



## MARKHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES March 17, 2011

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### Members

Tom Rado, Chair  
James Lin  
Carrie Sally  
Christopher Sauer  
Erica Tsang  
Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

##### Regrets

Mylene Batista Bezerra  
Phil Fung  
Lloyd Helferty  
Philip Ling  
Brent Mersey  
Erika Lontoc  
Zahra Parhizgari  
Dennis Yip

##### Staff

Bev Shugg Barbeito, Committee Secretary

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

The Markham Environmental Advisory Committee (MEAC) was called to order at 7:30 PM with Mr. Tom Rado presiding as Chair. The meeting had been transferred from the Ontario Room to the Canada Room.

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

The agenda was accepted with the following additions:

- Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee - Update
- Internal Account for the Markham Environmental Advisory Committee

#### **3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 17, 2011**

It was noted that the name of the certified trail builder who spoke to Cycling And Pedestrian Advisory Committee members should be recorded as Bill *Golding*.

Adoption of the minutes was deferred to the next meeting since there was no quorum.

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

##### **A. 2nd ANNUAL DEPUTY MAYOR'S WALK**

A "pre-walk" planning session will be held at 10 AM on April 9, 2011. The starting point will be at 60 Annina Crescent, Markham. At 12 Noon, the "pre-walk" planning session will be followed by a short, but important, committee meeting and lunch.

##### **B. MEAC GOALS for 2011**

Vice Chair Chris Sauer reviewed the document he has developed to list tasks associated with the goals Committee members saw as priorities for MEAC in 2011. The document is posted on the committee website. Committee members were asked to assist by reviewing the goals and tasks, then adding information about the desired outcomes and their interest in participating, so the results can be presented at the next meeting.

It was agreed that having Town of Markham staff attendance and input at MEAC monthly meetings would be invaluable.

##### **C. COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Vice Chair Chris Sauer reported on behalf of Philip Ling that the second meeting was held recently, with many in attendance. The committee's goal is to resolve matters, including practical issues such as location, accessibility, maintenance, and impact on the environment, relating to the creation of a multi use pathway from Toogood Pond to Bob Hunter Memorial Park. Chris Sauer felt the meeting was very focused and used ways to get meaningful feedback as well as to get members involved.

##### **D. CORPORATE OUTREACH**

Mayor Scarpitti is very supportive of MEAC's plans to undertake corporate outreach initiatives and has proposed that MEAC partner with the Markham Board of Trade to host an event in fall 2011 to facilitate outreach to small and medium sized businesses. Carrie Sally will contact Richard Cunningham, Executive Director Markham Board of Trade, to introduce MEAC and suggest planning either a networking breakfast or luncheon with a speaker to highlight environmental initiatives.

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE**

James Lin reported that Tom Fiore, President of Momentum 1 and Director-Founder of the Toronto Trails Festival, spoke to committee members to promote a co-hosted walk from Toogood Pond.

##### **B. INTERNAL ACCOUNT FOR MEAC**

This item will be discussed at the special meeting to be held following the pre-walk planning session on April 9, 2011.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

The Markham Environmental Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

**7. NEXT MEETING**

A special meeting of the Markham Environmental Advisory Committee has been scheduled for April 9, 2011 at 12 Noon following the pre-walk planning session, at 60 Annina Crescent.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Markham Environmental Advisory Committee has been scheduled for Thursday April 21, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the Ontario Room.