

Agenda

Advisory Committee on the Environment

10th Meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Environment

October 3, 2018, 12:15 PM

Committee Room #3

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Next Meeting Date: November 7, 2018

Advisory Committee on the Environment

Report

9th Meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Environment
September 5, 2018
Committee Room #3

Attendance PRESENT: S. Ratz (Chair), M. Bhavra, K. Birchall, S. Hall, M. Hodge, J. Howell, N. St. Amour and D. Szoller and J. Bunn (Secretary)

ABSENT: M. Bloxam, S. Brooks, L. Langdon, T. Stoiber and A. Tipping

ALSO PRESENT: V. Kinsley, A. Macpherson, L. McDougall, A. Powell and J. Stanford

The meeting was called to order at 12:16 PM.

1. Call to Order

1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

2. Scheduled Items

2.1 Update on Pollinator Habitat Protection, Restoration and Stewardship

That it BE NOTED that the attached presentation and handout, as well as the Memo dated August 22, 2018, as appended to the Agenda, from L. McDougall, Ecologist Planner, with respect to an update on pollinator habitat protection, restoration and stewardship, were received.

2.2 60% Waste Diversion Action Plan

That it BE NOTED that the attached presentation from J. Stanford, Director, Environment, Fleet and Solid Waste, with respect to the 60% Waste Diversion Action Plan, was received.

3. Consent

3.1 8th Report of the Advisory Committee on the Environment

That it BE NOTED that the 8th Report of the Advisory Committee on the Environment, from its meeting held on July 4, 2018, was received.

3.2 7th Report of the Environment and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 7th Report of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on June 21, 2018, was received.

4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

None.

5. Items for Discussion

5.1 Green in the City Update

That it BE NOTED that the Green in the City Speaker Series Overview, dated August 28, 2018, from S. Ratz, was received.

5.2 The River Talks Update

That it BE NOTED that The River Talks event update, dated August 28, 2018, from S. Ratz, was received.

5.3 Forestry Operations Request

That it BE NOTED that the Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) held a general discussion related to the information the ACE would like to receive from Forestry Operations with respect to trees in the City of London.

5.4 Practices Related to the Watering of London Trees

That it BE NOTED that the Advisory Committee on the Environment held a general discussion with respect to practices related to the watering of trees in London.

5.5 ACE Presentations / Events / Meeting List

That it BE NOTED that the Advisory Committee on the Environment Presentations/Events/Meeting List, dated August 28, 2018, from S. Ratz, was received.

5.6 Call for Nominations - 2019 New Year's Honours List

That it BE NOTED that the 2019 Mayor's New Year's Honour List Nomination Request letter, dated July 23, 2018, from the City Clerk, was received.

6. Deferred Matters/Additional Business

6.1 (ADDED) Letter of Resignation

That it BE NOTED that the letter of resignation, dated September 3, 2018, from G. Sass, was received.

7. Confidential

7.1 (ADDED) 2019 Mayor's New Year's Honour List Nomination

The Advisory Committee on the Environment convened in closed session from 1:58 PM to 2:02 PM after having passed a motion to do so, with respect to a personal matter pertaining to identifiable individuals, including municipal employees, with respect to the 2019 Mayor's New Year's Honour List.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:03 PM.

London's tree planting strategy emphasizes a tree canopy cover goal of 34% of 2065. Our understanding is the City's Multi Year Budget for 2016-2019 holds \$1.8 million for tree planting over that time frame.

Andy Beaton, Manager, Forestry Operations, Transportation and Roadside Operations, City of London gave a presentation to ACE members on Practices Related to the Watering of London Trees at the ACE July 4, 2018 meeting. Given the timing of Mr. Beaton's presentation, we ask that consideration for the 2019 dollars as noted above be maintained in the City's budget for new plantings and maintenance next year and that consideration of additional funding be given to ensure maintenance and watering occurs for existing trees once the next London multi-year budget planning process begins. We expect this to provide opportunity to extend the average tree life expectancy of mature trees in London and potentially achieve London's 34% target somewhat sooner and at lesser cost.

Green in the City Speaker Series

Overview as of Sept 25, 2018

*(updates vs August report are starred **)*

By Susan Ratz, ACE

Organizers

- Advisory Committee for the Environment – City of London
- London Public Library
- City of London
- London Environmental Network also providing promotional support

All sessions

6:30pm – Doors open

7:00 – 8:30 pm Presentations

Location – Stevenson & Hunt Room – Central Library

Tuesday, November 6th - Creating Health & Resilience with Soil

Presenter - Ruth Knight, Organic Soil Consultant & Agronomist, Co-Leader of Transition Erin Soil Health Coalition

7 Welcome by Host/ Moderator

7:00 to 7:45 - Main presentation

- importance of soil, including its ability to sequester carbon
- 2-3 key aspects of soil
- 2-3 key activities to do to improve soil - applicable to a personal garden or market garden / perhaps considerations when buying from local farmers
- (5-10 minutes) - discuss Transition Erin

