



MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
December 1, 2015
1:00p.m.
Council Chamber

Members of Committee

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Councillor Valerie Burke
Councillor Karen Rea
Councillor Logan Kanapathi

Regrets:

Regional Councillor Joe Li

Staff

Peter Loukes, Director of Environmental Services
Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager of Waste &
Environmental Management
Alanna Mackenzie, Environmental Technician, Waste
and Environmental Department
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

The Environmental Issues Committee convened at 10:11 a.m. with Councillor Valerie Burke as Chair.

**1. MARKHAM ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY FUND
(MESF), FUNDING APPLICATIONS, FALL 2015**

Pierre Elliot Trudeau High School

Sue Johnson, Teacher at Pierre Elliot Trudeau High School and Chris Williams, Teacher at Milliken Mills High School addressed the Committee and briefly summarized the details of "Trudeau Terrace."

Two students, one from Pierre Elliot Trudeau High School and one from Milliken Mills High School addressed the Committee and spoke about their involvement with the Trudeau Terrace project. They each described how they have benefited socially and academically from the project.

The Committee thanked the teachers and students for coming in today and congratulated them on their project.

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea

Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the report entitled "Markham Environmental Sustainability Fund (MESF), Funding Applications, Fall 2015; and,
- 2) That the Fall 2015 MESF funding application be approved:
 - i) Pierre Elliot Trudeau High School "Trudeau Terrace" initiative request for \$5,000
- 3) That the funds be provided from the 2015 Markham Environmental Sustainability Fund (MESF), account #87 2800168; and further,
- 4) That staff be authorized to do all things necessary to give effect to the above distribution to ensure program objectives are being met.

Carried

2. TORONTO AND REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY (TRCA)

Liana D'Andrea, Stewardship Assistant, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority delivered a PowerPoint presentation providing an update on MESF projects from 2004 to 2014. The presentation also included their 2015 MESF project "Creating Habitat through the Seasons."

The Committee discussed and suggested the following relative to TRCA projects:

- Consider including Markham seniors in the Creating Habitat through the Seasons program
- Ensure that the Markham Sustainability Plan is included in their programs
- Ensure public is educated with the learning to fish program (e.g. not to leave lures behind)

Moved by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

That the presentation by Liana D'Andrea, Stewardship Assistant, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) entitled "Creating Habitat Through the Seasons", be received.

Carried

3. WASTE DIVERSION

Staff provided a brief update regarding the National Zero Waste Council advising there is no cost associated to joining the Council, but a City of Markham Council resolution is required to appoint a member. It was suggested that the Deputy Mayor Jack Heath be appointed.

Moved by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

That the Deputy Mayor Jack Heath be appointed to the National Zero Waste Council.

Carried

It was suggested that a meeting be scheduled in January 2016 for the Waste Diversion Subcommittee.

4. TEXTILE PROGRAM

Staff addressed the Committee and provided an update regarding the textile diversion program advising that they have received the FCM Federal Funding that they applied for. It was noted that their application was considered the top application as the Federal government is supporting increased textile diversion. Staff presented pictures of the proposed Smart Bin Depot and suggested that the Committee recommend locations for staff to review as potential sites for the Smart Bin Depots. Staff advised that they will be partnering with the Salvation Army who will service the textile bins. The bins will be located at all Markham Fire Stations and other municipal property. Staff pointed out that there are some illegal textile bins on municipal properties that will be removed and replaced with Salvation Army bins.

Moved by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

That the Environmental Issues Committee endorse the Smart Bin Depot program in principal; and

That staff be directed to investigate the following locations for placement of the Smart Bin Depot and report back to General Committee:

- City of Markham Civic Centre
- Southeast Community Centre
- Angus Glen Community Centre
- Milliken Mills Community Centre
- Markham Village Community Centre
- Centennial Community Centre
- Cornell Community Centre
- Pan Am Community Centre; and further,

That staff be authorized to do all things necessary to give effect to the above recommendation.

Carried

5. NEW BUSINESS

Community Garden at Milliken Mills High School

Chris Williams, Teacher at Milliken Mills High School addressed the Committee and briefly presented a proposed project to begin developing a community garden at Milliken Mills High School. It was noted that they will put in an application in Spring 2016 to MESF.

There was discussion regarding the proposed well to water the gardens.

The Committee thanked Mr. Williams for the update and look forward to their application.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

That the Environmental Issues Committee meeting adjourn at 12:10 p.m.

Carried