



MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
June 17, 2015
1:00p.m.
Ontario Room

Members of Committee

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Regional Councillor Joe Li
Councillor Valerie Burke
Councillor Karen Rea
Councillor Logan Kanapathi

Staff

Peter Loukes, Director of Environmental Services
Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager of Waste &
Environmental Management
Nory Takata, Parks Planner
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

The Environmental Issues Committee convened at 1:08 p.m. with Councillor Valerie Burke as Chair. Councillor Karen Rea assumed the Chair at 1:42 p.m.

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

Ontario Streams East Don River Rehabilitation Initiative

Staff summarized the details of the application from Ontario Streams East Don River Rehabilitation Initiative requesting \$5742.00.

The Ward Councillor suggested obtaining some photographs of their rehabilitation of degraded systems to improve habitat for local fish and wildlife so that she can include it in her newsletters.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the Spring 2015 MESF funding applications be approved; and,
- 2) Ontario Streams East Don River Rehabilitation Initiative request for \$5,742.00.

Carried

The Living City Foundation, TRCA - Creating Habitat Through the Seasons

Staff summarized the details of the application from The Living Foundation - TRCA requesting \$8,300.00.

The Committee suggested that the TRCA be requested to come to a future EIC meeting to do a presentation outlining the work they have done with funding received by MESF.

Moved by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

- 1) The Living City Foundation, TRCA - Creating Habitat Through the Seasons request for \$8,300.00.

Carried

Pomona Mills Parks Conservationists (PMPC) - River Elbow Community Planting

Councillor Valerie Burke disclosed an interest with respect to the Pomona Mills Parks Conservationists (PMPC) application, by nature of being a co-founder and very active with Pomona Mills Meadow, and did not take part in the discussion or vote on this matter.

Staff summarized the details of the application from TRCA on behalf of Pomona Mills Parks Conservation (PMPC) - River Elbow Community Planting requesting \$1,469.00.

Staff briefly reviewed the MESF Budget for 2015.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) TRCA on behalf of Pomona Mills Parks Conservationists (PMPC) - River Elbow Community Planting request for \$1,469.00; and,
- 2) That the funds be provided from the 2015 Markham Environmental Sustainability Fund (MESF), account #87 2800168; and,
- 3) That a program audit of all MESF funded projects be done prior to the Fall 2015; 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. WASTE DIVERSION

Staff advised the Committee that the Provincial government has announced that they are looking at establishing a new regime for the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste and to repeal the Waste Diversion Act, 2002.

Staff also advised the Committee that they have submitted an application through the Green Municipal Fund (GMF) for grant funding for a textile program. The Committee requested that staff consider bringing a textile recycling bin at the Civic Centre where employees can dispose of their old textiles.

3. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

That the Environmental Issues Committee meeting adjourn at 1:54 p.m.

Carried