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The 1st Meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Environment February 3, 2021, 12:15 PM

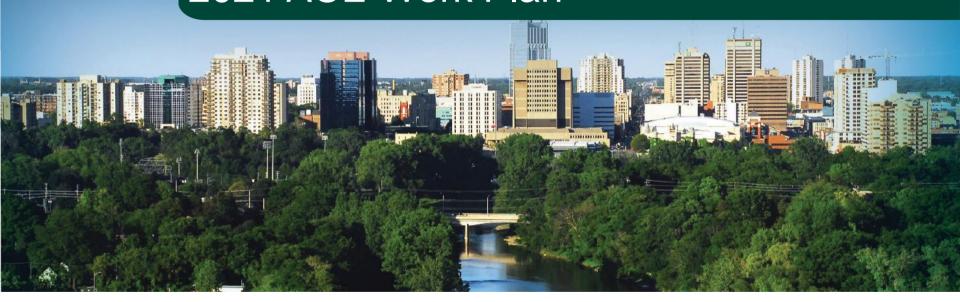
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1.	Call t	o Order	
	1.1.	Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest	
	1.2.	Election of Chair and Vice Chair for the remainder of the current term	
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# Environmental & Engineering Services 2021 ACE Work Plan



Advisory Committee on the Environment

February 3, 2021



# **EES** Representatives

### SLT liaison to ACE (for EES):

 Kelly Scherr, Managing Director, Environmental & Engineering Services & City Engineer

### EES representatives attending ACE:

- Jay Stanford, Director, Environment, Fleet & Solid Waste
- Scott Mathers, Director, Water & Wastewater

Other EES areas will bring forward items on as-needed basis



# Delivering infrastructure programs and projects

- EES brings forward a project-based work plan to ACE
- Agenda items are intended to:
  - Update ACE on key project advancements
  - Notify ACE of key project and program milestones
- Each of our Directors here today will provide an overview of:
  - Key projects for 2021
  - ACE agenda items to watch for in 2021



### Water and Wastewater

# Sewer Overflows and Bypasses

- A series of reports will be provided to Civic Works Committee in 2021
- Reports will focus on sewage overflows and treatment plant bypasses to the Thames River.
- Provide details on the current strategy and provide options to Council for future action.





## Water and Wastewater

# Wastewater Treatment Master Plan

- Ongoing environmental assessment master plan
- Purpose to develop a single plan that considers previously completed reports and lays out a schedule for implementation.
- Public engagement events to begin in Q2 2021





## Water and Wastewater

### The following items will be brought forward to ACE in 2021:

Timing	Item
Q2	Overflows and Bypasses Introduction and Current Strategy
Q2	Wastewater and Treatment Operations Master Plan     Environmental Assessment Engagement



### **Green Bin Engagement**

- 1. What to place in Green Bin?
- 2. What size of curbside container?
- 3. What features of kitchen catcher?
- 4. What type of bin liners?
- 5. Any concerns about bi-weekly garbage pickup?

https://getinvolved.london.ca/greenbin







# Implement 60% Waste Diversion Action Plan

- 1. Blue Box/Blue Cart recycling
- 2. New or expanded recycling
- 3. Curbside Green Bin
- 4. Multi-residential organics
- 5. Food waste avoidance, on-site composting
- 6. Reduction & reduce initiatives and policies

# 60% Waste Diversion **Action Plan** What's in the garbage? Single Family Homes



# Blue Box Regulation and Transition Plan

- Several reports to CWC
- Comments on draft regulation
- Final regulation expected Q1 2021
- London switches in 2023



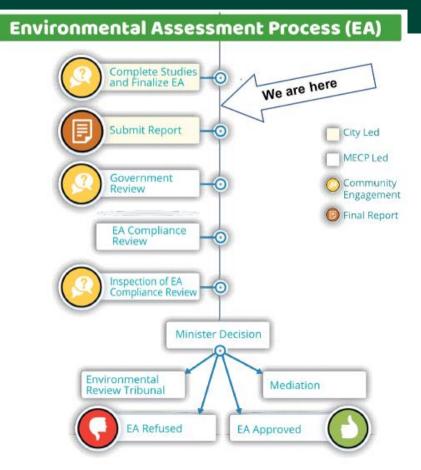
A proposed regulation, and proposed regulatory amendments, to make producers responsible for operating blue box programs

ERO number	019-2579
Notice type	Regulation
Act	Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016
Posted by	Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Notice stage	Proposal
Proposal posted	October 19, 2020
Comment period	October 19, 2020 - December 3, 2020 (45 days) Closed
Last updated	October 19, 2020



## W12A Landfill Expansion

- Completed final Open Houses in November 2020
- 25 year expansion (until 2049)
- Going vertical
- About 9.8 million tonnes
- Increased investments for environmental protection (e.g., leachate, stormwater, landfill gas, odour control)

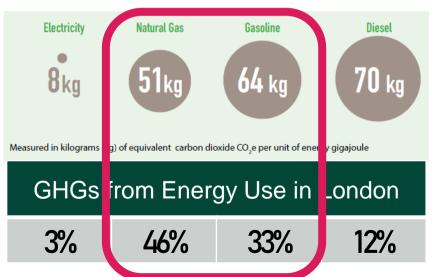




## **Community Energy Initiatives**

- Community projects with London Environmental Network, Green Economy London, Western University
- GHG tracking, reporting and awareness
- Local improvement charges (LICs) for energy efficiency
- To TAC and CAC:
  - Transportation Management Assoc.
  - · Bike parking
  - Bikeshare, e-scooter

