

Present: M. Christine Castle
Gayle Giesbrecht
Stacey Kerr
Stuart Livingstone
Melanie Maloney
Miranda Pautler, Chair
Deborah McCord
Judy Rivers
Leslie Tate

Also Present: Regional Councillor Yamada, Mayor's Designate
Aimee Pugao, Planner II, Parks Planning
Niki VanVugt, Summer Student, Sustainability, Heritage,
Downtowns and Community Development
Jade Schofield, Project Manager, Sustainability and Climate Change
Jodi Janwin, Staff Liaison, Energy Conservation Officer
Heather Oerlemans, Council and Committee Coordinator
(Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Adel Abdollahzadeh, Vice-Chair
Beatrice Adesemowo

1. Disclosures of Interest
 - 1.1 There were no disclosures of interest.
2. Approval of Previous Minutes
 - 2.1 Minutes - May 1, 2019

Recommendation:

Moved By Deborah McCord

That the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee minutes of May 1, 2019 be approved.

Carried

3. Presentations

3.1 Michael Measure, Co-Founder, Executive Director, Fatal Light Awareness Program (FLAP) Canada

Michael Measure, Co-Founder, Executive Director, Fatal Light Awareness Program (FLAP) Canada, appeared before the Committee and provided detailed information which included:

- facts regarding bird deaths of migratory species;
- the migration patterns in North America and migratory activity through Toronto;
- the hazards of bright lights and window collisions;
- the height range for the majority of collisions;
- Provincial and Federal standards to manage regulatory protection which is designed to assist municipalities to enforce standards through the Building Code;
- risk assessment protocols that would determine which building facades were high impact for birds;
- bird-friendly development guidelines such as bird-friendly glass, bird-friendly architecture, and retrofits for existing construction; and,
- the importance of protecting bird species for insect control, pollination, seed distribution, and bird watching.

A brief discussion ensued regarding where to find window markers for residential buildings.

4. Delegations

4.1 There were no delegations.

5. General Business and Reports

5.1 Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee Work Plan

Deborah McCord reviewed the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee Work Plan and advised that the Work Plan incorporated the ten 'One Planet' principles adopted by the Town along with the Strategic Plan and the Committee's mandate. She requested that the Committee provide input on the Work Plan.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the ability to alter the Work Plan as necessary and/or as new topics were introduced;
- the next steps of the Work Plan including prioritizing themes and developing strategies to promote themes, and implementing action items that support those themes;
- utilizing metrics and sustainability performance indicators to measure activity success on a 'per activity' basis;
- implementing activities that would align with municipal and regional program implementation; and,
- Town Staff advising that further development of the Work Plan was unnecessary.

Recommendation:

Moved By Gayle Giesbrecht

That the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee approve the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee Work Plan.

Carried

5.2 Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee Climate Change Declaration Presentation Update

Stacey Kerr and Melanie Maloney provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Committee's Climate Change Declaration presentation that would be presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled to take place on June 10, 2019. Ms. Kerr requested that the Committee provide input on the presentation no later than noon on June 6, 2019.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- including information on damages sustained by wind;
- incorporating the increase for potential tornadoes and the likelihood of a tornado hitting Whitby; and,
- including slides to address the increase in extreme storms, and the increase in pests such as ticks and mosquitoes, and diseases they transmit.

5.3 Durham Community Energy Plan Update

Jade Schofield provided information regarding the Durham Community Energy Plan which included:

- Council approval of the Durham Community Energy Plan;
- a reduction of 80% of greenhouse gas emissions by 2050;
- the initiatives arising from the Durham Community Energy Plan work plan would be referred to the Annual Business Planning and Budget Process for financing; and,
- the process of developing and implementing a home retrofit program throughout the GTA.

5.4 Active Transportation Plan Update

Deborah McCord provided information regarding the Active Transportation Plan (ATP) and advised that the goal was to reduce the use of vehicles and to make Whitby a “Bicycle City”. She distributed copies of the Active Whitby Trail Map and advised that Chris Potvin, Active Transportation Supervisor, requested comments regarding the ATP from the Committee by the end of June, 2019.

Jodi Janwin advised that comments could be incorporated into the ATP. She further advised that the Committee could provide comments through a general questionnaire for the Active Transportation Plan.

5.5 Community and Marketing Services Updates

Culture Plan

Aimee Pugao provided information regarding the Town’s Culture Plan. She advised that the main goal of the Plan was to use arts and culture as an economic driver for attracting business investors to Whitby. Aimee Pugao requested that Members complete the Culture Plan Survey.

Community Garden Program and Policy

Aimee Pugao provided information regarding the Town’s initiative to start a Community Garden Program on Town-owned or leased land.

Adopt-A-Park/Adopt-A-Trail Programs and Policy

Aimee Pugao provided information regarding the Adopt-A-Park and Adopt-A-Trail programs and advised that they were both primarily clean-up programs that required a 'three times per year' commitment for waste collection.

Tree Planting Project Update

Aimee Pugao provided information regarding the Tree Planting Project and advised that tree planting would take place at Rosedale Park on October 5, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Culture in the Square - Bee City

Aimee Pugao advised that the Culture in the Square event at Celebration Square scheduled to take place on August 6, 2019 would include a presentation on pollinators titled 'Bee Informed'.

5.6 Whitby in Bloom Committee Update

Leslie Tate provided updates regarding:

- the Whitby in Bloom Committee Speaker Series; and,
- the 2019 Whitby in Bloom Garden Tour scheduled to take place on July 20, 2019.

6. Correspondence

6.1 Innovate MY Youth-Climate Leadership Project

Jade Schofield provided information regarding the Innovate MY Youth-Climate Leadership Project and advised that the organization works on youth empowerment projects. She advised that a Canadian program called the Youth-Climate Leadership Project would train youth to be Climate Change Ambassadors and teach others about climate change. She further advised that a Whitby Team would be part of this project.

7. Council Update

7.1 Regional Councillor Yamada provided updates regarding:

- installing a rainbow crosswalk or other rainbow themed opportunities in Whitby;
- concerns regarding the proposed development of two eighteen storey buildings at Taunton Road East;
- a motion by Council to support an airport in the City of Pickering; and,
- the possibility of an acute care hospital being located in the Town of Whitby.

8. Other Business

8.1 There was no other business.

9. Next Meeting

9.1 Wednesday, September 4, 2019 - 7:00 p.m. Committee Room One, Whitby Town Hall

575 Rossland Road East

10. Adjournment

10.1 Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Moved By Melanie Maloney

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

H. Oerlemans, Council and Committee
Coordinator

M. Pautler, Committee Chair