



MARKHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

Panera Bread, 3987 Hwy 7, Markham, ON

December 10, 2015

ATTENDANCE

Members

Karl Lyew, Chair
Diane Ross, Vice Chair
Chuan Li, Immediate Past Chair
Ashok Bangia
Phil Ling
Fanny Luk
Adam Poon
Carrie Sally

Regrets

Mark Angelini
Kevin Boon
Jocelyn Cheung
Mavis Fung
Vikas Gautam
Allan Lee
Amol Rao
Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Regional Councillor Joe Li
Bev Shugg Barbeito, Committee Coordinator

Staff

Jennifer Wong, Sustainability Services Coordinator

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Markham Environmental Advisory Committee (MEAC) was called to order at 7:55 PM with Karl Lyew presiding as Chair.

2. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

In lieu of an agenda, the following discussion items were identified:

- York Region EAC Meeting
- Rouge National Park Gateway Charrette
- Election of Vice Chair
- Speakers' Gifts
- Earth Day / Markville.

3. REGIONAL EAC MEETING

Chair Karl Lyew and Jennifer Wong attended the Regional EAC meeting in Georgina on November 26, 2015. Meeting materials will be distributed by hosts and shared by e-mail. York Region EACs shared their current initiatives; two interesting initiatives to note included:

- New meeting centre in Stouffville is being built by York Region; it is hoped that the building will meet net zero and LEED platinum standards.

- Georgina community hub is a former school turned into a meeting place; the Georgina EAC is planning to build a farming community garden as a pilot project.

MEAC has committed to hosting the fall 2016 York Region EAC meeting. (*Date TBA*)

4. ROUGE NATIONAL URBAN PARK

It was reported that a charrette was held over two days on November 24 and 25 to discuss options related to the gateway to the Rouge National Urban Park. It was attended by a broad cross-section of community, including developers, ratepayer associations, and residents. Copies of the presentations will be provided to Committee members.

5. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

It was reported that Amol Rao has requested to withdraw his appointment as Vice Chair of MEAC for a one-year term in 2016 so that he may pursue studies in a full-time Masters degree program.

It was

Moved by Chuan Li
Seconded by Phil Ling

THAT the Markham Environmental Advisory Committee (MEAC) accept Amol Rao's request to withdraw his appointment as Vice Chair of MEAC for a one-year term in 2016.

CARRIED

Nominations were sought for the Vice-Chair position.

It was

Moved by Diane Ross
Seconded by Carrie Sally

THAT Phil Ling be elected as Vice Chair of the Markham Environmental Advisory Committee (MEAC) for a one-year term.

CARRIED

6. SPEAKERS' GIFTS

At upcoming meetings, MEAC will host speakers from FLAP- Fatal Light Awareness Program (January) Plug 'n' Drive (February), and Phil Fung has offered to present on his living wall initiative. The Committee will consider requesting that Markham provide gifts for guest speakers who deliver presentations at MEAC meetings.

7. EARTH DAY PLANNING

Carrie Sally reported that Markville Mall management seems supportive of MEAC hosting Earth Day 2016 at the Mall; this is still to be confirmed. It was suggested that the mall marketing manager be invited to attend the February MEAC meeting. The Committee will consider inviting BOMA to participate as an exhibitor.

8. ADJOURNMENT

It was

Moved by Chuan Li
Seconded by Adam Poon

That the Markham Environmental Advisory Committee adjourn at 8:25 PM.

CARRIED

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Markham Environmental Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, January 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., in the Ontario Room, Markham Civic Centre.