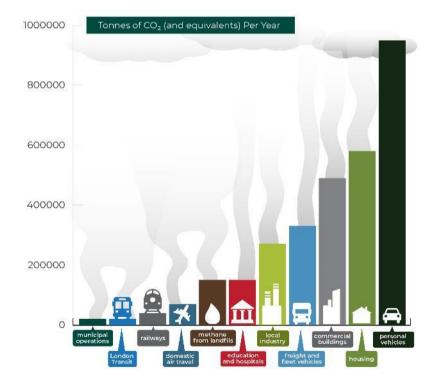






# Climate Emergency Action Plan

- Community engagement
- Stakeholder engagement
- Climate Emergency Screening Tool for decision-making
- Draft plan by Summer 2021
- Website: <a href="https://getinvolved.london.ca/climate">https://getinvolved.london.ca/climate</a>
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### The following items will be brought forward to ACE in 2021:

Timing	Item	Response				
Q1	<ul> <li>Green Bin Engagement (ACE Workplan #1- 4)</li> <li>Climate Emergency Action Plan (CEAP) (ACE Workplan #9)</li> </ul>	March 3 March 30				
Later in 2021	<ul> <li>Environmental Assessment Study Report (EASR) for the Expansion of the W12A Landfill (ACE Workplan #5)</li> <li>Local Improvement Charges (LICs) for Energy Efficiency (ACE Workplan #9)</li> </ul>					
As needed	Other ACE items as they arise  14					

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# Questions





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# Advisory Committee on the Environment Report

The 4th Meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Environment March 4, 2020 Committee Room #4

Attendance

PRESENT: R. Sirois (Chair), N. Beauregard, M. Bloxam, K. May, M. Ross, J. Santarelli, D. Szoller, A. Thompson, A. Tipping and B. Vogel and J. Bunn (Committee Clerk)

ABSENT: J. Howell, M.D. Ross and R. Pate

ALSO PRESENT: T. Arnos, M. Fabro, D. Hsia and A. Rozentals

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 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 The Blue Community Project

That the following actions be taken with respect to the <u>attached</u> presentations from the Council of Canadians, the Blue Community Project and A. Rozentals, Division Manager, Water Engineering with respect to the City of London becoming a Blue Community:

- a) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to review the abovenoted presentations with respect to actions required for the City of London to become a Blue Community;
- b) the above-noted presentations and the documents appended to the agenda from the Council of Canadians and the Blue Community Project, with respect to this matter, BE RECEIVED; and,
- c) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to look into selling reusable water bottles at public events in the city (e.g. SunFest and Rib Fest) as well as at all public facilities (e.g. concession stands at arenas) and at vendors outlets at public events.

#### 3. Consent

3.1 3rd Report of the Advisory Committee on the Environment

That it BE NOTED that the 3rd Report of the Advisory Committee on the Environment, from its meeting held on February 5, 2020, was received.

3.2 2nd Report of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 2nd Report of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on February 20, 2020, was received.

3.3 Municipal Council Resolution - Appointments to the Advisory Committee on the Environment

That it BE NOTED that the Municipal Council resolution, from its meeting held on February 11, 2020, with respect to Appointments to the Advisory Committee on the Environment, was received.

#### 4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

None.

#### 5. Items for Discussion

5.1 Bird Friendly London Policy Update

That it BE NOTED that a verbal update on the Bird-Friendly London Policy lead by D. Szoller was received.

#### 5.2 ACE Promotion

That it BE NOTED that the Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) held a general discussion with respect to ACE promotion at events.

#### 5.3 W12A Landfill Open House

That the following actions be taken with respect to the W12A Landfill:

- a) the verbal update on the W12A Landfill Open House event from R. Sirois, BE RECEIVED; and,
- b) monitoring of the W12A Landfill expansion project BE REFERRED to the Waste Sub-Committee.

#### 5.4 City of London Budget - ACE Comments

That the following actions be taken with respect to the Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) comments on the City of London Multi-Year Budget:

- a) the document, as appended to the agenda, outlining the comments made on behalf of the ACE at the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee Public Participation Meeting for the City of London Multi-Year Budget, held on February 13, 2020, BE RECEIVED; and,
- b) A. Dunbar, Manager III, Financial Planning and Policy BE INVITED to attend a future ACE meeting and give an update on the City of London Multi-Year Budget.

#### 5.5 ACE 2020 Work Plan and Budget

That it BE NOTED that the Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) held a general discussion with respect to the ACE 2020 Work Plan and committee budget.

#### 6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM.



#### Respectful Workplace Policy (Anti-Harassment/Anti-Discrimination)

**Policy Name:** Respectful Workplace Policy (Anti-Harassment/Anti-Discrimination) **Legislative History:** Replaces Workplace Harassment and Discrimination Prevention Policy Enacted September 19, 2017 (By-law No. CPOL.-155-407) and amended July 24, 2019 (By-law No. CPOL.-155(a)-384); Adopted December 10, 2019, in force and

effect March 1, 2020 (CPOL.-396-7) Last Review Date: December 3, 2019

Service Area Lead: Director of People Services

#### 1. Policy Statement

The Corporation of the City of London ("Corporation") is committed to providing a safe and supportive workplace in which the diversity, dignity, and perspectives of all individuals are valued and respected.

