



## MARKHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES January 17, 2013

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### Members

James Lin, Chair  
Christopher Sauer, Immediate Past Chair  
Mark Angelini  
Kevin Boon  
Phil Fung  
Marie LeGrow  
Karl Lyew  
Chuan Li  
Philip Ling  
Adam Poon  
Carrie Sally  
Erica Tsang

##### Regrets

Mylene Batista Bezerra  
Rodney Yee  
  
Deputy Mayor Jack Heath  
Regional Councillor Joe Li

##### Guest

Naomi Harold

##### Staff

Katie Burns, Sustainability Office  
Bev Shugg Barbeito, Committee Secretary

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

The Markham Environmental Advisory Committee (MEAC) was called to order at 7:05 PM with James Lin presiding as Chair.

New members, Mark Angelini and Karl Lyew, were welcomed and introductions made.

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

The agenda was accepted with the following additions:

- Regional Environmental Advisory Committee meeting
- Markham Agricultural Advisory Committee

**3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 15, 2012**

It was

Moved by            Chuan Li  
Seconded by        Carrie Sally

That the minutes of the Markham Environmental Advisory Committee (MEAC) meeting held on November 15, 2012 be adopted as distributed.

Carried

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**A. FOLLOW UP ON ACTION ITEMS**

- Chris Sauer reported that he did not receive additional comments on Markham's Official Plan to forward to Lilli Duoba.
- It was reported that Laura Gold had confirmed the vacancy resulting from the resignation of Salim Manji and had begun the recruiting process to fill the vacancy.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE VICE CHAIR**

Chair James Lin advised that each January, as per Committee practice to ensure continuity, the Vice Chair assumes the position of Chair and the Committee elects a new Vice Chair. The Vice Chair elected in 2013 would then take over as Chair in January 2014. If interested, Committee members were asked to submit by January 31 a one paragraph explanation of why they would make a good Vice Chair to Chair James Lin and immediate past chair Chris Sauer, with a copy to Bev Shugg Barbeito. The expressions of interest will then be circulated to the Committee members in advance of the February 21<sup>st</sup> meeting when the election of the Vice Chair will take place.

**B. EARTH DAY 2013**

For the benefit of new members, Earth Day sub-committee Chair Chuan Li reviewed details of the Committee's 2012 Earth Day event on Main Street Unionville. The Committee plans to hold the 2013 event on Saturday April 20 at Markville Mall in order to raise awareness with an even greater audience. Chuan Li will arrange a meeting with Markville Mall staff, likely at the end of January, to resolve a number of issues such as the need for a booth and marketing support e.g. signs, website notices and notices to store owners. At Markville Mall, there will be far less space at the Committee's disposal. As a result, the Committee's partners may only be able to take part for portions of the day. Chuan Li requested that sub-committee members contact partners to confirm their involvement. She reported that Adam Poon has joined the sub-committee and advised that committee members will be needed to help at the event on Saturday April 20 at Markville Mall.

**C. ROUGE PARK**

Katie Burns, Sustainability Office reported that the group “Friends of the Rouge” will make a presentation at the Development Services Committee meeting on January 22, 2013.

**D. WASTE DIVERSION SUB-COMMITTEE**

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

**E. WASTE MANAGEMENT (ENVAC) SYSTEMS**

For the benefit of new members, James Lin reviewed Regional Councillor Joe Li’s presentation about waste management ENVAC systems; he will upload the presentation to the MEAC website. Chris Sauer, Rodney Yee and Mylene Batista Bezerra had agreed to research other similar waste management and recycling systems. Chris Sauer reported that he had found information about a similar system in use in New York since the 1970s.

Phil Fung advised that he knows a waste management consultant familiar with these systems. It was agreed that the consultant be invited to a future MEAC meeting.

**F. SOLAR SUB-COMMITTEE**

Chris Sauer reported that he will arrange a meeting during the first two weeks of February.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

**A. REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EAC)**

Chair James Lin and Chris Sauer reported that they had attended the Regional EAC meeting hosted in December 2012 by Vaughan city representatives. Other attendees included representatives from Newmarket, King, and Richmond Hill, as well as staff from York Region. The meeting included a tour of the new Vaughan City Hall which boasts LEED certification and other environmentally friendly features. Other agenda items included the York Region 2051 Plan and sharing of initiatives undertaken by the various EACs. James Lin shared information about MEAC’s Earth Day event, the tour of the Net Zero office building, the discussions about ENVAC systems and the Solar Share program.

**B. MARKHAM AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MAAC)**

Katie Burns, Sustainability Office reported that discussions at the first two meetings have focused on Markham’s Draft Official Plan and developing a work plan for the committee. Three sub-committees have been formed: Policy, Communication and Outreach, and, Sustainability and Viability. It was agreed that Katie Burns will ask MAAC if it would like to take part in MEAC’s Earth Day event, perhaps having a farmer representative or presenting the Seeds of Change program.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

It was

Moved by	Chuan Li
Seconded by	Erica Tsang

That the Markham Environmental Advisory Committee adjourn at 8:55 PM.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

The next regular monthly meeting of the Markham Environmental Advisory Committee has been scheduled for Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Ontario Room.