



## **GREENPRINT STEERING COMMITTEE**

**Canada Room, Markham Civic Centre**

**December 16, 2013, 2:00 p.m.**

### **MINUTES**

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#### **Attendance**

##### **Members of Council**

Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
Councillor Howard Shore  
Councillor Logan Kanapathi

##### **Regrets**

Councillor Valerie Burke

##### **Staff**

Prabhjit Banga, Sustainability Coordinator  
Dennis Flaherty, Director Communications and  
Community Relations  
Warren Rupnarian, Accessibility Coordinator  
Mavis Urquhart, Manager of Business Planning and  
Innovation  
Meg West, Manager, Strategic Initiatives  
Kitty Bavington, Council/Committee Coordinator

The Greenprint Steering Committee convened at 2:14 pm. with Councillor Howard Shore presiding as Chair.

#### **1. Disclosure of Interest – None Declared**

#### **2. Minutes of Meeting – April 9, 2013**

Moved by: Mayor Frank Scarpitti

Seconded by: Councillor Logan Kanapathi

That the minutes of the Greenprint Steering Committee meetings of April 9, 2013, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

#### **3. Markham Organic Home Gardens Pilot Project**

The Report and Appendix A, dated December 16, 2013, were provided.

Prabhjit Banga, Sustainability Coordinator, gave a presentation on the Markham Organic Home Gardens Pilot Project carried out in Ward 7 in 2013, advising that there was substantial interest in the project from outside Ward 7 as well. The presentation highlighted the development and implementation phases and provided budget information and recommendations for a city-wide program for 2014.

The Committee and staff discussed budget items; promotional opportunities; the percentage of gardens that existed previously (majority existed previously); benefits of sharing information and mentoring; seed exchange; and diversity of the 115 participants.

Moved by: Mayor Frank Scarpitti  
Seconded by: Councillor Logan Kanapathi

- 1) That the report titled Markham Organic Home Gardens Pilot Project and the accompanying Pilot Project Report dated December 16, 2013 be received; and,
- 2) That the Markham Organic Home Gardens Program be approved for city-wide implementation in 2014; and,
- 3) That staff in the Sustainability Office be authorized to implement the Markham Organic Home Gardens Program as a city-wide program; and,
- 4) That staff in the Sustainability Office be authorized to seek partnership with York Region Food Network (YRFN) for workshops for the Markham Organic Home Gardens Program; and,
- 5) That staff in the Sustainability Office, in collaboration with Corporate Communications and Community Engagement, be authorized to seek sponsorship from various companies for the Markham Organic Home Gardens Program; and,
- 6) That \$20,000 will be funded from Project #9345 Greenprint Community Sustainability Plan (account#230-101-5399-9345) to support the development, implementation and evaluation of the 2014 Markham Organic Home Gardens Program; and,
- 7) That staff in the Sustainability Office report back on the 2014 Markham Organic Home Gardens Program at the end of 2014; and further,
- 8) And that staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

CARRIED

#### **4. New Business**

Councillor Howard Shore discussed a new initiative for the Children's Organic Garden with respect to community partnerships. The Seeds for Change group will be working on an outreach program for this.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.