

Peterborough Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

October 16, 2019

5:30 p.m.

City Board Room

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1. Call to Order Deputy Clerk	
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The Corporation of the City of Peterborough

By-Law Number 19-052

Being a By-law to establish an Environmental Advisory Committee

The Corporation of the City of Peterborough by the Council thereof hereby enacts as follows:

Whereas the Council of the Corporation of the City of Peterborough has determined that it is desirable and in the public interest to establish a public committee to advise Council on environmental matters; and

Whereas section 10(2) 5. of the **Municipal Act, 2001** permits municipalities to pass by-laws for; economic, social and environmental well-being of the municipality, including respecting climate change.

Now Therefore the Corporation of the City of Peterborough by the Council thereof hereby enacts as follows:

1. **Committee Name and Mandate**

An advisory committee to be called Peterborough Environmental Advisory Committee or “PEAC” is hereby established to provide advice to staff and Council on environmental matters.

2. **Roles and Responsibilities**

PEAC shall be an advisory committee of Council, and shall report to Council through General Committee, as required.

- 2.1 PEAC shall consider environmental matters in relation to larger projects and initiatives as identified by staff and/or Council with the City of Peterborough.
- 2.2 Assist in formulating and recommending environmental policies, plans and practices.
- 2.3 Encourage activities in environmental matters.
- 2.4 Support initiatives in the area of sustainability and Climate Change.

3. Membership

PEAC shall be composed of nine members, appointed by Council as follows:

- 3.1 One member of Council appointed to a one year term commencing in November.
- 3.2 Eight citizens of the City of Peterborough.

When choosing citizen appointments preference shall be given to members with experience in, or knowledge of; the environment, sustainability and resiliency, water and wastewater, ecology, biology, natural resources, geography and landscape design, indigenous perspectives and youth (16 years and older).

4. Term of Appointment

- 4.1 The term for citizen appointments shall be staggered. Four appointments shall serve a two-year term, two appointments shall serve a three-year term and two appointments shall serve a four-year term.
- 4.2 The term of an appointment shall expire in November of the calendar year. Each PEAC member shall continue in their role until his/her successor is appointed.
- 4.3 Any member of PEAC whose term of office has expired may be eligible for reappointment, up to a maximum of eight years.
- 4.4 PEAC, upon becoming aware of a vacancy, shall notify the Clerk's Office in writing.

5. Remuneration

PEAC members shall serve without remuneration.

6. Committee Chair and Vice-Chair

- 6.1 PEAC, at its first meeting in each calendar year, shall appoint from its membership a Chair and Vice-Chair. The Chair and Vice-Chair shall hold their positions for one-year, renewable terms.
- 6.2 The Chair shall preside over each meeting, ensuring the rules of procedure are followed in the City's Procedure By-law. The Chair, where required, shall serve as the committee's representative and signing officer. The Chair shall assist staff in identifying items for the meeting agenda and liaise with staff as required.

- 6.3 The Vice-Chair, in the absence of the Chair, shall have all the same rights and privileges as the Chair.

7. Sub-Committees

PEAC may, from time to time, temporarily establish sub-committees, of not fewer than three people appointed at PEAC's discretion, with such terms of reference as PEAC considers desirable. At least one member of each sub-committee shall be a member of PEAC.

8. Meetings

- 8.1 PEAC meetings shall be held monthly or on an as needed basis. Where possible, meetings shall not be scheduled in July, August and December. Meetings shall be held as per the open meeting provisions of the **Municipal Act, 2001**.
- 8.2 The rules of procedure of the City of Peterborough Procedure By-law shall govern the meeting proceedings of PEAC.
- 8.3 Meetings, when convened, shall be held at 5:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month or, where necessary, on an alternate date and time agreed upon by the Committee.

Role of City Staff

- 9.1 Staff from Infrastructure and Planning Services shall provide support to PEAC, including the attendance at meetings.
- 9.2 The Commissioner of Infrastructure and Planning Services and/or his/her designate shall identify matters for consideration by PEAC.
- 9.3 Staff from other divisions will support the committee and attend meetings as required.
- 9.4 Where required, staff will bring forward to Council, matters from PEAC, through a staff report to General Committee.
- 9.5 Staff may arrange for presentations from community groups and agencies and bring reports to PEAC seeking advice before taking a matter to General Committee.

