling initiatives and is investigating new ways to further increase the rate of waste diversion.

B. FOLLOW UP ON ACTION ITEMS

Chair Karl Lyew advised that the list of action items only lists items yet to be completed. It was reported that:

- Chair Karl Lyew and Deputy Mayor Jack Heath will discuss budget needs for the Committee.
- A feedback mechanism using Google Form was to be developed for Earth Day 2018 to allow Earth Day attendees to vote electronically for the presentations and displays they enjoyed; however, the mechanism needed Wi-Fi in order to operate, the Remington Centre did not offer Wi-Fi and there was no time before the event to find an alternative. It is thought that there will be enough time to develop such a mechanism for Earth Day 2019 events.

C. EARTH MONTH PLANNING

Chair Karl Lyew advised that the Committee needed to begin the planning process for Earth Month 2019 events. He reminded Committee members that the Remington Centre had some restrictions in the size and number of spaces available and suggested that consideration be given to hosting the Earth Day event at Aaniin Community Centre.

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath led the Committee on a tour in and around the Aaniin Community Centre to provide perspective on event space that may be available and to assist the Committee in envisioning the Earth Day event there. He recommended that the Committee reserve space soon if it is interested in holding the Earth Day event at the community centre. The Committee intends to reach out again this year to eco clubs of Markham high schools and the Markham Mayor's Youth Council to showcase their environmental projects. It was noted that Middlefield High School is located very close to the Aaniin Community Centre and it might be advantageous to invite the school to participate in the event. Peter Huang will provide the contact information for the Co-chairs of the Markham Mayor's Youth Council.

Chair Karl Lyew reminded Committee members about the duties of the Earth Day Subcommittee and asked them to consider volunteering to assist. This will be discussed further at the September meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. REVIEW OF YORK REGION EAC MEETING

Chair Karl Lyew reported that he and Jennifer Wong attended the York Region EAC meeting held in Newmarket on June 12, 2018. Such meetings facilitate learning about the initiatives of other EACs. Jennifer Wong advised that there might be an opportunity for a partnership with York Region in promoting the reuse of items by trading with others.

B. REGIONAL EAC MEETING

Chair Karl Lyew reported that another group has volunteered to host the York Region EAC meeting in October 2018 and that MEAC may consider hosting the meeting in spring 2019.

C. MEAC MEMBERSHIP

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath recommended that high school students, who have been involved with their school's environmental initiatives and who are now graduating, would make quality candidates for MEAC and may wish to consider joining the Committee.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

A meeting may be called in July if there are waste management issues to discuss.

7. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Diane Ross
Seconded by Natasha Welch

That the Markham Environmental Advisory Committee adjourn at 8:59 PM.

CARRIED

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Markham Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., in the Ontario Room, Markham Civic Centre.