



**MINUTES**  
***ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE***  
**May 12, 2015**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Canada Room**

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**Members of Committee**

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

**Staff**

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

**Regrets**

Councillor Logan Kanapathi

The Environmental Issues Committee convened at 10:00 a.m. with Councillor Valerie Burke as Chair.

**1. MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 22, 2015 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE**

Moved by Regional Councillor Joe Li  
Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

That the minutes from the April 22, 2015 Environmental Issues Committee be approved.

Carried

## **2. MARKHAM TREES FOR TOMORROW FUND, FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS - SPRING 2015**

Nory Takata, Parks Planner addressed the Committee and provided a brief summary of the application for the 10,000 Trees for the Rouge in the amount of \$19,000.00.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

That the funding application for 10,000 Trees for the Rouge in the amount of \$19,000 for their 26th Annual Wildlife Habitat Restoration Project in the south-east section of the Milne Park be approved.

Carried

Nory addressed the Committee and provided a brief summary of the application for Friends of the Rouge Watershed in the amount of \$15,000.00.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

That the funding application for Friends of the Rouge Watershed in the amount of \$15,000 to support their 2015 Habitat Restoration Project in the south-east section of Milne Park be approved; and,  
That the funding application for Evergreen in the amount of \$24,000 for their Urban Stewards: Community Greening Initiative, be approved.

Carried

Nory addressed the Committee and provided a brief summary of the application for LEAF (Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests) in the amount of \$23,000.00

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

That the funding application for LEAF (Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests) in the amount of \$23,000 to support LEAF's Backyard Tree Planting Program be approved.

Carried

Staff advised that the remaining funds will be used for additional seasonal contract staff to begin a complete inventory of the Trees for Tomorrow program and other duties. The Committee suggested that a report to the Environmental Committee be provided in the Fall outlining the results of the inventory.

Moved by Councillor Karen Rea

Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

That the total amount of \$81,000 be funded from the 2015 Markham Trees for Tomorrow Capital Project account #700-101-5399-15224; and,

That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to these recommendations.  
Carried

### **3. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Regional Councillor Joe Li  
Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

That the Environmental Issues Committee meeting adjourn at 10:52 a.m.  
Carried