

Agenda

Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee

6th Meeting of the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee

May 1, 2024, 4:30 PM

Committee Room #1

The City of London is situated on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabek (AUh-nish-in-ah-bek), Haudenosaunee (Ho-den-no-show-nee), Lūnaapéewak (Len-ah-pay-wuk) and Attawandaron (Add-a-won-da-run).

We honour and respect the history, languages and culture of the diverse Indigenous people who call this territory home. The City of London is currently home to many First Nations, Métis and Inuit today.

As representatives of the people of the City of London, we are grateful to have the opportunity to work and live in this territory.

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Inquiry about Business Licensing By-law

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Background

ESACAC's mandate includes the development and monitoring of London's Urban Forest Strategy and Climate Emergency Action Plan and a resource for other related policies and strategies; the maximization of the retention of trees and natural areas; and other aspects of environmental concerns as may be suggested by the Municipal Council, its other Committees, or the Civic Administration. The following questions are regarding an item included in the 2024 work plan for ESACAC that was received by Council in February: *"targeted public education at points of sale about preventing spread of invasive species."*

The sale of fireworks in London is a relevant example. Fireworks business licensing is subject to certain conditions under the [Business Licensing By-law](#). The March 18, 2024 [report to the Community and Protective Services Committee](#) included a recommendation to amend the Business Licensing By-law L.-131-16 by adding the new schedule 20 "Consumer Fireworks Sales Business". Under the new schedule, section 2.0 Powers of Licence Manager includes: *2.1 Prescribing the manner, form, and content of information regarding the regulations of the Fireworks By-law including public safety information as outlined in the **consumer information requirements** of this Schedule.* (bold emphasis added)

Section 3.0 Prohibitions includes: *3.4 No person shall possess for the purpose of sale, offer for sale, cause, or permit to be sold, or sell Consumer Fireworks to any person without providing consumer information regarding the Fireworks By-law and any associated public safety information in the form and content prescribed by the Licence Manager.*

The Business Licensing By-law schedule 14 applies to licensing of Pet Shops. Similar to the fireworks licensing, under schedule 14, section 2.0 Powers of the License Manager includes *(d) prescribing the information that a Pet Shop licence holder is required under section 4.6 to provide to a person who purchases, acquires or obtains an animal from the Pet Shop licence holder.*

Schedule 14 section 4.0 Regulations includes: *4.6 Every Pet Shop licence holder shall provide to a person who purchases or acquires an animal from them all of the information about the animal as prescribed by the Licence Manager.*

Goldfish are [a problematic invasive species](#) causing harm in London's natural heritage system. The City of London currently provides a print brochure related to dumping of pet goldfish (see Appendix) with information intended for consumers to consider prior to making a purchase. However, this brochure is not made available to consumers at many pet stores in the City that sell goldfish. Correspondence with some franchised pet stores found they are unwilling to voluntarily provide consumer information from the City.

Questions for staff:

1. Where can the public access public safety information about consumer fireworks as outlined in the consumer information requirements? (per the Business Licensing By-law, draft schedule 20, section 2.1) Is this information posted on the City of London website?
2. How do license holders acquire printed materials related to the consumer information requirements? (e.g., are print copies provided by the City or do license holders print their own?)
3. What kinds of consumer information about purchasing animals is already encompassed by the Business Licensing By-law Schedule 14 Regulation 4.6 – *"all of the information about the animal as prescribed by the License Manager"*?
4. Could a similar requirement for providing consumer information about goldfish, such as the existing City of London goldfish pamphlet, be incorporated into requirements for Pet Shop license holders per schedule 14, regulation 4.6?

Appendix

City of London goldfish brochure

What's the problem?

You may bring a Goldfish into your home with the best intentions and then find yourself in the future with a need to find somewhere else for it to live. Goldfish are an invasive species, and bring with them a variety of problems:

- can grow to be 30-35 cm (12-14 in) and weigh several pounds
- can live for 30-40 years
- are messy and should not be kept in small containers
- need large containers as adults with water filtration, oxygen circulation and regular water changes.



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I don't want to, or can't, take care of my Goldfish anymore. Can I just flush or release it outside?

A: Pet fish (alive or dead) should never be released outside or flushed down the drain. Released fish can become invasive and/or transmit diseases. Dead fish can also transmit diseases to wild fish. Live fish may survive being flushed and end up in the wild.

Q: What should I do instead?

A: To find a new home for live fish, submit a classified ad or post on social media, offer your fish to a local school, look for a rescue, or ask pet stores if they will take it.

Q: Where can I find more information?

Learn more at these websites:
www.invasivespeciescentre.ca/goldfish
www.thamesriver.on.ca



Protecting our waterways

The problem with Goldfish – what you should know about this invasive species

Prepared by the City of London
Ecological Community
Advisory Committee

london.ca



Why are Goldfish considered an invasive species?