Harassment and discrimination in the workplace are prohibited by law. Under Ontario's <u>Human Rights Code</u>, every person has a right to equal treatment in employment without discrimination and the right to be free from harassment in the workplace. Workplace measures to prevent and address workplace harassment are also required by the <u>Occupational Health and Safety Act</u>.

The Corporation will not tolerate, ignore, or condone harassment, discrimination, or reprisal of any of its employees in the workplace by anyone, including other employees, elected officials, members of the public, customers/clients, volunteers, contractors, and consultants. Workplace harassment, discrimination, and reprisal are serious forms of misconduct that may result in corrective and and/or disciplinary actions, up to and including termination of employment.

#### 2. Definitions

The following definitions are intended to assist employees in understanding terms referenced in this policy. To the extent definitions may not be identical to legal definitions, they shall be interpreted and applied in accordance with applicable legislation, including the *Human Rights Code* and *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.

- 2.1 **Discrimination** Actions or behaviours that result in unfavourable treatment or which have a negative impact on an individual or group because of one or more of the prohibited grounds listed in the <u>Human Rights Code</u>. Discrimination may be intentional or unintentional. It may involve direct actions that are outright discriminatory, or it may involve rules, practices or procedures that appear neutral, but disadvantage certain groups of people.
- 2.2 **Disrespectful Behaviour** Failing or refusing, through words or actions, to treat others in a professional, courteous, civil, dignified, fair, and equitable manner.
- 2.3 **Harassment** Engaging in offensive, hurtful, upsetting or embarrassing comment or conduct that a person knows or ought reasonably to know is unwelcome. The fact that a person does not explicitly object to harassing behaviour, or appears to be going along with it, does not mean the behaviour is welcomed, consented to, or is not harassing. Harassment usually involves more than one incident or a pattern of behaviour, but a single incident may be sufficiently serious, offensive, or harmful to constitute harassment.

Harassment may be:

- a) **Personal** directed at an individual(s) but not based on any prohibited ground listed in the <u>Human Rights Code</u>; or
- b) **Code-based** based on one or more of the prohibited grounds listed in the <u>Human Rights Code</u>. Code-based harassment is also a form of discrimination.

Harassment of a worker in the workplace, including sexual harassment of a worker in a workplace, is collectively referred to as "workplace harassment" for the purposes of the <u>Occupational Health and Safety Act</u>.

- 2.4 Poisoned Work Environment A hostile, humiliating, or uncomfortable workplace that is created by comments or conduct (including comments or conduct that are condoned or allowed to continue when brought to the attention of management) that intimidate, demean or ridicule a person or group. The comments or conduct need not be directed at a specific person, and may be from any person, regardless of position or status. A single comment or action, if sufficiently serious, may create a poisoned work environment. Pornography, pinups, offensive cartoons, insulting slurs or jokes, and malicious gossip are examples of comments and conduct that can "poison the workplace" for employees.
- 2.5 **Prohibited Grounds** The *Human Rights Code* prohibits harassment and discrimination in employment based on one or more of the following grounds:
  - race
  - colour
  - creed (religion, including atheism)
  - gender identity
  - record of offences (criminal conviction for a provincial offence or for an offence for which a pardon has been received)
  - disability (includes mental, physical, developmental or learning disabilities)

- ancestry
- ethnic origin
- sex (includes pregnancy and breast feeding)
- gender expression
- marital status (includes married, single, widowed, divorced, separated, living together in a conjugal relationship outside of marriage, whether in a same-sex or opposite sex relationship)
- association or relationship with a person identified by one of the listed grounds

- place of origin
- citizenship
- sexual orientation
- age
- family status
   (such as being in a parent-child relationship)
- perception that one of the listed grounds applies, whether or not it actually does
- 2.6 **Reprisal** Any act of retaliation or revenge against a person for:
  - a) Raising a concern or making a complaint under this policy (whether on their own behalf or on behalf of another);
  - b) Participating or cooperating in an investigation or other complaint resolution process under this policy; or
  - c) Associating with or assisting a person identified in paragraphs a) and/or b) above.
- 2.7 **Sexual Harassment** Harassment based on sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression and includes:
  - Engaging in offensive, hurtful, upsetting or embarrassing comment or conduct because of sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression that a person knows or ought reasonably to know is unwelcome;
  - b) Making a sexual solicitation (i.e. request) or advance where the person making the solicitation or advance is in a position to confer, grant or deny

- a benefit or advancement and the person knows or ought reasonably to know that the solicitation or advance is unwelcome; and
- c) Retaliating against or threatening to retaliate against an individual for the rejection of a sexual solicitation or advance where the retaliation or threat of retaliation is by a person in a position to confer, grant or deny a benefit or advancement to the individual.

Sexual harassment of a worker in the workplace is referred to as "workplace sexual harassment" for the purposes of the <u>Occupational Health and Safety Act</u>.

- 2.8 **Supervisor** When referenced in this policy means a management supervisor.
- 2.9 **Workplace** Includes all sites, facilities, and other locations where the business, work, or social activities of the Corporation take place (see also the Applicability section below).

#### 3. Applicability

- 3.1 This policy applies to:
  - All Corporation employees, including full-time, part-time, temporary, probationary and casual employees;
  - Elected officials;
  - Volunteers (including members of Advisory Committees, Special Committees and Task Forces);
  - · Interns and students on placements; and
  - Contractors and consultants acting on behalf of the Corporation.

Members of the public, including visitors to Corporation facilities and individuals accessing services or conducting business with the Corporation, are expected to adhere to the standards of conduct set out in this policy, including refraining from workplace harassment and discrimination of employees, elected officials, and persons acting on behalf of the Corporation.

