



MARKHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

**Ontario Room, Civic Centre
March 22, 2018**

Attendance

Members

Karl Lyew, Chair
Kevin Boon , Vice Chair
Phil Ling, Immediate Past Chair
Karl Fernandes
Aamir Mohammed
Diane Ross
Ashok Bangia
Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Regional Councillor Joe Li

Guests

Chris Ford

Regrets

Elvis Nurse
Carrie Sally
Fanny Luk
Adam Poon

Staff

Jennifer Wong, Sustainability Services
Coordinator
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Markham Environmental Advisory Committee (MEAC) was called to order at 7:20 PM with Karl Lyew 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 JANUARY 18, 2018 AND FEBRUARY 15, 2018

Moved by Phil Ling
Seconded by Kevin Boon

That the minutes from the January 18, 2018 and February 15, 2018 Markham Environmental Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

Carried

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A. INFORMATION ON MARKHAM INITIATIVES AND COUNCIL MATTERS

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath addressed the Committee and provided a brief update relative to the legalisation of cannabis.

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath advised the Committee that he is bringing forward a resolution at York Region requesting that York Region adopt Bird Friendly Guidelines.

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath addressed the Committee and provided a brief update relative to the City of Markham textile program, and indicated that a full review of the City's waste management program is anticipated to be done in early July.

Regional Councillor Joe Li addressed the Committee and advised that at a report regarding proposed Bike Share Feasibility Study was considered at the March 19, 2018 Development Services Committee meeting. It was noted that the report recommended that the City of Markham partner with York Region and undertake a three-step feasibility study.

B. FOLLOW UP ON ACTION ITEMS

Chair Karl Lyew advised that the action items would be discussed during the meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. EARTH MONTH PLANNING

Phil Ling presented a list of action items. The Committee discussed and suggested the following:

- Reviewed and confirmed the Exhibitor list
- Alectra and Enbridge will not be in attendance
- Five (5) schools will be in attendance (Aamir and Karl F. will confirm details)
- 105.9 York Region Radio will be in attendance
- Tesla will be in attendance (Phil will confirm details)
- Ashok will work with Carrie and others regarding potential retail contributions for draw baskets
- Mark Cullen (gardening expert) will be a guest speaker
- GoodLife – Amir will forward the email to Jennifer Wong confirming their attendance
- Four City of Markham advisory Committees have confirmed their attendance

Jennifer Wong displayed the proposed floor plan and the Committee discussed and suggested the following:

- Remington will provide tables and chairs for the exhibitors
- Have the student exhibitors close to the York University exhibit on the second floor

Jennifer Wong displayed the proposed buck slip and the Committee suggested the following:

- Put the names first for the two guest speakers
- Confirm information relative to Dr. Wheeler

The Committee members were encouraged to promote the buck slip and the planting of 10,000 trees via web page: Markham.ca/Earthmonth

B. MEAC ATTENDANCE AT EARTH HOUR (March 24, 2018)

Karl Lyew, Chair confirmed that MEAC will have a booth at the Earth Hour being held on Saturday Mar 24, 2018 at the Cornell Community Centre.

C. MARKHAM MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL

Karl Lyew, Chair confirmed at the Markham Mayor's Youth Council "GET INVOLVED" event being held on Mar 23, 2018 at the Civic Centre.

D. FALL REGIONAL EAC MEETING

This item was deferred to the April meeting.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

T-Shirts and Refreshments

Aamir inquired if T-shirts could be made for the students representing the five schools. Further discussion regarding T-Shirt issue with Sustainability office required. There was discussion regarding the refreshments provided for the volunteers and ensuring that Remington will provide a resting room for the volunteers.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Markham Environmental Advisory Committee adjourned at 9:12 PM.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Markham Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., in the Ontario Room, Markham Civic Centre.