Goldfish are from East Asia and do not belong in nature in North America

Dumping Goldfish creates a bigger problem

Dumped or flushed Goldfish harm native species by:

- growing and multiplying quickly
- eating other fish species' eggs and young
- eating plants and animals native species feed on
- stirring up mud, causing cloudy water that disturbs native fish and destroys their habitat.

Infestation: a growing problem

Goldfish infestations currently occur in London in the Thames River, Westminster Ponds, Sifton Bog, The Coves and other waterways.

Before you buy, consider alternatives to Goldfish

Other types of fish or amphibians are easier to keep as aquarium pets:



Betta fish

- Live 2-5 years
- Remain small, low-mess
- Solitary (easier to keep alone)



Freshwater tropical fish like Guppy, Danio, Tetra, Platy

- Live 1-5 years
- Most remain small in size
- Thrive in most water conditions
- May require a water heater
- Social (best kept in groups)



African dwarf frogs

- Live up to 5 years
- Remain small
- Breathe air from water's surface
- Social (best kept in groups)

Before you get a Goldfish - Prepared by the City of London Ecological Community Advisory Committee

Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee

Report

5th Meeting of the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee
April 3, 2024

Attendance B. Samuels (Chair), B. Amendola, R. Duvernoy, A. Hames, M.A. Hodge, C. Hunsberger, A. Pert and L. Vuong and H. Lysynski (Clerk)
ABSENT: C. Mettler, I. ElGhamrawy, A. Ford, M. Griffith and N. Serour
ALSO PRESENT: Councillor S. Franke; M. Fabro, W. Jeffery, V. Kinsley, B. Somers and J. Stanford
The meeting was called to order at 4:32 PM; it being noted that B. Amendola, R. Duvernoy, A. Hames, C. Hunsberger, A. Pert and L. Vuong 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 4th Report of the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 4th Report of the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on March 6, 2024, was received.

4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

None.

5. Items for Discussion

5.1 Climate Emergency Action Plan Working Group update

That it BE NOTED that the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee held a discussion with respect to the Climate Emergency Action Plan Working Group update; it being noted that a meeting will be held shortly with A. Sercombe, Manager Public Communications, Corporate Communications to discuss the Climate Emergency Action Plan.

5.2 Urban Agriculture

That it BE NOTED that the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee (ESACAC) held a discussion with the Civic Administration with respect to the current status of the Urban Agricultural Strategy and the City of London Food Security team; it being noted that the Civic Administration will return to the ESACAC in June, 2024, to discuss who will be responsible for this file moving forward.

5.3 Business Licensing By-law

That N. Musicco, Manager, Policy and Special Operations, BE INVITED to a future Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee (ESACAC) meeting with respect to the Business Licensing By-law; it being noted that the ESACAC held a general discussion with respect to invasive species and the Business Licensing By-law.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 PM.



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CANADA

April 3, 2024

Scott Mathers
Deputy City Manager, Planning and Economic Development

Heather Lysynski
Committee Clerk

I hereby certify that the Municipal Council, at its meeting held on April 2, 2024, resolved:

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 4th Report of the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee (ESACAC), from the meeting held on March 6, 2024:

- a) the expenditure of \$1,000 from the 2024 Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee Budget BE ALLOCATED to printing the attached yard signs for naturalized lawns;
- b) the following actions be taken with respect to the City of London Tree Protection By-law:
 - i) the Civic Administration BE ASKED to review opportunities to enforce the Tree By-law within the Provincial Offenses Act window of enforcement; and,
 - ii) this matter BE INCLUDED on the appropriate Standing Committee Deferred List;
- c) the Committee Clerk BE REQUESTED to add the following matters to future Agendas:
 - i) the Tree Protection By-law related to aerial mapping; and,
 - ii) Neighbourhood Decision Making Grants related to climate related projects; it being noted that a Sub-Committee consisting of B. Samuels, A. Hames and M.A. Hodge was created to discuss these matters; and
- d) clauses 1.1, 3.1, 4.1 and 5.2 BE RECEIVED;

it being noted that a verbal delegation from B. Samuels, Chair, ESACAC, with respect to this matter, was received. (3.2/5/CWC)

M. Schulthess
City Clerk
/sk

cc: Chair and Members, Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee

To: Heather Lysynski, Committee Clerk, City of London
Re: Advisory committee resignation

April 19, 2024

Dear Heather,

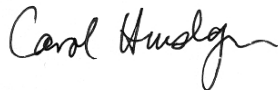
I write to resign my position on the Environmental Stewardship and Action City Advisory Committee. I have reluctantly come to the conclusion that I don't have enough time to be a fully active member of the committee right now.