- 3.2 This policy applies at all Corporation workplaces, whether during or outside of normal working hours and whether at or away from the worksite. This includes:
  - a) All Corporation facilities and worksites;
  - b) All Corporation vehicles;
  - c) Any other location where Corporation employees are performing workrelated duties or carrying out responsibilities on behalf of the Corporation, including work-related travel and off-site meetings, conferences, seminars, and training;
  - d) Locations at which work-related social functions take place, including formal events officially sanctioned by the Corporation and informal afterwork social gatherings where behaviours could have an impact on the workplace; and
  - e) Social media sites (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc.) and internet sites, where posts may be connected to the workplace or could have an impact on the workplace or working relationships.
- 3.3 This policy also applies to communications by telephone, cell phone, email, text message, or other electronic instant messaging platforms where the communication may be connected to the workplace or have an impact on the workplace or working relationships, whether the computer, phone, or other electronic device used to make the communication is a personal or Corporationissued device.

#### 4. The Policy

4.1 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

- a) Set expectations and standards of behaviour for a respectful, safe and supportive workplace;
- b) Define behaviours that may be offensive and prohibited by law and/or this policy;
- c) Clarify roles and responsibilities with respect to interpersonal behaviour in the workplace;
- d) Outline measures to prevent and address prohibited behaviour, including harassment, discrimination, and reprisal; and
- e) Address the Corporation's obligations under applicable employment laws, including the <u>Human Rights Code</u> and <u>Occupational Health and Safety Act</u>.

#### 4.2 Expected Behaviour

Employees will interact with one another, members of the public, and all others in the workplace in a professional, courteous, civil, dignified, fair, and equitable manner.

#### 4.3 Prohibited Behaviour

The following behaviours are prohibited in the workplace:

- Disrespectful Behaviour
- Discrimination
- Harassment (Personal and Code-based), including Sexual Harassment
- Reprisal

See Appendix A for examples of the prohibited behaviours listed above.

#### 4.4 Roles and Responsibilities

Creating and maintaining a respectful workplace is a shared responsibility. Every individual to whom this policy applies, as well as individuals who attend at Corporation workplaces, or who access services or conduct business with the Corporation, are expected and required to abide by the standards of behaviour set out in this policy.

Employees who are subjected to or witness prohibited behaviour in the workplace should consult the Respectful Workplace Dispute Resolution and Complaint Procedures (<u>"Resolution/Complaint Procedures" – Appendix B</u>) which outline various options available to address and resolve such behaviour.

#### 4.4.1 All Employees

Every employee has a responsibility to create and maintain a respectful workplace. This includes to:

- a) Ensure words and actions are consistent with this policy;
- b) Raise concerns as soon as possible of prohibited behaviour;
- c) Accept responsibility for their workplace behaviours and their impact on others:
- d) Cooperate in investigations and handling of alleged prohibited behaviour upon request;
- e) Maintain confidentiality related to investigations of alleged prohibited behaviour; and
- f) Participate in training associated with this policy.

#### 4.4.2 Managers/Supervisors

Managers and supervisors have additional responsibilities to create and maintain respectful workplaces and must act immediately on observations or allegations of

prohibited behaviour.

A manager or supervisor may be held responsible if they are aware of an incident of prohibited behaviour but do not take steps to resolve or address it.

#### Managers and Supervisors must:

- a) Ensure work-related practices/procedures in their areas are free from barriers and do not discriminate against groups or individuals;
- b) Set a good example by ensuring their own words and conduct adhere to this policy;
- c) Be aware of what constitutes prohibited behaviour and the procedures in place for addressing and resolving such behaviour;
- d) Act promptly to address observations or allegations of prohibited behaviour:
- e) Consult and work cooperatively with the Human Rights and Human Resources Divisions as needed;
- f) Keep a detailed record of any violations of this policy and corrective actions taken and report this information to the Human Rights Division as required:
- g) Support training and awareness activities related to this policy;
- h) Ensure this policy is distributed and posted in a location that is easily accessible by all employees and any other individuals who enter the workplace and ensure contractors and consultants who enter the workplace are aware of this policy;
- i) Implement disciplinary/corrective actions and workplace restoration measures as required;
- Monitor the workplace where prohibited behaviour has occurred to ensure it has stopped; and
- k) Provide appropriate support to all those in their work area affected by prohibited behaviour, including witnesses.

#### 4.4.3 Non-management Supervisors

Non-management supervisors must likewise set a good example by ensuring their behaviour complies with this policy and must report all observations, concerns, and/or complaints of prohibited behaviour to their supervisor/manager or the Human Rights Division immediately to be addressed in accordance with the Resolution/Complaint Procedures (Appendix B).

#### 4.4.4 Human Rights Division

The focus of the Human Rights Division is to assist in preventing, correcting, and remedying prohibited behaviours. The Human Rights Division does not advocate for, act on behalf of, or represent any party in a dispute (complainant, respondent, or management). All complaints to the Human Rights Division will be dealt with in an unbiased manner.

The Human Rights Division is responsible for:

- a) Reviewing and recommending updates to this policy;
- b) Providing information to employees, including to managers and supervisors, regarding this policy and the various options available for raising, addressing, and resolving concerns and complaints of prohibited behaviour;
- c) Making referrals to agencies for counselling and assistance when required:
- d) Receiving complaints, including conducting intakes;
- e) Recommending appropriate interim measures, and complaint resolution and investigation options;
- f) Conducting independent investigations;
- g) Assisting in implementing resolutions of complaints; and
- h) All tracking of concerns and complaints under this policy.

