

Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee (OEAC)

Minutes

September 6, 2007 ~ 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

Paul Andre Larose
Barbara North
Will Thurber
Alexander Kemp
Susan Bragg

Ron Campbell
Ray Kissel
Irwin Waldinsberger
Renee Cotton

Staff Present:

Suzanne Elston,
Environmental Co-ordinator

Jennifer Mutton.
Secretary/Treasurer

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to Order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Opening Remarks from Councillor Membership

Due to scheduling conflicts, Regional Councillor Nicholson and Councillor Marimpietri were unable to attend.

3. Opening Remarks from Commissioner, Development Services

Due to scheduling conflicts, Tom Hodgins was unable to attend.

4. Introductions

Committee members introduced themselves and provided a brief autobiography and their reason for their interest in OEAC.

5. Overview of Terms of Reference

S. Elston provided an overview of the OEAC Terms of Reference which mandates that the Committee will assist, advise and educate City Council, staff, and the community with respect to the *protection, enhancement, restoration, management* and appreciation of the *natural and built environments*, and to advance the goals of the Community Strategic Plan.

S. Elston further overviewed the OEAC annual budget and the reimbursement of pre-approved member expenses.

S. Elston indicated that the OEAC will be a consensus style committee with sub-committee's being formed for special initiatives.

S. Elston further indicated that members of Council and Staff are fully supportive of her role and that of the OEAC and that Council looks to the OEAC members for leadership on environmental issues.

Discussion by the Committee ensued regarding possible presentations and/or speakers from the Region of Durham and other agencies.

S. Elston announced that the goal tonight would be discussing and recommending the preferred pesticide process.

6. Member Expectations and Development of Work Plan

Jennifer will provide the Committee with a chart listing the Committee member's priorities through e-mail so that members can rank their three most important initiatives.

These initiatives will become part of the OEAC's workplan. The OEAC can also provide input and guidance as the City prepares its Environmental Master Plan.

E. Waldinsberger asked if there were current City Policies and procedures in place now so that OEAC could enhance them, as opposed to reinventing the wheel.

S. Elston disagreed with P. A. Larose's suggestion that a report go forward in June 2008. Although the report will only represent the first three months of the OEAC's activities, the Terms of Reference require that a report goes forward in January, along with the OEAC's 2008 workplan.

Suzanne will get a balanced incineration presentation with respect to what is happening with the proposed Incineration project slated for Clarington. The information and resources provided by the presentation will enable the Committee to make an informed recommendation based on a number of perspectives to City Council.

7. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

S. Elston opened the Nominations for Chair.

R. Cotton nominated R. Kissel.

W. Thurber seconded the nomination and Ray Kissel takes the Chair.

R. Kissel opens the floor for nominations for Vice-chair.

Paul Andre nominates Irwin Waldinsberger

A. Kemp seconds the nomination and I. Waldinsberger is the Vice-Chair.

Ray Kissel, Chair

Irwin Waldinsberger, Vice Chair

8. Public Process for Pesticide Policy

The Committee discussed the Pesticide Policy information provided in an earlier e-mail and noted the following:

- What was the basis of how these Cities were chosen
- that out of the 19 municipalities surveyed, only 1 did not create a by-law
- public meetings are successful and the way to go
- should have an education component at the public meeting as well

Motion: 01:07 Moved by: A. Kemp, Seconded by: R. Cotton

“THAT the Oshawa Environmental Action Committee recommend to the Development Services Committee that prior to the passing of a City of Oshawa Pesticide By-law, a public process option be pursued together with Stakeholders, Contractors, and the Regional Health Department;

AND THAT an educational component is made available to the public in relating the reasons and strategies for the ban and/or reduction of the use of pesticides in the City of Oshawa.

Carried.

9. Meeting Schedule

The 1st Thursday of each month was acceptable to the Committee.

10. Other Business:

S. Elston reported that the creation of the Website is currently underway and each member should provide her a brief biography by next meeting for the Website.

2007 EAC Symposium, Kitchener, September 28, 29 & 30. Ray will be attending and highly recommends it.

11. Next Meeting: Thursday, October 4, 2007

12. Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by: A. Kemp, Seconded by: P.A. LaRose

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.