

Present: Dave Ashton
Stephan Barg
Lindsay Beyger, Vice-Chair
Costanzo D'Angelo
Paul Davidson
Cameron Richardson, Chair
Caitlin Rochon
Jane Snyder

Also Present: Franca Calabro, Whitby Community Beautification Committee Representative
Michelle Frenette, Whitby Public Library Representative
Aimee Pugao, Planner II
Meaghan Craven, Staff Liaison, Senior Planner - Sustainability
Shrishma Davé, Legislative Coordinator (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Nestor Chornobay
Cylma Foxton
Rebecca McHolm
Miranda Paulter

1. Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair

- 1.1** The Committee was advised that the appointment for Chair and Vice-Chair of the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee for the January 1 to November 30, 2018 term would take place at this time.

Shrishma Davé called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee.

Paul Davidson nominated Cameron Richardson for the position of Chair of the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee.

Cameron Richardson accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations and the nominations were closed.

Shrishma Davé called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee.

Paul Davidson nominated Lindsay Beyger for the position of Vice-Chair of the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee.

Lindsey Beyger accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations and the nominations were closed.

Recommendation:

Moved By Lindsay Beyger

That Cameron Richardson be appointed Chair of the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee for a term ending on November 30, 2018.

Carried

Recommendation:

Moved By Cameron Richardson

That Lindsey Beyger be appointed Vice-Chair of the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee for a term ending on November 30, 2018.

Carried

2. Disclosures of Interest

2.1 There were no disclosures of interest.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

3.1 Minutes - November 15, 2017

Recommendation:

Moved By Caitlin Rochon

That the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee minutes of November 15, 2017 be approved.

Carried

4. Presentations/Deputations

4.1 There were no presentations or deputations.

5. General Business and Reports

5.1 New Member Introduction

Each Member present introduced themselves to Dave Ashton, the newest appointed member to the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee, and Franca Calabro, Representative of the Whitby Community Beautification Committee.

5.2 2017 Annual Report

Cameron Richardson advised that he had emailed the draft version of the Annual Report to all Members in December and had received a few comments.

It was the consensus of the Committee to defer this item to the regularly scheduled meeting to take place on February 7, 2018 so that Dave Ashton and Franca Calabro had an opportunity to review the document.

5.3 Bee City Update

Aimee Pugao advised that Whitby was now the 10th municipality to be a part of the Bee City program, and Bee City staff will be presenting the designation to Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting to take place on January 29, 2018. She further advised that the Town had received funding for a new pollinator garden to be planted at Heydenshore Park on May 5, 2018, and she would encourage the Committee's participation at that event.

5.4 2018 Work Plan

Meaghan Craven provided an overview of the Committee's draft 2018 Work Plan and requested feedback from Members.

Discussion ensued with respect to:

- Suggested edits and inclusions to the Work Plan;

- Opportunities for partnering with external agencies such as Durham Partners in Project Green to sponsor the planting of pollinator gardens in Whitby;
- Contributing articles in the Whitby Perspective on pollinator gardens and their value to the community;
- Developing a sustainability-specific award program managed through the Peter Perry Award at the Chamber of Commerce;
- Continuing support for the Mayor's Monarch Pledge and Bee City; and
- Partnering with the Whitby Community Beautification Committee on projects.

5.5 Cigarette Butt Program Update

Meaghan Craven advised that further information on this program would be provided in the coming weeks.

5.6 2017/18 Committee Budget - Staff Update

Meaghan Craven advised that the Committee had come under budget last year. Discussion ensued with respect to:

- Ensuring that all members of the Committee receive t-shirts so that they can wear them at events or tree plantings throughout the year;
- Using funds to partner with a local nursery to distribute pollinator seedlings; and
- Determining sponsorship opportunities in Whitby and Durham.

5.7 Whitby Youth Council Update

There was no Whitby Youth Council update.

5.8 Whitby Public Library Update

Michelle Frenette advised that the Library was hosting a Community Garden Workshop on February 3, 2018 from 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

6. Correspondence

6.1 There was no correspondence.

7. Council Update

7.1 Councillor Emm was not in attendance. Therefore, there was no Council

update

8. Other Business

8.1 Jane Snyder requested more information on the types of activities that the Town of Whitby was involved in to mitigate the effects of climate change, and asked if the Committee could receive some training on different topics related to climate change. Discussion ensued regarding the types of climate change activities that are taking place in Durham Region. Meaghan Craven advised that if Members could let her know what types of topics they wanted more information on, she could set up training sessions as needed.

8.2 Franca Calabro provided an overview of the Whitby Community Beautification Committee's workplan for the upcoming year. Discussion ensued about potential partnering opportunities.

8.3 Stephen Barg requested more information about Town policies on salting roadways and sidewalks, as it had a significant impact on the environment.

9. Next Meeting

9.1 Wednesday February 7, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.
Committee Room 1, Whitby Municipal Building

10. Adjournment

10.1 Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Moved By Paul Davidson

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Shrishma Davé, Legislative Coordinator

Cameron Richardson, Chair