#### 4.4.5 Human Resources Division

The Human Resources Division is responsible for:

- a) Removing barriers in hiring and employment policies, practices, and procedures that may have the effect of discriminating against groups or individuals;
- b) Providing training on this policy and related practices and procedures;
- c) Providing support to managers and supervisors in responding to and addressing matters under this policy;
- d) Making referrals to agencies for counselling and assistance where required;
- e) Consulting with the Human Rights Division as required with respect to alleged prohibited behaviour; and
- f) Reporting all complaints of prohibited behaviour to the Human Rights Division, including grievances alleging harassment, discrimination and/or reprisal filed under a collective agreement.

#### 4.4.6 Corporate Security and Emergency Management Division

The focus of Corporate Security Services is to protect and promote the safety and security of Corporation workplaces, employees, and the public by assisting in preventing and addressing prohibited behaviours where safety may be at risk. Corporate Security Services is responsible for:

- a) Providing advice and assistance to address concerns and complaints of prohibited behaviour against a member of the public or where the physical safety of employees or others may be at risk;
- b) Making referrals to agencies for counselling and assistance when required;
- Receiving complaints alleging a member of the public has engaged in prohibited behaviour, including conducting intakes and determining appropriate interim measures;
- d) Determining informal actions, and conducting independent investigations of complaints of prohibited behaviour against a member of the public;
- e) Consulting and working cooperatively with Human Rights and Human Resources Divisions as required;
- f) Recommending and implementing appropriate corrective action involving members of the public when required; and
- g) Reporting prohibited behaviour by members of the public and corrective actions taken to the Human Rights Division as required.

#### 4.4.7 Respectful Workplace Ombudsperson ("RWO")

The RWO is available as a neutral and confidential resource for employees to obtain information regarding their rights and obligations under this policy. The RWO advocates for fair and transparent processes under this policy and related practices and procedures, but does not act as an advocate for or provide legal advice to individuals.

#### The RWO will:

- a) Receive and respond on a confidential basis to questions from employees regarding this policy;
- b) Provide assistance to employees as they proceed through the Resolution/Complaint Procedures;
- c) Review complaints from employees related to processes and procedures undertaken by the Corporation under this policy and make recommendations to the City Manager for improvements; and
- d) Report annually to the City Manager about their interactions with employees related to this policy and identify themes and potential options for action and improvement.

#### 4.4.8 Joint Health and Safety Committees

The Corporation's Joint Health and Safety Committees will be consulted and may provide input and feedback with respect to the implementation and maintenance of this policy and related processes and procedures in accordance with the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.

#### 4.4.9 Unions/Associations

Union/Association officials are available for confidential consultation and to provide representation to both complainants and respondents, if they are Union/Association members. Union/Association officials can also make a referral to agencies for counselling and assistance where required.

#### 4.4.10 Community Agencies

Community agencies are available to provide confidential advice to individuals affected by complaints.

#### 4.5 Communication

This policy shall be posted on the Corporation's intranet, on the Corporation's website, and in the Corporation's workplaces.

#### 4.6 Respectful Workplace Training

Employees, elected officials, interns and students on placement, will receive mandatory training on this policy upon assuming their respective roles in the workplace. Thereafter, as appropriate, they will receive refresher or in-service training with respect to specific rights and/or obligations arising from the <a href="Human Rights Code"><u>Human Rights Code</a></u> and/or the <a href="Occupational Health and Safety Act">Occupational Health and Safety Act</a> and will be reminded of the complaint mechanisms to enforce those rights and any substantial changes.

#### 4.7 Policy Review Process

The Corporation is committed to continuing to enhance its respectful workplace policies, practices, and procedures. This policy will be reviewed as often as necessary, but at least annually, to ensure it remains current and is appropriately implemented. Employees and their representatives are encouraged to provide input and feedback to the Human Rights Division, the Human Resources Division, or the RWO.

#### 4.8 Policy Implementation

Implementation of this policy will be in accordance with applicable Council and/or Corporation by-laws, policies and procedures, legislation, and collective agreement provisions.

#### 4.9 Related Policies and Procedures

- Accommodation of Employees with Disabilities Procedure
- Code of Conduct for Members of Council
- Formal Investigation Process
- General Policy for Advisory Committees
- Public Conduct Administrative Practice
- Rzone Policy
- <u>Time Off for Religious Observances Guideline</u>
- Use of Technology Administrative Procedure
- Workplace Violence Prevention Policy

#### **Appendix A: Examples of Prohibited Behaviours**

The following are some examples of the prohibited behaviours listed in Section 4.3 above.

#### **Disrespectful Behaviour**

Examples could include:

- Teasing or joking that intimidates, embarrasses, or humiliates;
- Belittling and use of profanity;
- Using sarcasm or a harsh tone;
- Deliberately expressing or exhibiting disinterest when an employee is speaking;
- Spreading gossip or rumours that damage one's reputation;
- Condescending or patronizing behaviour;
- Actions that invade privacy or one's personal work space; and
- Deliberately excluding an employee from basic civilities (e.g. saying "good morning"), relevant work activities, or decision making.

Any of the behaviours listed above could also constitute discrimination (if based on one or more of the prohibited grounds) or harassment (if the behaviour is repeated, occurs in combination with other prohibited behaviours, or is severe).

