

# **Minutes**

# **Environment Advisory Committee**The Corporation of the City of Brampton

# Tuesday, February 6, 2024

#### **Members Present:**

Raman Vasudev (Co-Chair)
Sukran Balaban
Brajgeet Bhathal
Charles Coimbra
Subhash Chander Duggal
Neil Fairhead
Shailly Prajapati
Sandra Roppa

#### **Members Absent:**

Sherry-Ann Ram (Co-Chair) - regrets Pushproop Brar Hardik Mankad Regional Councillor G. Toor - Wards 9 and 10

#### **Staff Present:**

Pam Cooper, Acting Manager, Environmental Planning, Planning, Building and Growth Management

Kristina Dokoska, Policy Planner, Environment, Planning, Building and Growth Management

Karley Cianchino, Environmental Project Specialist, Planning, Building and Growth Management

Alex Ammaturo, Co-Op Student, Environmental Planning, Planning, Building and Growth Management

Razmin Said, Manager, Community Safety and Well-Being Office, Community Services

Sonya Pacheco, Legislative Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m., recessed at 6:04 p.m., reconvened at 6:15 p.m. and adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

# 2. Approval of Agenda

The following motion was considered.

## EAC001-2024

That the agenda for the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of February 6, 2024, be approved as published and circulated.

Carried

# 3. <u>Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act</u>

Nil

# 4. Previous Minutes

4.1 Minutes - Environment Advisory Committee - December 5, 2023

The minutes were considered by Committee of Council on January 17, 2024, and were approved by Council on January 24, 2024. The minutes were provided for Committee's information.

# 5. <u>Presentations\Delegations</u>

Nil

# 6. Reports/Updates

6.1 Verbal Update from Karley Cianchino, Environmental Project Specialist, Planning, Building and Growth Management, re: Earth Day

Karley Cianchino, Environmental Project Specialist, Planning, Building and Growth Management, provided information regarding the Earth Day event taking place on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at the Gore Meadows Community Centre. Details were provided regarding Earth Day celebrations and the second bi-

annual Grow Green Awards ceremony. Committee members were encouraged to support and participate in this event.

The following motion was considered.

#### EAC002-2024

That the verbal update from Karley Cianchino, Environmental Project Specialist, Planning, Building and Growth Management, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of February 6, 2024, re: **Earth Day**, be received.

Carried

6.2 Verbal Update from Karley Cianchino, Environmental Project Specialist, Planning, Building and Growth Management, re: Upcoming Engagement Opportunity - Seedy Saturday

Karley Cianchino, Environmental Project Specialist, Planning, Building and Growth Management, provided information regarding the Seedy Saturday event taking place on Saturday, March 9, 2024, organized by the City's Parks Maintenance and Forestry Division, in collaboration with the Brampton Horticultural Society. Details were provided on the participation of the Grow Green Team in this event, and Committee members were encouraged to participate and support the team.

The following motion was considered.

#### EAC003-2024

That the verbal update from Karley Cianchino, Environmental Project Specialist, Planning, Building and Growth Management, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of February 6, 2024, re: **Upcoming Engagement Opportunity - Seedy Saturday**, be received.

Carried

6.3 Verbal Update from Kristina Dokoska, Environmental Planner, Planning, Building and Growth Management, re: Climate Change Adaptation Plan

Kristina Dokoska, Environmental Planner, Planning, Building and Growth Management, provided an update on the Climate Change Adaptation Plan (CCAP), and provided details on the work of external consultants in the preparation of this plan and the related draft report. Information was provided on various workshops being organized to review the draft report and set adaptation

targets for the plan. Committee members were encouraged to participate on the stakeholder working group.

Committee discussion on this item included the impact of impermeable surfaces on the environment, and potential action items in the CCAP to address this issue.

The following motion was considered.

#### EAC004-2024

That the verbal update from Kristina Dokoska, Environmental Planner, Planning, Building and Growth Management, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of February 6, 2024, re: **Climate Change Adaptation Plan**, be received.

Carried

6.4 Verbal Update from Kristina Dokoska, Environmental Planner, Planning, Building and Growth Management, re: Ontario Resource Centre for Climate Adaptation

Kristina Dokoska, Environmental Planner, Planning, Building and Growth Management, provided information regarding the Ontario Resource Centre for Climate Adaptation (ORCCA), established in 2023 to help communities better understand and manage the impacts of climate change, and ORCCA's new Staff Capacity Program, established to support adaptation efforts by providing participants/municipalities with direct support (e.g. capacity and expertise). In addition, information was provided on the expansion of the City's Climate Change Hub, which provides access to various climate change resources.

Kristina Dokoska responded to questions from Committee regarding the tracking of climate and temperature trends in Brampton and advised that further information on climate related data is available at www.climatedata.ca.

The following motion was considered.

#### EAC005-2024

That the verbal update from Kristina Dokoska, Environmental Planner, Planning, Building and Growth Management, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of February 6, 2024, re: **Ontario Resource Centre for Climate Adaptation**, be received.

Carried

## 7. Sub-Committees

Nil

## 8. Other New/Business

8.1 Discussion Item at the request of Sandra Roppa, Committee Member, re: Littering

Sandra Roppa, Committee Member, addressed Committee with respect to the issue of littering in Brampton, asked how the City and the Environment Advisory Committee could support local groups to address this issue, and sought information on applicable City by-laws and enforcement.

Pam Cooper, Acting Manager, Environmental Planning, Planning, Building and Growth Management, provided information with respect to the following:

- City regulation of the proper disposal of garbage and the storage of garbage bins
- Refuse and Litter By-law, and reporting complaints through Service Brampton (311)
- Programs and initiatives under the waste component of the Environmental Master Plan
- Resolution passed by Council to work with the People Against Litter (PAL) group, and other similar organizations, to design a Citywide program to make Brampton Canada's first litter-free City

Razmin Said, Manager, Community Safety and Well-Being Office, Community Services, provided information on the establishment, mandate and partners of the Litter Reduction Working Group, outlined the four goals in the draft charter, and advised that the Working Group will be reviewing these goals and associated actions to finalize the charter. In addition, Committee Members interested in learning more about, or participating on, the Working Group were encouraged to contact Razmin Said.

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- Raising awareness and educating all residents on proper garbage disposal and the environmental impact of litter
- Litter concerns near transit bus stops and in neighbourhoods without regional garbage bins or compost service (e.g. condo townhouses) due to garbage/recycling bags being left out too early
- Financial impacts of litter
- Request that updates on the work of the Litter Reduction Working Group be provided to the Environment Advisory Committee for information

Razmin Said thanked Committee members for their input, encouraged them to continue to provide feedback on litter concerns, and invited members to participate on the Litter Reduction Working Group.

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Nil

#### 10. **Question Period**

Nil

#### 11. **Public Question Period**

The public was given the opportunity to submit questions in person or via e-mail to the City Clerk's Office regarding any decisions made at this meeting. S. Pacheco, Legislative Coordinator, confirmed there were no questions from the public.

#### 12. **Adjournment**

The following motion was considered.

# EAC006-2024

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t the Environment Advisory Committee do nov sday, April 2, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., or at the call	
	Carried
	Raman Vasudev – Co-Chair
	Sherry-Ann Ram – Co-Chair