



Peterborough Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes Electronic Meeting

November 17, 2021

Present Clara Blakelock
 Dana Jordan (5:34 p.m.)
 Mary Elizabeth Konrad
 Peter Lafleur (5:39 p.m.)
 Craig Mortlock
 Sandra Orsatti, Chair
 Stephanie Rutherford
 Councillor Zippel

Regrets Fraser Smith

Staff Ian Boland, Senior Watershed Project Manager
 James Byrne, Climate Change Coordinator
 Natalie Garnett, Deputy Clerk
 Michael Papadacos, Manager, Infrastructure Planning

Call to Order

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Stephanie Rutherford

That the minutes of October 20, 2021, be approved.

Carried

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Craig Mortlock declared a Pecuniary Interest in Report PEAC21-028, Climate Initiatives Update, as his business may bid on the Fire Station #2 project.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Councillor Zippel

That item 6.c. be passed as part of the Consent Agenda.

Carried

2022 PEAC Meeting Schedule

Report PEAC21-026

Moved by Councillor Zippel

That the Peterborough Environmental Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report PEAC21-026 dated November 17, 2021, of the Manager, Infrastructure Management Division, as follows:

That the 2022 Peterborough Environmental Advisory Committee meeting schedule be approved, as presented in report PEAC21-026.

Carried

Watershed Plan Update

Report PEAC21-027

Moved by Craig Mortlock

That the Peterborough Environmental Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report PEAC21-027 dated November 17, 2021, of the Manager, Infrastructure Management Division as follows:

That the presentation from the Infrastructure Management Division regarding the Watershed Plan Phase 1 and 2 findings, and Phase 3 Update be received for information and the following comments be provided:

- The plan is very detailed and comprehensive
- Watershed matters are cross-jurisdictional and there are need for partnerships. It impacts everyone
- Indigenous communities/partnerships must continue to be consulted through the phases of the plan
- Impacts of Climate Change – global warming and loss of fresh water, increased frequency and severity of flooding incidents
- Targets – how will these targets be upheld, have a target that people can get behind (i.e. Vancouver), how to determine targets (hard numbers), importance of monitoring, ensure targets are consistent
- Importance of Watersheds – we undervalue them, they are important carbon capturers
- The order of the recommendations (page 6) should be changed to indicate importance
- Need to digitize and make the mapping available to the public for use
- Policy changes/incentives: de-paving, policies to reduce the amount of salt used for winter control, impermeable vs. permeable surfaces

- **Issues with microplastics – start collecting the data now to determine changes over time**
- **Concerns with invasive species – management plan for invasive species**
- **How to decrease flood risk at the residential level (i.e. water gardens) as it is too expensive to make changes in infrastructure in older subdivisions. Consider long term goal of removing houses from flood plains**

Carried

Stephanie Rutherford left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Climate Initiatives Update

Report PEAC21-028

Moved by Mary Elizabeth Konrad

That the PEAC approve the recommendation outlined in Report PEAC21-028 dated November 17, 2021, of the Manager of Infrastructure Management Division, as follows:

That the report be received for information.

Carried

Other Business

Next Meeting - January 19, 2022

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Zippel

That the meeting adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Carried

Natalie Garnett

Deputy Clerk

Sandra Orsatti

Chair