#### **Discrimination**

If based on one or more of the prohibited grounds, examples could include:

- Excluding an employee from workplace activities;
- · Refusing to work with another employee;
- Denial of hiring, promotion, work assignment, career development or training;
- Failing or refusing to accommodate short of undue hardship; and
- Denial of services to any individual or group of individuals.

#### Harassment

Examples of **Personal Harassment** could include:

- Angry shouting/yelling;
- Abusive or violent language;
- Physical, verbal, or e-mail threats or intimidation;
- Aggressive behaviours (e.g. slamming doors, throwing objects);
- Targeting individual(s) in humiliating practical jokes;
- Excluding, shunning, or impeding work performance;
- · Negative blogging or cyberbullying;
- Retaliation, bullying, or sabotaging;
- Unreasonable criticism or demands;
- Insults or name calling;
- Public humiliation; and
- Communication via any means (e.g. verbal, electronic mail, voice mail, print, social media posts, or radio) that is demeaning, insulting, humiliating, or mocking.

Examples of **Code-based Harassment** could include (if based on one or more of the prohibited grounds):

- Insulting, offensive, humiliating or mocking remarks, gestures, jokes, slurs, or innuendos;
- Name calling, including using derogatory or offensive terms or language;
- Refusing to work or interact with an employee;

- Attaining, viewing, retaining or distributing insulting, derogatory or offensive information from the internet or other sources;
- Vandalism of an individual's property;
- Interference with a person's ability to perform their work responsibilities;
- Offensive, derogatory, insulting or demeaning communication via any means (e.g. verbal, electronic mail, voice mail, print, social media posts, or radio); and
- Displaying pictures, graffiti or other materials that are derogatory or offensive.

#### **Harassment Does Not Include:**

- Reasonable performance of management or supervisory functions, including:
  - performance/probation reviews/appraisals,
  - performance management (including coaching, counselling, discipline),
  - organizational changes/restructuring,
  - shift/vacation scheduling,
  - work direction, and
  - work assignments/work location;
- Occasional disagreements or personality conflicts between co-workers;
- Stressful events encountered in the performance of legitimate duties; or
- A single comment or action unless it is serious and has a lasting harmful effect.

#### **Sexual Harassment**

#### Examples could include:

- Comments, jokes, slurs, innuendos or taunting about a person's body, attire, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression;
- Comments or conduct of a sexual nature (verbal, written, physical);
- Jokes of a sexual nature which cause awkwardness or embarrassment;
- Negative stereotypical comments based on gender, sex or sexual orientation;
- Gender related comments about an individual's physical characteristics or mannerisms;
- Displaying or distributing pornographic pictures or other offensive material;
- Inappropriate touching, gestures, leering, staring or sexual flirtations;
- Sexual assault (also an offence under the <a href="Criminal Code">Criminal Code</a>);
- Persistent unaccepted solicitations for dates (including unwelcome contact subsequent to the end of an intimate relationship);
- Unwelcome solicitation(s) made by a person in a position to confer or deny a workplace benefit or advancement on the recipient; and
- Unwelcome comments or questions about a person's sex life.

#### Reprisal

#### Examples could include:

- Issuing discipline, changing work location or hours, demoting, denying of advancement or promotional opportunities, or threatening to carry out such actions if done as an act of retaliation or revenge;
- Bullying, threats, or other intimidating behaviour;
- · Making false allegations of workplace misconduct; and
- Pressuring an individual to withdraw or change a complaint or witness statement.

#### Appendix B: Respectful Workplace Dispute Resolution and Complaint Procedures

#### 1. Purpose

These procedures are intended to:

- Outline internal options available for employees to raise concerns of prohibited behaviour for resolution and/or investigation;
- b) Inform managers and supervisors of actions required to address concerns and complaints of prohibited behaviour;
- c) Inform employees of what they can expect to occur in the event they raise a concern of prohibited behaviour, or are a witness to, or accused of such behaviour;
- d) Inform employees of available supports to assist them in raising concerns of prohibited behaviour or in the event they are accused of, or witness such behaviour; and
- e) Outline actions that will be taken to prevent, correct, and remedy incidents of prohibited behaviour.

#### 2. Definitions

For the purposes of these procedures,

2.1 **Complainant** – A person(s) alleging they have been subjected to prohibited behaviour under this policy.

*Note:* Complaints of prohibited behaviour will be accepted from any source that provides reasonable grounds for concern (e.g. witnesses, unions/associations, or other third parties). These individuals will not be considered "complainants" for the purpose of these Resolution/Complaint Procedures or the Corporation's Formal Investigation Process.

- 2.2 **Prohibited Behaviour** Behaviour in the workplace that is prohibited by this policy (see Policy, Section 4.3 above).
- 2.3 **Respondent** The person(s) who is alleged to have engaged in prohibited behaviour.
- 2.4 **Respectful Workplace Response Team** Shall be comprised of the City Manager, relevant Managing Director, Director of People Services, or their designate(s), and a member of the City Solicitor's Office.
- 3. Complaints Involving the City Manager/Deputy City Manager/Managing Directors/Director of People Services/Human Rights Intake Administrator
  - a) Complaints received through these Resolution/Complaint Procedures alleging the City Manager has engaged in prohibited conduct (alone or in conjunction with another respondent(s)) shall be forwarded to the Director of People Services or the City Solicitor as soon as possible. Upon receipt of a complaint, the Director of People Services or the City Solicitor will immediately refer the complaint to an external third party.
  - b) Complaints received through these Resolution/Complaint Procedures alleging the Deputy City Manager, a Managing Director, the Director of People Services, or the Human Rights Intake Administrator (alone or in conjunction with another respondent(s) other than the City Manager) has engaged in prohibited behaviour shall be forwarded to the City Manager as soon as possible. Upon receipt of a complaint, the City Manager will immediately refer the complaint to an external third party.
  - c) The external third party will perform all the functions assigned to the Human Resources Division and/or the Human Rights Division as described in this procedure and the Formal Investigation Process.
  - d) In the case of the City Manager, if the external third party determines that a formal investigation is required, they will provide the investigation report

