



Minutes

Environment Advisory Committee The Corporation of the City of Brampton

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

Members Present:

Raman Vasudev (Co-Chair)
Sukran Balaban
Pushproop Brar
Charles Coimbra
Shailly Prajapati
Sandra Roppa

Members Absent:

Sherry-Ann Ram (Co-Chair) (regrets)
Brajgeet Bhathal (regrets)
Subhash Chander Duggal
Neil Fairhead (regrets)
Hardik Mankad
Regional Councillor G. Toor - Wards 9 and 10

Staff Present:

Pam Cooper, Manager, Environmental Planning, Building and Growth
Management
Tooba Shakeel, Policy Planner - Environment, Planning, Building and
Growth Management
Papiya Roy, Policy Planner - Environment, Planning, Building and
Growth Management
Sonya Pacheco, Legislative Coordinator, City Clerk's Office

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 p.m. and adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

The following motion was considered.

EAC001-2025

That the agenda for the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of February 4, 2025, be approved.

Carried

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

Nil

4. **Previous Minutes**

4.1 Minutes - Environment Advisory Committee - December 3, 2024

The minutes were considered by Committee of Council on January 15, 2025, and approved by Council on January 22, 2025. The minutes were provided for Committee's information.

5. **Presentations\Delegations**

Nil

6. **Reports/Updates**

6.1 Verbal Update from Pam Cooper, Manager, Environmental Planning, Planning, Building and Growth Management, re: Grass and Weed Cutting By-law

Pam Cooper, Manager, Environmental Planning, Planning, Building and Growth Management, provided an update on the status of the Grass and Weed Cutting By-law update, and advised that the related staff report will be considered by the Committee of Council at the March 19, 2025 meeting. Pam Cooper highlighted the recommendation passed by the Environment Advisory Committee at the

October 1, 2024 meeting, in which two committee members were selected to delegate the Committee of Council in support of the by-law update.

The following motion was considered.

EAC002-2025

That the verbal update from Pam Cooper, Manager, Environmental Planning, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of February 4, 2025, re: **Grass and Weed Cutting By-law**, be received.

Carried

- 6.2 Verbal Update from Tooba Shakeel, Policy Planner - Environment, Planning, Building and Growth Management, re: Grow Green Festival

Tooba Shakeel, Policy Planner - Environment, Planning, Building and Growth Management, provided an update on the 2025 Grow Green Festival, scheduled to take place on Saturday, May 31, 2025 at the Paul Palleschi Recreation Centre. Information was provided regarding event planning and activities, and opportunities for Committee members to provide input, volunteer, and assist with promoting this event.

In response to a suggestion from Committee, staff advised that consideration would be given to incorporating live music at this event.

The following motion was considered.

EAC003-2025

That the verbal update from Tooba Shakeel, Policy Planner - Environment, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of February 4, 2025, re: **Grow Green Festival**, be received.

Carried

7. Sub-Committees

- 7.1 Discussion Item at the request of Sandra Roppa, Committee Member, re: Sub-Committee Updates

No updates were provided by sub-committee members at this time.

- 7.2 Discussion Item at the request of Sandra Roppa, Committee Member, re: Environment Advisory Committee Goals

Sandra Roppa, Committee Member, asked members if they had any suggestions for initiatives or goals for the Committee to pursue/achieve prior to the end of the Council term. No suggestions were submitted by members at this time.

8. Other New/Business

Nil

9. Correspondence

Nil

10. Question Period

1. In response to a question from Charles Coimbra, Committee Member, regarding the schedule of meetings for the Events Sub-Committee, Sonya Pacheco, Legislative Coordinator, advised that sub-committee meetings are scheduled by sub-committee members and this information is not provided to the City Clerk's Office. It was suggested that sub-committee meeting schedules be shared with all Committee members. In addition, it was noted that sub-committee minutes should be provided to the City Clerk's Office for inclusion on future Environment Advisory Committee agendas.
2. Sandra Roppa, Committee Member, asked staff if the giveaways for the 2025 Grow Green Festival will be environmentally friendly to avoid waste. Tooba Shakeel, Policy Planner - Environment, Planning, Building and Growth Management, advised that giveaways will be educational in nature, and exhibitors will be encouraged to consider environmentally friendly options (e.g. seed packages, reusable straws, etc.).

11. Public Question Period

Nil

12. Adjournment

The following motion was considered.

EAC004-2025

That the Environment Advisory Committee do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, April 1, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Raman Vasudev – Co-Chair

Sherry-Ann Ram – Co-Chair