



MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
September 27, 2017
10:00 AM
Building Boardroom

Members Deputy Mayor Jack Heath Regional Councillor Joe Li Councillor Valerie Burke Councillor Logan Kanapathi Karl Lyew, MEAC Representative Regrets Councillor Karen Rea	Staff Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager, Waste and Environmental Management Michael Dipasquale, Waste Management Operations Bridgette Mitchell, Supervisor Waste Management Operations Nory Takata, Parks Planner Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator
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The Environmental Issues Committee, convened at 10:10 a.m. with Deputy Mayor Jack Heath as Chair.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AUGUST 2, 2017 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE – WASTE DIVERSION MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Logan Kanapathi
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

That the August 2, 2017 Environmental Issues Committee – Waste Diversion meeting minutes be approved.

Carried

2. MARKHAM ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY FUND (MESF) FUNDING APPLICATION

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA)

Maggie Ballantyne, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority delivered a presentation summarizing the details relative to their application for a pollinator project.

There was discussion regarding selection of senior clubs and youth engagement. The Committee discussed the importance of education with respect to distinguishing between various species such as bees, wasps, etc.

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke
Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

That funding application by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, in partnership with the Markham Museum, for a pollinator awareness and planning project, for \$8,200.00 be approved and a list of senior clubs be compiled.

James Robinson Public School

Staff summarized the details of the application from James Robinson Public School for an interactive virtual tour of the universally accessible schoolyard.

The Committee suggested that a representative from James Robinson Public School come to a future meeting to present how the interactive virtual tour works and how it will be promoted and marketed to other School Boards.

Moved by Karl Lyew
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

That the funding application by James Robinson Public School for an Interactive Virtual Tour of the universally accessible schoolyard, for \$5,000.00 be approved.

Carried

Ontario Streams

Staff provided summary of the application from Ontario Streams requesting \$5,190.50 for stream rehabilitation project.

The Committee suggested that Ontario Streams be requested to attend the next EIC meeting and provide a plan outlining how they prioritize their rehabilitation projects and clean ups of streams.

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke
Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

That funding application by Ontario Streams for a Stream Rehabilitation Project, for \$5,190.50, be approved.

Carried

St. Michael Academy School

Staff summarized the details of the application from St. Michael Academy School for two outdoor classrooms.

The Committee suggested that site #2 be approved, and that the application for site #1 be submitted next year.

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

That funding application by St. Michael Academy School for one outdoor classroom (Site #2), for a total of \$5,000.00 be approved.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the report entitled "Markham Environmental Sustainability Fund (MESF) Funding Applications," be received; and,
- 2) That the funding application by James Robinson Public School for an Interactive Virtual Tour of the universally accessible schoolyard, for \$5,000.00 be approved; and,
- 3) That funding application by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, in partnership with the Markham Museum, for a pollinator awareness and planning project, for \$8,200.00 be approved; and,
- 4) That funding application by Ontario Streams for a Stream Rehabilitation Project, for \$5,190.50, be approved; and,
- 5) **That funding application by St. Michael Academy School for one outdoor classroom (Site #2), for a total of \$5,000.00 be approved; and,**
- 6) That the funds totalling **\$23,390.50** be provided from the Markham Environmental Sustainability Fund (MESF), account #87 2800168; and further,
- 7) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

MESF Review

The Committee discussed the acceptance of MESF funding applications while a review of program priorities, administration and process is reviewed. It was suggested that the Environmental Issues Committee hold a Workshop as soon as possible to review the current program criteria and present their recommendations to General Committee. It was noted there are no MESF applications outstanding and no new applications have been received for 2017.

3. NEW BUSINESS

Molok

Staff provided some introductory remarks relative to the Markham textile program advising that Diabetes Canada is wanting to do a pilot program with the Molok deep collection system pointing out that this would be of no cost to the City.

Representatives from Molok were in attendance and delivered a presentation outlining how the semi underground textile containers work.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The Environmental Issues Committee adjourned at 12:20 PM