- and their recommendations, if any, to the Committee designated by the Municipal Council to deal with such matters. The Committee, after consultation with the external third party and such other external and/or internal resources as appropriate and required (e.g. external legal counsel, member of the City Solicitor's Office, Director of People Services), shall make recommendations to the Municipal Council relating to corrective and/or disciplinary actions, and the Municipal Council shall consider, adopt or otherwise deal with the recommendations from the Committee.
- e) In the case of the Deputy City Manager, Managing Directors, Director of People Services, and the Human Rights Intake Administrator, if the external third party determines that a formal investigation is required, they will provide the investigation report and their recommendations, if any, to the City Manager. The City Manager, after consultation with such other external and/or internal resources as appropriate and required (e.g. external legal counsel, member of the City Solicitor's Office, Director of People Services) will determine or, where required, will recommend to the Committee designated by the Municipal Council to deal with such matters, appropriate corrective and/or disciplinary action.

In all other respects, the Resolution/Complaint Procedures below will apply to the processing of the complaint.

#### 4. Complaints Involving a Member of Council (Including the Mayor)

- a) Complaints received through these Resolution/Complaint Procedures alleging a Member of Council has engaged in prohibited conduct shall be forwarded to the Director of People Services as soon as possible. In the event the Director of People Services, determines that a formal investigation of the complaint is required, they will immediately refer the complaint to the Integrity Commissioner to conduct an investigation in accordance with the Integrity Commissioner's procedures. Where such a request is made to the Integrity Commissioner, the Director of People Services shall be the complainant for the purposes of the Integrity Commissioner's procedures.
- b) Where the Integrity Commissioner conducts an investigation, the Integrity Commissioner will provide results to the Director of People Services in accordance with the Integrity Commissioner's procedures. Based on the Integrity Commissioner's reporting, the Director of People Services will provide the complainant with a written summary of the findings.
- c) Where there are findings of a violation of this policy, the Director of People Services will refer the findings to the Respectful Workplace Response Team to implement appropriate corrective action to ensure the behaviour stops in accordance with section 7.4 below.
- d) As noted in Section 7.10 below, other complaint avenues for raising concerns of prohibited behaviour by a Member of Council may be available, including directly to the Integrity Commissioner as provided for in the Code of Conduct for Members of Council.

In all other respects, the Resolution/Complaint Procedures below will apply to the processing of the complaint.

# 5. Complaints Involving Members of the Public Attending at Corporation Workplaces and/or Accessing Corporation Services

- a) The Division Manager of Corporate Security and Emergency Management, or designate, in addition to the individuals listed in sections 6.1 and 6.2 below, is available to provide advice, guidance and assistance to employees and supervisors/managers regarding available options to raise and resolve concerns of prohibited behaviour by a member of the public.
- b) The Division Manager, Corporate Security and Emergency Management, or designate, in consultation with the Human Rights Division as needed,

may also determine an appropriate informal course of action that may effectively resolve a complaint against a member of the public in a timely and fair manner as outlined in section 6.3 below. All findings of harassment, discrimination, and/or reprisal determined through informal action, as well as any corrective actions taken, shall be reported to the Human Rights Division.

- c) In addition to the Director of People Services and in accordance with section 6.5 below, the Division Manager, Corporate Security and Emergency Management or designate, in consultation with the Human Rights Division as needed, may determine that further inquiry into a complaint of prohibited conduct against a member of the public is necessary and, if so, a formal investigation of the matter will be conducted in accordance with the Corporation's <a href="Formal Investigation Process">Formal Investigation Process</a>.
- d) Where there are findings of a violation of this policy, corrective action shall be determined in accordance with section 7.4 below.
- e) The Division Manager, Corporate Security and Emergency Management or designate, shall report all findings of harassment, discrimination, and/or reprisal determined through formal investigation, as well as any corrective actions taken, to the Human Rights Division.

In all other respects, the Resolution/Complaint Procedures set out below will apply to the processing of a complaint against a member of the public.

#### 6. Resolution/Complaint Procedures

There are a number of internal options available to raise and resolve concerns of prohibited behaviour under this policy, including:

- 1) Consultation Obtaining Advice and Assistance
- 2) Individual Action Talking to the Respondent
- 3) Informal Action Dispute Resolution without Formal Investigation
- 4) Mediation
- 5) Formal Investigation

Whether all options are available or appropriate in a particular case will depend on the nature of the concerning behaviour and/or the parties involved. In all cases, concerns should be raised and addressed as soon as possible. Where appropriate, and especially when raised right away, individual or informal actions can bring about a quick resolution and prevent escalation of workplace disputes.