- 9.6 Staff may circulate items to PEAC for advice and comment at the same time comments are being sought from other internal/external organizations and bodies.
- 9.7 The Clerks Office will publish agendas and attend meetings to record the official minutes and provide the committee with procedural advice.

By-law read a first, second and third time this 27th day of May, 2019.

(Sgd.) Diane Therrien, Mayor

(Sgd.) John Kennedy, City Clerk



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To: Members of Peterborough Environmental Advisory Committee

From: Cynthia Fletcher, Commissioner of Infrastructure and Planning Services

Meeting Date: October 16, 2019

Subject: Report PEAC19-001
Official Plan Project Presentation

Purpose

A report to inform the Committee that Planning staff will make a presentation at the October 16, 2019 meeting to provide an overview of the Official Plan project.

Recommendation

That Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report PEAC19-001 dated October 16, 2019, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure and Planning Services, as follows:

That the presentation from Planning staff be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budget or financial implications as a result of this report.

Background

Planning staff have been invited to provide a brief overview of the Official Plan project at the Peterborough Environmental Advisory Committee meeting.

Attending the October 16, 2019 meeting to make the presentation is Ken Hetherington, Chief Planner and Brad Appleby, Planner; Subdivision Control and Special Projects.

Submitted by,

Cynthia Fletcher
Commissioner of Infrastructure and Planning Services

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To: Members of Peterborough Environmental Advisory Committee

From: Cynthia Fletcher, Commissioner of Infrastructure and Planning Services

Meeting Date: October 16, 2019

Subject: Report PEAC19-002
Watershed Study Project Presentation

Purpose

A report to inform the Committee that Infrastructure Management staff will make a presentation at the October 16, 2019 meeting to provide an overview of the Watershed Study project.

Recommendation

That Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report PEAC19-002 dated October 16, 2019, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure and Planning Services, as follows:

That the presentation from Infrastructure Management staff be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budget or financial implications as a result of this report.

Background

Infrastructure Management staff has been invited to provide a brief overview of the Watershed Study project at the Peterborough Environmental Advisory Committee meeting.

Attending the October 16, 2019 meeting to make the presentation is Michael Papadacos, Manager of Infrastructure Management and Ian Boland, Stormwater Systems Coordinator.

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September 23, 2019

Council Resolution – Climate Change Emergency

Whereas:

1. Climate change is the greatest crisis of our times worldwide, harming human and animal populations through extreme storms, severe flooding, record heat waves, prolonged droughts, and other natural disasters
2. Climate change is contributing to billions of dollars in property and infrastructure damage worldwide and is viewed as the major public health threat in Canada for cardiovascular and respiratory illnesses and deaths
3. International research has concluded that there is a need for massive carbon emissions reductions within the next 11 years to avoid further devastating damage to our environment, economy, and society
4. Over 450 local governments, including 40 Canadian communities such as Ottawa, London, Hamilton, and Kingston have acknowledged this urgency by officially declaring a climate emergency. They are committed to action to drive down emissions at emergency speed. These Climate Emergency Declarations importantly involve the public and serve as Calls to Action by the Community as well as by Council and other levels of government.

Therefore, be it resolved:

That Council, pursuant to its authority under section 10 of the Municipal Act, 2001, hereby declares a climate emergency within the City of Peterborough for the purpose of naming, framing and deepening our commitment to protecting our community, its economy, and its eco systems from climate change, and,

That staff, working with the PEAC, be requested to also report on the opportunities to:

- a. Greatly accelerate timelines for our existing actions to reduce the effects of climate change;
- b. Add new actions and proposals to reduce greatly our GHG emissions;
- c. Identify the budgetary implications of proposed actions, including opportunities to engage all other levels of government and private sources, to combat climate change;
- d. Incorporate a climate change lens into all city actions and policies recognizing the need to achieve a target of 45% GHG emission reduction by 2030 and net zero by 2050;
- e. Engage and educate the general public regarding this crisis to support the city's efforts to meet these goals; and,
- f. That staff report back to Council by the end of the first quarter, 2020.