



## MARKHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Minutes**  
**Ontario Room, Civic Centre**  
**April 21, 2016**

### **ATTENDANCE**

#### Members

Diane Ross, Chair  
Phil Ling, Vice Chair  
Karl Lyew, Immediate Past Chair  
Ashok Bangia  
Kevin Boon  
Jocelyn Cheung  
Vikas Gautam  
Chuan Li  
Fanny Luk  
Carrie Sally

#### Regrets

Mark Angelini  
Allan Lee  
Adam Poon  
Amol Rao

#### Council

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath  
Regional Councillor Joe Li

#### Staff

Melissa Qi, EA to Deputy Mayor Jack Heath  
Jennifer Wong, Sustainability Services Coordinator  
Bev Shugg Barbeito, Committee Coordinator

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

The Markham Environmental Advisory Committee (MEAC) was called to order at 7:10 PM with Diane Ross presiding as Chair.

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

The agenda was accepted with the following additions:

- Markham Aboriginal Strategy

**3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 18, 2016**

It was

Moved by           Phil Ling  
Seconded by       Jocelyn Cheung

That the minutes of the Markham Environmental Advisory Committee (MEAC) meeting held on March 18, 2016 be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**A. INFORMATION ON MARKHAM INITIATIVES AND COUNCIL MATTERS**

Chair Diane Ross reported that she would send Committee members an article about a Superior Court ruling relating to parkland in Richmond Hill.

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath reported that:

- more work is being undertaken regarding the report of the charrette held in November 2015 to discuss options related to the gateway to the Rouge National Urban Park. He hopes to invite students of Guelph University to synthesize their views for the park.
- At the Textile symposium on May 4, 2016, Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager, Waste & Environmental Management Environmental Services, will speak about the new SMART Textile Diversion Strategy to be introduced later this year. Markham Council has directed staff to proceed with the textile initiative.

**B. FOLLOW UP ON ACTION ITEMS**

Chair Diane Ross reviewed and identified the status of the action items.

Chair Diane Ross advised that the meeting with Mayor Scarpitti has been scheduled for May 19, 2016. This is an excellent opportunity for MEAC members to discuss Earth Month, budget, and projects that Mayor Scarpitti may wish the Committee to develop.

Addendum: The meeting date has been revised. Mayor Scarpitti will be joining MEAC for an evening of conversation and pizza on Monday, June 6, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Mayor's Boardroom.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. EARTH HOUR DEBRIEF**

It was reported that the Earth Hour event at Cornell Community Centre on Saturday March 19, 2016 was well planned and included many exhibitors. However, attendance was low, perhaps because Earth Hour fell during March break week. For future planning, it was suggested that it would be preferable to set up booths etc. in hallways rather than the large gym. Diane Ross promoted the Committee's Earth Day event during the MEAC speech.

**B. DEPUTY MAYOR’S ANNUAL WALK**

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath reported that the Deputy Mayor’s Annual Walk will be held during Rouge Days, on June 11 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. The walk route might follow the Rouge Valley along Hwy. 48 south to 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue so that those who attend may experience the history of the valley. During the walk, explanations will be given about the intent of the greenspace and how it is an integral part of the national park project. Deputy Mayor Jack Heath and Melissa Qi, EA to Deputy Mayor Jack Heath, are developing maps of the walk route. She will send information about the walk and a preliminary walk to Committee members to determine who is available to assist. MEAC members discussed and agreed to develop the “scavenger hunt” document.

It was suggested that Rudy Bratty, Remington Group Inc., be invited to make a presentation to MEAC about how his property will impact on Downtown Markham.

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath and Melissa Qi left the meeting at 8:05 pm.

**C. EARTH MONTH PLANNING**

It was reported that:

- The floor plan has been finalized for the space at CF Markville Centre Court
- Attendees will be given a “passport”, if they visit each exhibit booth and have the passport stamped by the exhibitor, they will be given a raffle ticket for a draw to win a prize
- There have been many donations of swag, which will be given as prizes for those who complete the survey on the reverse side of the passport
- Jennifer Wong will confirm with mall management whether MEAC will be allowed to use a mascot
- Jocelyn Cheung will confirm with Jennifer Wong whether tree seedlings will be available to use as giveaways.

Jennifer Wong displayed the final version of the MEAC information sheet. Committee members reviewed and discussed the document.

It was

Moved by Jocelyn Cheung

Seconded by Carrie Sally

That the Markham Environmental Advisory Committee approve the MEAC information sheet as presented.

CARRIED

Jennifer Wong will arrange for printing of the MEAC information sheet so that it may be used as a handout at the Earth Month event. An electronic copy will be sent to Committee members.

Event timing:

7:30 – 9:00 am	Set up
9:00 – 9:30 am	Set up by vendors e.g. Powerstream, Parks Canada, York Region, and Markham (including MEAC)
11:50 am – 12:00 pm	MEAC speeches
12:00 – 12:05 pm	Mayor Scarpitti
11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Mascot
5:30 pm	Draw for prizes
6:00 – 7:00 pm	Tear down

As required by CF Markville, MEAC must host the event for the mall's opening hours, 9:30 am – 6:00 pm. MEAC members were encouraged to wear their Earth Hour t-shirts and to plan on arriving at a time so that everything is ready for 9:30 am. Volunteers would be welcome; it was suggested that volunteers wear black and white. Jocelyn Cheung volunteered to wear the mascot costume.

It was agreed that the key is to encourage attendees to visit the vendors' tables to receive stickers for their passport and complete the survey; MEAC members were asked to encourage attendees to complete the survey. Jennifer Wong will bring stickers, pencils, and a counter to track the number of attendees.

#### **D. YORK REGION EAC MEETING**

MEAC has committed to hosting the fall 2016 York Region EAC meeting. It was agreed that October 26 or 27 might work best; Jennifer Wong will check the availability of rooms at the Markham Civic Centre on those dates. Committee members were advised that the host usually gives one or two presentations, and there is a round table discussion where each EAC has the opportunity to present its achievements.

#### **E. GREENPRINT**

It was suggested by Jennifer Wong that, of the priorities identified in the Greenprint, MEAC support the focus on Food Security to provide safe, accessible, healthy food for all. Further discussion of this item was deferred to the next meeting.

### **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **A. EAC SYMPOSIUM**

Food Security is the focus of the Provincial EAC meeting on May 14. Jocelyn Cheung plans to attend. Chair Diane Ross will resend the email about this event to Committee members.

#### **B. TEXTILE RECYCLING**

The "Tip-of-the-Iceberg: Textile Diversion and EPR Symposium" (TOTIES), organized by VisionQuest Environmental, will be held in Markham at the Hilton Hotel on May 4th, 2016. Karl Lyew, Ashok Bangia, and Kevin Boon plan to attend. Karl Lyew advised that he has received a pass to attend the event free of charge from Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager, Waste & Environmental Management Environmental Services. Other MEAC members attending the event should contact Claudia.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

It was

Moved by           Chuan Li  
Seconded by       Jocelyn Cheung

That the Markham Environmental Advisory Committee adjourn at 9:00 PM.

CARRIED

**9. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Markham Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., in the Ontario Room, Markham Civic Centre.