



MARKHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Ontario Room, Civic Centre

March 16, 2017

Attendance

Members

Phil Ling, Chair

Chuan Li, Vice-Chair

Carrie Sally

Adam Poon

Diane Ross

Kevin Boon

Fanny Luk

Karl Lyew, Immediate Past Chair

Regrets

Regional Councillor Joe Li

Elvis Nurse

Jocelyn Cheung

Vikas Gautam

Ashok Bangia

Council

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

Staff

Jennifer Wong, Sustainability Services
Coordinator

Jessica Yau, Sustainability Assistant

Laura Gold, Committee Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Markham Environmental Advisory Committee (MEAC) was called to order at 7:08 PM with Phil Ling presiding as Chair.

2. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

The presentation by Christopher Williams (MMHS) Eco-Club was deferred to the April meeting.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 16, 2017

Graham Seaman's title was corrected to reflect his new title "Director of Sustainability and Asset Management" in the February 16, 2017 minutes.

Moved by Chuan Li
Seconded by Carrie Sally

That the minutes of the Markham Environmental Advisory Committee (MEAC) meetings held on February 16, 2017 be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

A. Information on Markham Initiatives and Council Matters

Markham's Pathway and Trail Systems

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath reported that an application has been submitted to develop the York Downs Golf & Country Club and that half of the Angus Glen Golf Course is being developed. This could provide an opportunity to connect Markham's pathway and trail system. A map was displayed to visually show how the pathways could be connected.

The Committee spoke about how it could help raise the awareness of Markham's trails and pathway system. A suggestion was made to have a map blown up of Markham's trail and pathway system to display at upcoming Earth Day events or at future events. The Committee could also work with the Cycling & Pedestrian Committee to help promote the trail and pathway system.

Tree Planting

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath reported that 10,000 Trees for the Rouge is doing a planting adjacent to Markham's pathway and trail system.

Promotion of the City's Textile Program

Jennifer Wong advised that the Waste & Environmental Management Department has asked the Committee to help promote the City's new textile initiative similar to how it helped promote the clear bag initiative. The plan is to promote the initiative at about 20 different sites in Markham on April 15, 2017. A cheat sheet could be provided to the volunteers.

It was suggested that in an effort to educate the public on the City's new textiles program examples of the types of items the City is collecting be displayed on Earth Day. The Committee asked that Kimberley Dunsmoor come to the next meeting to discuss the promotion of the City's Textile Program.

The Committee asked if it could have t-shirts made for Members to wear at events. Jennifer Wong will look into this matter and report back to the Committee.

B. Follow up on Action Items

The Committee reviewed and updated the list of action items.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Earth Hour

Jennifer Wong reported that Earth Hour will be celebrated on March 25, 2017 at the Varley-McKay Art Foundation of Markham. The event is a bit smaller in scale than in previous years and will have more of a community feel. The event is being promoted on the City page and through social media. At the event there will be four to five City exhibitors, art activities, milk bag weaving, a lantern walk, and a live DJ at the end of the night. Committee Members were encouraged to volunteer to assist with the event. Jennifer Wong will circulate a volunteer sign-up sheet to the Committee.

B. Earth Day

Jennifer Wong reported that the Earth Day event will be held at the Cineplex complex at Birchmount and Enterprise from 10:00 am to 4:00 p.m. At the event there will be eight booths inside the facility, passport activities, a BMW i3 electronic vehicle in the parking lot that patrons can test drive, and free carousel rides across the street. Staff are also trying to get a hydrogen fuel car that patrons can test drive. A floor plan of the complex was displayed to the Committee. The Committee discussed how to best utilize the space.

A suggestion was made to ask the Lions Club if it would like to collect e-waste at the event. Carrie Sally will contract the Lions Club to see if it is interested in participating in the event.

The Committee discussed sending messaging to the retail stores in the Cineplex complex encouraging them to participate and to provide any merchandise, gift certificates or coupons that could be put in the gift baskets, which will be raffled off at the event. Carrie Sally will email Jennifer Wong the messaging for approval prior to proceeding.

Volunteers will be assigned two or three hour shifts with a lead person assigned to each booth. Members will be able to sign up for the volunteer shift through Google Drive. A teleconference will be scheduled if required to discuss the volunteer schedule and roles.

Exhibitors are being encouraged to bring their own tables and chairs this year. This should help with the set-up and take down of the event.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Environmental Advisory Committee adjourned at 9:20 pm.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Markham Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., in the Ontario Room, Markham Civic Centre.