



Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee

MINUTES 14

Thursday, 19 May 2022

6:30 p.m.

Electronic Participation

This Meeting was held through electronic participation in accordance with Section 238 of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended by the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020.

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- Notes:**
1. *Please note that the Minutes are to be considered DRAFT until confirmed by Committee.*
 2. *Underlining indicates a new or amended recommendation approved by Committee.*

Present: Chair: Kris Nanda
Members: Abigail Alty, Brian Innes, Corey Peabody, Paulina Pisarek, ,
Kristine Van der Pas-Norenius

Absent*: Vice-Chair: Sonia Pacin
Members: Merissa Mueller, Melissa Watchorn, Emerson Vandenberg
Council Liaison: Councillor Shawn Menard
(*All, as advised)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were filed.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes 11, of the Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee (ESAC) meeting of Thursday, 7 October 2021, and Minutes 12, of the ESAC meeting of Tuesday, 9 November 2021 were confirmed.

Note: There are no Minutes 13, as the meeting of 19 April 2022 was cancelled.

COMMUNICATIONS

RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES

- ESAC 01-21 - TREE PLANTING

UPDATE FROM COUNCIL LIAISON

Ms Ariela Summit, from the Office of ESAC's Council Liaison, Councillor Shawn Menard, spoke to update the Committee on work that the City was undertaking to improve the energy efficiency of its buildings, and on the following Motions passed (or to be considered) by the Standing Committees and Council, as noted:

*SCEPWWM = Standing Committee on Environmental Protection, Water and Waste Management
TRC = Transportation Committee*

- *Motion N^o SCEPWWM 2021 20-04 (Phasing Out Use of City-Operated Gas-Powered Lawn and Yard Equipment)*
SCEPWWM: 22 March / Council: 13 April
- *Motion N^o SCEPWWM 2022 22-01 (Invasive Species Volunteer Program)*
SCEPWWM: 19 April / Council: 27 April
- *Motion N^o TRC 2022 28-02 (Moving to Sustainable Care of Our Public Spaces - Right of Way Front Yard Beautification)*
TRC: 4 May / Council: 11 May
- *Motion N^o SCEPWWM 2022 23-01 (City Renewable Energy)*
SCEPWWM: 17 May / Council: 25 May

- *Motion N^o SCEPWWM 2022 24-01 (Endorsement of the Fossil Fuel Non-proliferation Treaty)*
SCEPWWM: 21 June / Council: 6 July
- *Motion N^o SCEPWWM 2022 24-02 (Tree Protection By-law Amendment to Decrease Distinctive Tree Diameter to 30 cm in the Suburban Area)*
SCEPWWM: 21 June / Council: 6 July
- *Response to Inquiry SCEPWWM 02-21 (Effectiveness and Enforceability of Anti-idling Bylaw)*
SCEPWWM: 21 June – For discussion

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

2. CONFIRMATION OF THE 2022 ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

CITY-WIDE

That the Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee approve the following meeting schedule for 2022:

- **Thursday, 19 May 2022**
- **Thursday, 16 June 2022**
- **Thursday, 22 September 2022**

CARRIED

PLANNING, REAL ESTATE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

3. OVERVIEW OF BETTER BUILDINGS OTTAWA PROGRAM –
BENCHMARKING AND DISCLOSURE PROGRAM

CITY-WIDE

That the Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee receive the staff presentation for information and discussion.

The Committee received a slide presentation overview of the Better Buildings Ottawa and Benchmarking and Disclosure Programs from Ms Janice Ashworth, Project Manager, Environmental Programs, Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development Department. A copy of the presentation is held on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

Following questions to the presenter and Committee discussion, the Committee 'RECEIVED' the presentation for information.

4. HIGH PERFORMANCE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

[20 MINUTES]

CITY-WIDE

That the Environmental Stewardship Advisory Committee receive the staff presentation for information and discussion.

The Committee received a slide presentation overview of the High Performance Development Standards Program from Ms Rebecca Hagen, Program Manager, Environmental Programs, Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development

Department. A copy of the presentation is held on file with the Office of the City Clerk.

In response to questions regarding opportunities for engagement, Ms Hagen noted that there will be opportunities to provide input as the program is developed. Following questions to the presenter and Committee discussion, the Committee 'RECEIVED' the presentation for information.

INQUIRIES

CHAIR K. NANDA

Shares of Transit, Walking and Cycling

I would like to put in a request for staff to provide info on the following:

Shares of transit, walking and cycling (as of 2021 or the latest data). I recently found the City's 2007 report update on the 2003 environmental strategy – it would be interesting to see the extent to which those targets were actually met

Queensway Widening

My inquiry relates to the announcement today that the Province of Ontario is planning to widen 5 km stretch of Hwy 417 between Maitland and Hwy 416 * This is one tranche of the Queensway highway widening that was originally announced in 2016, three years before the City announced the Climate Emergency and before the latest IPCC reports on climate change.

1. How does this help meet GHG reduction goals in Ottawa (e.g induced traffic demand)?
2. Won't this be a further disincentive to people using the LRT which will runs right next to Queensway from just east of Pinecrest/Greenbank? (Literally adjacent near that intersection for anyone who recently wanted to exit onto Pinecrest/Greenbank heading west -- it's closed due to construction of LRT)

MEMBER B. INNES

Tree Removal Permits / Protected Trees

How many protected trees have been removed by ward since January 1, 2021? Specifically, how many tree removal permits have been issued to remove protected trees since the implementation of the tree by-law in January 1, 2021 by ward?

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion – Coordination of Community Engagement

Arising from discussions during the Council Liaison's presentation at the ESAC meeting of Thursday, 7 October 2021, Member Innes had drafted the following Motion:

MOTION N^o ESAC 2021 11-01

WHEREAS Community engagement in environment, climate change, and solid waste is essential to motivate support and momentum for the change needed to deal with the climate change emergency, and;

AND WHEREAS citizens are overwhelmed by multiple simultaneous consultations the quality of engagement is lower, and;

AND WHEREAS City consultations are coordinated and published in advance, citizens will be better able to engage and contribute to city policy and direction;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT that ESAC ask staff to publish a forward calendar of consultations on city policies and plans for the next six months to achieve better engagement and buy in to the City's environmental sustainability efforts.

Due to administrative oversight, the above motion was not immediately circulated at the time, but was circulated on Thursday, 12 May 2022. Member B. Innes asked that the current Minutes reflect this.

Resignation of ESAC Member

The Coordinator informed the Committee of the resignation of member I. Jaswal, who submitted his formal resignation on 29 April 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Committee Coordinator

Chair