



Minutes

Environment Advisory Committee The Corporation of the City of Brampton

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

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

Staff Present:

Pam Cooper, Manager, Environmental Planning, Planning,
Building and Growth Management
Kristina Dokoska, Policy Planner - Environment, Planning,
Building and Growth Management
Zoe Milligan, Policy Planner - Environment, Planning, Building
and Growth Management
Karline McCawley, Environmental Project Specialist, Planning,
Building and Growth Management
Rajbalinder Ghatoura, Project Coordinator, Energy Management,
Public Works and Engineering
Sonya Pacheco, Legislative Coordinator, City Clerk's Office

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. and adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

The following motion was considered.

EAC013-2024

That the agenda for the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of June 4, 2024, be approved.

Carried

3. **Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act**

Nil

4. **Previous Minutes**

4.1 Minutes - Environment Advisory Committee - April 2, 2024

The minutes were considered by Committee of Council on April 24, 2024, and approved by Council on May 1, 2024. The minutes were provided for Committee's information.

5. **Presentations\Delegations**

5.1 Delegation re: City of Brampton's 2024-2029 Corporate Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan Update

Christopher Hong, Project Manager, and Kayden Toffolo, Engineering Intern, WalterFedy, provided a presentation regarding the City of Brampton's 2024-2029 Corporate Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan Update.

The delegations and Rajbalinder Ghatoura, Project Coordinator, Energy Management, Public Works and Engineering, responded to questions from Committee with respect to the following:

- Project targets and measures to achieve project goals

- It was noted that a detailed report including a list of measures and resulting energy reduction for each facility will be made available to the public on July 1, 2024
- Incentive programs to offset project costs and review of available funding streams
- Ensuring valid carbon offsets are used
- Accounting for the amount of natural gas burned to produce electricity in GHG emissions for electricity
- Change in GHG emissions from 2010 to 2023 and concern regarding the increase in GHG emissions, due to additional assets
- Proposal for a policy that new builds/assets are net zero, or near net zero, GHG emissions
- Factors considered in identifying short term measures
- Barriers to electrification measures (e.g. timeline for utilities to provide infrastructure)
- Clarification that the subject plan is focused on emissions from corporate buildings (e.g. space and water heating)

The following motion was considered.

EAC014-2024

That the delegation from Christopher Hong, Project Manager, and Kayden Toffolo, Engineering Intern, WalterFedy, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of June 4, 2024, re: **City of Brampton's 2024-2029 Corporate Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan Update**, be received.

Carried

6. Reports/Updates

6.1 Verbal Update from Pam Cooper, Manager, Environmental Planning, Planning, Building and Growth Management, re: Upcoming Engagement Events

At this time in the meeting, Pam Cooper, Manager, Environmental Planning, Planning, Building and Growth Management, introduced Karline McCawley, Environmental Project Specialist, and advised that Karline will be assisting with environmental education and outreach. Zoe Milligan, Policy Planner - Environment, was also introduced to the Committee.

Zoe Milligan provided an overview of her current role and responsibilities in environmental planning.

Pam Cooper provided an overview of events that have taken place, as well as various upcoming engagement events, in which Committee members are invited to participate in. It was noted that Committee members would be receiving invitations to each of these events.

The following motion was considered.

EAC015-2024

That the verbal update from Pam Cooper, Manager, Environmental Planning, Planning, Building and Growth Management, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of June 4, 2024, re: **Upcoming Engagement Events**, be received.

Carried

6.2 Verbal Update from Kristina Dokoska, Policy Planner - Environment, Planning, Building and Growth Management, re: Update on the CCAP Vision Workshop and the Adaptation Actions Workshop

Kristina Dokoska, Policy Planner - Environment, Planning, Building and Growth Management, provided an update on the Climate Change Adaptation Planning (CCAP) Vision Workshop and the Adaptation Actions Workshop, which included the following:

- A report regarding the climate change risk and vulnerability assessment is being finalized
- A Vision Workshop is scheduled to take place on Friday, June 7, 2024, and will include the development of a vision, goals, objectives and themes of the adaption plan
- An Adaptation Actions Workshop is scheduled to take place on June 19, 2024, at which the draft adaptation actions in the plan will be presented, including an adaptive scenario of Brampton in the future, if actions are implemented
 - Committee members were invited to participate in this workshop

The following motion was considered.

EAC016-2024

That the verbal update from Kristina Dokoska, Policy Planner - Environment, Planning, Building and Growth Management, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of June 4, 2024, re: **Update on the CCAP Vision Workshop and the Adaptation Actions Workshop**, be received.

Carried

7. Sub-Committees

7.1 Discussion Item at the request of Sandra Roppa, Committee Member, re: Status Update on Sub-Committee Objectives and Activities

Sandra Roppa, Committee member, requested an update on the progress of the established sub-committees.

Brajgeet Bhathal and Shailly Prajapati, Committee members and members of the Engagement Sub-committee, advised there are no updates to provide at this time. In addition, they encouraged Committee members to participate on, or share ideas on potential initiatives for, this subcommittee.

Pam Cooper, Manager, Environmental Planning, Planning, Building and Growth Management, advised that Karline McCawley, Environmental Project Specialist, is available to work with the Engagement Sub-Committee on engagement and community outreach initiatives.

In response to questions from Committee, Sonya Pacheco, Legislative Coordinator, outlined the role of sub-committee members to schedule meetings and establish goals, and advised that recommendations relating to sub-committee member appointments would be resent to members for their reference.

8. Other New/Business

8.1 Discussion Item at the request of Sandra Roppa, Committee Member, re: Priorities and Goals of the Environment Advisory Committee and Opportunities to Collaborate with other Environmental Organizations

Sandra Roppa, Committee member, requested that Committee members consider various issues, goals or initiatives that can be pursued by this committee, and/or identify potential opportunities to collaborate with other environmental organizations.

Discussion on this matter included establishing a scope of work for the Environment Advisory Committee and its sub-committees, the goals and objectives of the Ad-Hoc Pollinator Sub-Committee, and potential collaboration with the Brampton Environmental Alliance.

9. Correspondence

Nil

10. Question Period

In response to a question from Subhash Chander Duggal, Committee member, regarding Council representation on the Environment Advisory Committee (EAC), Sonya Pacheco, Legislative Coordinator, advised that Regional Councillor Toor is the Council Liaison Member for this Committee.

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. Sonya Pacheco, Legislative Coordinator, confirmed there were no questions from the public.

12. Adjournment

The following motion was considered.

EAC017-2024

That the Environment Advisory Committee do now adjourn to meet again for a regular meeting on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Raman Vasudev – Co-Chair

Sherry-Ann Ram – Co-Chair