

Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee Minutes
November 6, 2019 - 7:00 PM
Committee Room One
Whitby Town Hall

Present: Beatrice Adesemowo
M. Christine Castle
Gayle Giesbrecht
Stacey Kerr
Miranda Pautler, Chair
Deborah McCord
Judy Rivers
Robert Toyama

Also Present: Jodi Janwin, Staff Liaison, Energy and Sustainability Programs
Coordinator
Heather Oerlemans, Council and Committee Coordinator
(Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Adel Abdollahzadeh, Vice-Chair
Melanie Maloney

1. Disclosures of Interest

1.1 There were no disclosures of interest.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes - October 2, 2019

Recommendation:

Moved By Judy Rivers

That the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee Minutes of October 2, 2019 be approved.

Carried

3. Presentations

3.1 Kristy Kilbourne, Senior Planner, Policy Planning and Special Studies,
Regional Municipality of Durham
Re: Envision Durham Environment and Greenlands System Discussion
Paper

Kristy Kilbourne provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Envision Durham Environment and Greenlands System Discussion Paper.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- the importance of protecting natural heritage resources and hydrologic features from development;
- the percentage (40%) of Greenlands system with land use designations in the Region of Durham;
- the key trends related to the Greenlands and environment systems in the Region of Durham such as pressures on the natural environment, soil conservation, ecosystem compensation, invasive species and environmental stewardship;
- considering other plans such as Source Protection Plans, Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, enhanced indigenous engagement requirements and green infrastructure in property development;
- reviewing policy for land acquisition, the current Regional Official Plan and alignment with other regional plans and strategies; and,
- public and stakeholder consultation strategies.

Kristy Kilbourne advised that public comments were due by December 2, 2019 and that responses could be submitted via email to EnvisionDurham@durham.ca.

4. Delegations

4.1 There were no delegations.

5. General Business and Reports

5.1 Event Planning for 2020

Jodi Janwin requested that the Committee provide suggestions regarding events for 2020.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- participating in shared events such as the Speaker Series with the Whitby in Bloom Committee;
- engaging the public via a movie night event;

- determining the target audience for a movie night event;
- selecting a film that inspires action and has a hopeful message;
- the event details such as location, door prizes, snacks, beverages, time of the event and setting up booths or a panel/discussion group after the movie; and,
- establishing a subcommittee to discuss and research movies and event details for the movie night event and present information at the next Committee meeting.

Ms. Janwin requested that the Committee review the movie title lists provided by other members and forward their top three movie choices by the third week of November.

6. Correspondence

6.1 There was no correspondence.

7. Council Update

7.1 There was no Council update.

8. Other Business

8.1 Clean Air Council 2019-2023 Inter-Governmental Declaration on Clean Air and Climate Change

Jodi Janwin advised that Council endorsed Whitby's inclusion as a signatory to the 2019 Inter-Governmental Declaration on Clean Air and Climate Change and that the declaration would help guide discussions on topics such as green standards within the Town.

8.2 Climate Change Emergency Declaration Presentation

Jodi Janwin advised that the Climate Change Emergency Declaration presentation by members of the Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee helped to ensure that sustainability would be considered in all reports that come before Council.

8.3 Whitby Pollinator Protection Strategy

Stacey Kerr advised that she invited Dr. Sheila Colla to discuss the need for a pollinator protection strategy as a future action item for the Committee.

9. Next Meeting

9.1 Wednesday, January 8, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.
Committee Room One, Whitby Town Hall
575 Rossland Road East

10. Adjournment

10.1 Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Moved By Gayle Giesbrecht

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

H. Oerlemans, Council and Committee
Coordinator

M. Pautler, Committee Chair