



**Town of Aurora
Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Video Conference

Committee Members: Councillor Wendy Gaertner (Vice Chair)
Barry Bridgeford
Colin Brown
Sam Cunningham
Ashley Gatto Cassagrande
Ryan Hamid
Crystal Robertson

Members Absent: Councillor Rachel Gilliland (Chair)
Sandy Hudson

Other Attendees: Anca Mihail, Manager of Engineering and Capital Delivery
Sebastian Contarin, Energy and Climate Change Analyst
Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

The Committee acknowledged that the meeting took place on the Anishinaabe lands, the traditional and Treaty #20 territories of the Chippewas of Georgina Island, recognizing the many other Nations whose presence here continues to this day and that Aurora has shared responsibility for the stewardship of this land. It was noted that Aurora is part of the treaty lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit, recognized through Treaty #13 and the Williams Treaties of 1923.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Colin Brown

Seconded by Barry Bridgeford

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

Carried

4. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50*.

5. Receipt of the Minutes

5.1 Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of May 4, 2022

Moved by Ashley Gatto Cassagrande

Seconded by Sam Cunningham

That the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting minutes of May 4, 2022, be received for information.

Carried

6. Delegations

None.

7. Matters for Consideration

7.1 Memorandum from Energy and Climate Change Analyst; Re: Climate Change Adaptation Plan - Implementation Plan

Lisa MacTavish, Advisor, Climate Risk & Resilience, WSP, presented an overview of the Climate Change Adaptation Plan with a focus on the Implementation Plan including project process and objectives, findings, top risks, and recommendations. Jay Maloney, Climate Risk & Resilience Analyst, WSP, was also present to answer questions.

The Committee, staff, and consultant discussed various aspects including: booster stations; sanitary system risk of water infiltration; high impact events and increased variability; provision of electricity risk and power

failures; winter climate trends and risks, increased winter freeze-thaw cycles and flooding; climate change modeling; need for focus on socio-economic and environmental impacts, mitigation opportunities, and community; flood remediation study recommendations; low impact development, and green development standards.

The Committee and staff further discussed homeowner incentives and programs for energy efficiency retrofitting—including roof solar panels, building envelopes, white roofs vs. black roofs, windows, and insulation—through energy provider rebates and various government grants, including the Town’s Community Energy Plan (CEP). Other municipalities’ programs and grant opportunities were discussed as well as the Passive House building standard.

Moved by Crystal Robertson

Seconded by Ashley Gatto Cassagrande

1. That the memorandum regarding Climate Change Adaptation Plan – Implementation Plan be received; and
2. That the Environmental Advisory Committee comments regarding Climate Change Adaptation Plan – Implementation Plan be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

7.2 Memorandum from Energy and Climate Change Analyst; Re: Corporate Environmental Action Plan 2021 Progress Report

Staff presented a brief overview of the Corporate Environmental Action Plan (CEAP) and annual progress report for 2021, including the CEAP purposes and themes, reporting process, and successfully implemented objectives. The Committee inquired about corporate-wide staff involvement and about the usage and monitoring of the IVY electric vehicle charging station at Town Hall. Staff provided clarification and agreed to provide usage information.

Moved by Colin Brown

Seconded by Sam Cunningham

1. That the memorandum regarding Corporate Environmental Action Plan 2021 Progress Report be received; and

2. That the Environmental Advisory Committee comments regarding Corporate Environmental Action Plan 2021 Progress Report be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

7.3 Round Table Discussion; Re: Unauthorized Private Use of Adjacent Environmentally Protected Ravine Lands

The Committee inquired about the Town's position on homeowners, whose property is adjacent to environmentally protected (EP) lands, who have cut holes in the fence and planted vegetation in the adjoining EP lands. Staff advised that such encroachments are not acceptable and referred to sections 9 and 39 of the Town's Parks and Public Spaces by-law number 4752-05.P. Staff confirmed that By-law Services investigations into noncompliance issues are mostly complaint driven. The Committee further inquired about the impact of long-term encroachments and staff provided clarification. The Committee suggested that the public could be educated on elements of the Parks and Public Spaces by-law through the Town's communication channels.

Moved by Ryan Hamid

Seconded by Barry Bridgeford

1. That the Environmental Advisory Committee comments regarding Unauthorized Private Use of Adjacent Environmentally Protected Ravine Lands be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

8. Informational Items

8.1 Environmental Advisory Committee Update List

Moved by Ashley Gatto Cassagrande

Seconded by Sam Cunningham

1. That the Environmental Advisory Committee Update List be received for information.

Carried

9. **Adjournment**

Moved by Colin Brown

Seconded by Barry Bridgeford

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Carried