7:45 to 8ish - Question & Answer by Ruth

8-8:10 Local Perspective/Update by Gabor Sass

8:10-8:20 – To be determined – Update by City Staff

8:20-8:30 Additional questions

Tuesday, November 13th – Bee-coming Pollinator Friendly – In Gardens & Across the City

7 Welcome by Host/ Moderator

7-7:45 Presenter – Victoria MacPhail – Pollination Guelph

7:45-7:55 Local Perspective/Update by Gabor Sass

7:55-8:05 Linda McDougall, Ecologist, Environmental and Parks Planning, Planning Services, City of London

8:05-8:30 Q&A / Discussion

Tuesday, November 20th – Down the Drain - Issues & Opportunities for our Lakes, Rivers and Toilets

Presenters:

~~**Zero Waste Forest City – Plastics in our Oceans & Great Lakes (no longer able to provide a representative, will not replace)~~

Tom Cull – Thames River Rally – Local river pollution.

Barry Orr – City of London – Challenges with non-flushables.

Tuesday, November 27th – Food Waste in London – What's Happening & How to Fix It

Presenter – Paul van der Werf President and Owner of 2cg; PhD candidate Department of Geography, Western University

(+Additional Perspective – Jay Stanford, City of London)

Tuesday, December 4th – Community Energy Action Planning – What You Can Do to Address The Impacts of Climate Change

Presenter – Jay Stanford, City of London

(Additional presenter to be confirmed closer to)

Contributions / Budget

ACE Contributions (**Approved total budget \$800)

- Ruth Knight – Combined travel & speaker fee \$350
- **Victoria MacPhail – Combined travel & speaker fee \$250
- **Honorariums
 - Tom Cull - Thames River Rally \$75
 - Gabor Sass - Pollinator Pathways Project / Friends of Urban Agriculture London \$100

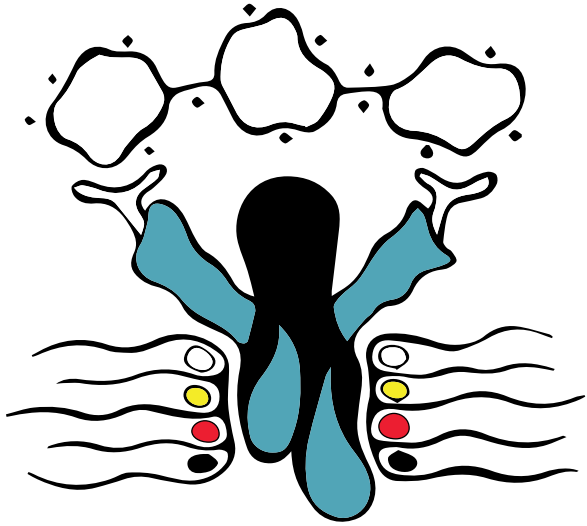
Library Contributions

- Meeting room & coordination support
- Promotional support – Listing in ACCESS magazine, social media, poster, postcards

City Contributions

- All speaker expenses/honorariums related to the Food Waste and Community Energy sessions
- \$300 contribution to LEN for promotional support
- Social media, e-news and entworks support

The River Talks



A Gathering at Deshkan Ziibi

THE RIVER TALKS

3 day conference exploring issues related to the Thames River, featuring local and regional experts.

A GATHERING AT DESHKAN ZIIBI

October 18-20, 2018

Museum London- 421 Ridout Street

Featured Speakers:

Autumn Peltier
Meredith Brown
Chief Myeengun Henry
Scott Gillingwater
Barry Orr

Streams:

Gender and Justice
Environment
Arts & Culture
Indigenous Perspectives

REGISTER ONLINE AT:

www.londonenvironment.net/the_river_talks

Partners & Organizers:



Smart and Caring Community Fund within the London Community Foundation



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ACE Presentations / Events / Meeting List

As of Sept 25, 2018

October

- (ACE supported event) mid-October – River Summit

November

- Finalize Mayor's Honour Roll Recommendation
- Work Plan Review
- (Events Coordinated by ACE) Nov 6, 13, 20 & 27 & Dec 4 – Green in the City Series – London Public Library

In progress...

- (dependent on questions) Trees & Forests Presentation by J. Spence Manager Urban Forestry and/or J. Ramsay Forestry Technologist to comment on
 - Trees & Climate Change
 - Review of By-law standards
 - Enforcement Review
 - Hydro Line / Utility Considerations
- Report back on Blue Communities recommendation
- Wrap up survey of ACE members

To be arranged...

- By Law Amendment re Odour – by O. Katolyk, Chief Municipal Law Enforcement (previously scheduled for March 2018)
- Staff Update re Progress of Green Standards for Light Pollution and Bird Friendly Development – Paul Yeoman, Manager, Development Services, pyeoman@london.ca (approved at April 3/2018 PEC meeting)
- Staff Update re Progress of Bee City Canada Initiative – by Linda McDougall, Ecologist Planner. (likely an update early Nov/Dec 2018 would be appropriate, expected to go to PEC Fall 2018)
- Staff Update re Toilets are Not Garbage Cans Sticker Initiative – Distribution/Mandatory posting in city owned buildings, potentially also to partners.