Parenting a new baby over the past year has been an all-consuming experience, and I will soon be returning to work full-time. By stepping down, I hope to free up a place for someone who can put more energy into the position than I can right now.

Since the application process is underway, I hope this is good timing. Hopefully there will be a strong group of applicants and the committee can take on one more new member to replace me at the same time as other vacancies are filled.

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve on the committee for the past two years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol Hunsberger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carol Hunsberger



NOTICE OF PLANNING APPLICATION

Official Plan Amendment

City Wide - Amendments to the Environmental Policies of The London Plan



THE LONDON PLAN

EXCITING. EXCEPTIONAL. CONNECTED.

File: O-9693

Applicant: City of London

What is Proposed?

A housekeeping amendment to the London Plan is proposed to:

- Update the Environmental Policies chapter to reflect changes to legislation, provincial ministries, and roles and responsibilities; and
- Update Map 1 – Place Types, Map 5 – Natural Heritage and Map 6 – Hazards and Natural Resources of the London Plan to incorporate environmental features defined and approved through previous development applications.



LEARN MORE & PROVIDE INPUT

Please provide any comments by **April 22, 2024**

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london.ca/planapps

You may also discuss any concerns you have with your Ward Councillor. Information on how to contact your Ward Councillor can be found at <https://london.ca/government/council-civic-administration/city-council>

If you are a landlord, please post a copy of this notice where your tenants can see it. We want to make sure they have a chance to take part.

Date of Notice: March 21, 2024

Application Details

Requested Amendment to The London Plan (New Official Plan)

The purpose and effect of this amendment to the London Plan is to improve clarity and consistency on the environmental policies and mapping throughout the Plan. This amendment is of a housekeeping nature to correct errors and omissions in the Plan (minor changes to certain policies, figures, and maps to refine wording and formatting), remove references to older terminologies to reflect changes to provincial ministries, policy documents and recent legislation (Bill 23 (More Homes Built Faster Act)), and changes to Map 1 – Place Types, Map 5 – Natural Heritage and Map 6 – Hazards and Natural Resources to reflect changes as a result of development applications approved by Council since 2017.

How Can You Participate in the Planning Process?

You have received this Notice because the City of London has proposed to change the Official Plan policies and mapping. The City reviews and makes decisions on such planning applications in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act. The ways you can participate in the City's planning review and decision-making process are summarized below.

See More Information

You can review additional information and material about this application by:

- Contacting the City's Planner listed on the first page of this Notice; or
- Viewing the application-specific page at london.ca/planapps
- Opportunities to view any file materials in-person by appointment can be arranged through the file Planner.

Reply to this Notice of Application

We are inviting your comments on the requested changes at this time so that we can consider them as we review the amendments and prepare a report that will include Planning & Development staff's recommendation to the City's Planning and Environment Committee. Planning considerations usually include such matters as policy clarity, errors and barriers for implementation. We would like to hear your comments on these matters.

These amendments represent changes to the Environmental Policies (Chapter 7 of the London Plan). Proposed changes to Map 5 – Natural Heritage reflect updates resulting from City lead and applicant lead Environmental Impact Studies. Under these policies, Planning & Development staff and the Planning and Environment Committee will also consider comments from internal departments and external agencies. We would like to hear your comments on these matters.

Attend a Future Public Participation Meeting

The Planning and Environment Committee will consider the requested Official Plan changes on a date that has not yet been scheduled. The City will send you another notice inviting you to attend this meeting, which is required by the Planning Act. You will also be invited to provide your comments at this public participation meeting. The Planning and Environment Committee will make a recommendation to Council, which will make its decision at a future Council meeting.

What Are Your Legal Rights?

Notification of Council Decision

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the City of London on the proposed official plan amendment, you must make a written request to the City Clerk, 300 Dufferin Ave., P.O. Box 5035, London, ON, N6A 4L9, or at docservices@london.ca. You will also be notified if you speak to the Planning and Environment Committee at the public meeting about this application and leave your name and address with the Clerk of the Committee.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the City of London to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of London before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

Right to Appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the City of London to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public

body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of London before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of London before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

For more information go to <https://olt.gov.on.ca/appeals-process/forms/>.

Notice of Collection of Personal Information

Personal information collected and recorded at the Public Participation Meeting, or through written submissions on this subject, is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, and the Planning Act, 1990 R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13 and will be used by Members of Council and City of London staff in their consideration of this matter. The written submissions, including names and contact information and the associated reports arising from the public participation process, will be made available to the public, including publishing on the City's website. Video recordings of the Public Participation Meeting may also be posted to the City of London's website. Questions about this collection should be referred to Evelina Skalski, Manager, Records and Information Services 519-661-CITY(2489) ext. 5590.

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