

Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee

Report

9th Meeting of the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee
August 2, 2023

Attendance B. Samuells (Chair), B. Amendola, R. Duvernoy, A. Ford, M. Griffith, A. Hames, M. Hodge, A. Pert, L. Vuong, A. Whittingham, and K. Mason (Acting Committee Clerk)

ABSENT: I. ElGhamrawy, C. Hunsberger, C. Mettler, N. Serour

ALSO PRESENT: M. Fabro, J. Stanford

The meeting was called to order at 3:17 PM, it being noted that B. Amendola, A. Ford, M. Griffith, M. Hodge, A. Pert, L. Vuong and A. Whittingham were in remote attendance.

1. Call to Order

1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

2. Scheduled Items

None.

3. Consent

3.1 8th Report of the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 8th Report of the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on July 5, 2023, was received.

3.2 Comments Provided to the Federal Government on Recycled Content, Labelling Ruses and Registry for Plastic Products

That it BE NOTED that the staff report dated July 18, 2023 entitled "Comments Provided to Federal Government on Recycled Content, Labelling Rules, and Registry for Plastic Products", was received.

4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

None.

5. Items for Discussion

5.1 2024 Mayor's Honour List - Call for Nominations

That it BE NOTED that the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee asked its members to provide Nominations for the 2024 Mayor's New Year's Honour List at a future meeting.

5.2 Fireworks By-law Review

That the following actions be taken with respect to fireworks:

a) the Municipal Council BE ADVISED that the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee (ESACAC) recommends the City of London adopt Option B as outlined in the staff report presented to the Strategic Priority and Policy Committee; it being noted that Option B would allow for permitted display fireworks only to be discharged (which has traditionally included Canada Day, Victoria Day, Diwali, and New Years Eve) in London; it being further noted that this option would restrict use of all consumer (backyard) fireworks, restrict the sale of consumer fireworks in London, and propose an increase to current fines; and,

b) the Municipal Council BE ADVISED that the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee recommends that the City considers the locations of permitted display fireworks to account for nearby environmental disturbance and to limit pollution from entering sensitive features such as the Thames River, and the City aims to promote lower-impact alternatives to fireworks for at least some subsidized public events, such as outdoor concerts and light shows using drones.

it being noted that the submission on the fireworks by-law review, prepared by ESACAC, was received.

5.3 Climate Emergency Action Plan Working Group

That a Working Group consisting of R. Duvernoy, A. Hames, A. Hodge, A. Pert, B. Samuels and A. Whittingham BE ESTABLISHED to review the Climate Emergency Action Plan.

5.4 Resignation of D. Allick

That it BE NOTED that the resignation of D. Allick was received with regret.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:43 PM.