



MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
November 13, 2013
2:00 p.m.
Ontario Room

Members of Committee

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
Regional Councillor Joe Li
Councillor Valerie Burke

Regrets

Councillor Logan Kanapathi
Karl Lyew, MEAC Representative

Staff

Mavis Urquhart, Manager, Environmental Policy and
Program Development
Nory Takata, Parks Planner
Cathy Molloy, Manager, Museum
Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager of Waste &
Environmental Management
Kate Dykman, Water Conservation Program Assistant
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

The Environmental Issues Committee convened at 2:05 p.m. with Deputy Mayor Jack Heath as Chair.

**1. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2013 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES
COMMITTEE-WASTE DIVERSION SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES**

Moved by Regional Councillor Joe Li
Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

That the September 9, 2013 Environmental Issues Committee - Waste Diversion Subcommittee minutes be adopted.

CARRIED

2. MARKHAM ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY FUND (MESF)

Community Application:

Mavis Urquhart, Manager, Environmental Policy and Program Development provided some opening remarks regarding the funding application from the Toronto Region Conservation Authority for \$10,000 for an Environmental Sustainability Geotour.

Ms. Maggie Ballantyne, Supervisor of Community Stewardship, Toronto Region Conservation Authority delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed rain garden project at the Markham Museum. Cathy Molloy, Manager, Museum advised that this proposal will fit in very well with the existing programs already offered at the museum.

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke
Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

That the report dated September 17, 2013 entitled Markham Environmental Sustainability Fund, Funding Applications, Fall 2013, be received; and,

That the presentation by Maggie Ballantyne, Supervisor of Community Stewardship, Toronto and Region Conservation regarding the Markham Museum rain garden project, be received; and,

That the funding application from Toronto and Region Conservation Authority for \$10,000, for an Environmental Sustainability Geotour at Markham Museum be approved, subject to working with Markham Museum staff.

CARRIED

Internal Applications:

Staff summarized the details outlined in the report relative to the proposal for a natural gas vehicle conversion.

The Committee discussed the following:

- Can these types of vehicles be purchased
- Estimated savings per year
- Should alternatives be considered
- How much more is an accelerated filling station

The Committee suggested deferring this proposal and set up a half hour meeting with Laurie Canning, Manager of Fleet and Supplies to respond to the various questions raised.

Moved by Councillor Valerie Burke
Seconded by Regional Councillor Joe Li

That the funding application from Laurie Canning, Manager, Fleet and Supplies, for \$8,737, for a natural gas vehicle conversion, **be deferred**.

CARRIED

Staff summarized the details regarding the application for a portable water station.

There was brief discussion regarding the cost and it was suggested that if the funded amount could be used for more than one portable water station that should be considered.

Moved by Regional Councillor Joe Li

Seconded by Councillor Valerie Burke

That the funding application from Eddy Wu, Manager, Operations and Maintenance, Waterworks, for \$5,000, for a portable water bottle fill-up station(s), be approved.

CARRIED

3. UPDATE ON ZERO FOR WASTE SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Staff provided an update relative to the zero for waste school program advising that to date there are sixteen (16) elementary schools and the YRDSB Community Education Centre that have adopted the Green Bin Program. It was noted that in 2014 ten (10) more schools will become a Zero Waste School, including the City's first high school, Markville Secondary School.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The Environmental Issues Committee meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.