#### 6.1 Consultation – Obtaining Advice and Assistance

Employees who believe they have witnessed or been subjected to prohibited behaviour may benefit from having access to information and advice before deciding how to proceed with a concern. Employees may consult any member of management or Human Resources or Human Rights Division staff. These individuals have responsibility to take action to resolve and stop prohibited behaviour (see Roles and Responsibilities – Policy, Section 4.4). They can provide advice, assistance, coaching, and referrals to assist employees in addressing the dispute themselves where appropriate to do so. Depending on the nature and circumstances of the concern raised, these individuals may be obligated to initiate an investigation even if the complainant does not wish to pursue that option.

The RWO is also available to provide neutral, confidential advice and information regarding available resolution and complaint options (see Policy, Section 4.4.7).

Employees who are members of a bargaining unit may also consult their Union/Association representative.

#### 6.2 Individual Action – Talking to the Respondent

If an employee believes they are being subjected to prohibited behaviour and

there are no immediate health or safety concerns, it is recommended the respondent be told as soon as possible that their behaviour is unwelcome and must stop.

It is not necessary for the employee to advise the respondent directly. The communication may be done verbally, via e-mail, transcribed, or other suitable means. It is recommended that if the communication is done verbally, what was said, as well as the date, time and place, be documented. Human Rights and Human Resources Division staff, a Union/Association representative, any member of management, or a trusted friend may assist.

It is recommended that the complainant maintain a detailed record of incidents of prohibited behaviour, including the number of occurrences, date(s), time(s), place(s), nature of the offensive behaviour(s), names of individuals who may have observed the incidents and all actions taken.

If addressing the respondent directly could raise health or safety risks, escalate the dispute, or is not appropriate, complainants may take other resolution options outlined in these procedures.

#### 6.3 Informal Action – Dispute Resolution without Formal Investigation

If individual action is not appropriate or if the prohibited behaviour continues after asking the person to stop, the employee shall advise their supervisor/manager or the Human Rights Division of their complaint, preferably in writing. Where the employee's supervisor/manager is involved in the complaint, the employee may advise a more senior member of management. Supervisors and managers will report all complaints of behaviour that may constitute harassment, discrimination, or reprisal to the Human Rights Division as soon as possible. When uncertain, supervisors/managers should consult the Human Rights Division for guidance.

Where the prohibited behaviour alleged is not harassment, discrimination, or reprisal, the supervisor or manager in consultation with the Human Rights Division, as needed, and with the parties to the dispute, if appropriate, may determine an appropriate informal course of action that will effectively resolve the complaint in a timely and fair manner without the need for formal investigation. If the prohibited behaviour warrants disciplinary action, the supervisor or manager must consult with Human Resources or Human Rights Division staff before issuing discipline. The supervisor or manager shall document and report to the Human Rights Division any informal action taken, including any corrective/disciplinary action(s) implemented, to resolve the complaint.

Where the alleged prohibited behaviour may constitute harassment, discrimination, or reprisal, the Director of People Services, or designate, in consultation with the Human Rights Division, and with the complainant if appropriate, will determine whether an informal course of action may be appropriate.

Circumstances in which an informal course of action may be appropriate include the following:

- i) Where the alleged misconduct is minor in nature;
- ii) Where all the facts necessary for resolution are known without the need for further inquiry;
- iii) Where no other resources or special expertise are required for an impartial and timely resolution;
- iv) Where the alleged misconduct is acknowledged by the respondent, the parties to the complaint are in agreement as to how to effectively resolve the issues, and the agreed upon resolution is acceptable to the appropriate manager(s) and the Director of People Services or designate.

Informal action may include, among other actions:

- i) Consulting, advising, meeting with and/or interviewing those involved in the complaint (i.e. an informal review/investigation);
- ii) Reviewing documentary evidence (e.g. emails);
- iii) Communication of findings to the parties to the complaint and making recommendations to remedy concerns; or
- iv) A facilitated discussion to resolve the issues.

The <u>Occupational Health and Safety Act</u> requires employers to conduct an investigation that is appropriate in the circumstances of all incidents and complaints of workplace harassment. Therefore options for informal action that do not include investigation will not be available for complaints of workplace harassment until after an appropriate investigation has been completed.

Where there are findings of prohibited behaviour determined through informal action, communication of those findings will be in accordance with the Communication of Findings section of the Corporation's <u>Formal Investigation Process</u>.

#### 6.4 Mediation

Mediation is a form of informal action. It is a voluntary process whereby the complainant and respondent meet with a trained mediator to determine whether the complaint can be resolved in a mutually satisfactory manner.

Mediation is not appropriate in all circumstances. For example, when there are allegations of severe discrimination or harassment which, if substantiated, would result in disciplinary action, or where there are potential health or safety concerns. If the Director of People Services or designate, in consultation with the Human Rights Division, deems mediation appropriate, it will be offered to the parties but will only be conducted with the consent of both the complainant and the respondent.

It is preferable that mediation be attempted prior to a formal investigation but will remain available to the parties throughout the investigation process. Where workplace harassment is alleged, mediation will only be available, if deemed appropriate, after an investigation is completed as required by the <a href="#">Occupational Health and Safety Act</a>.

During the mediation process, the complainant and the respondent may, if desired, be accompanied by a Union/Association representative or a trusted friend.

If a mediated settlement is reached, the terms of the settlement shall be reduced to writing and signed by the complainant, respondent and the mediator. If the settlement requires any action on the part of the Corporation, the agreement of the Director of People Services or designate will be required.

Discussions at the mediation will be treated as carried out with a view to coming to a settlement. Discussions will be treated as privileged and confidential to the full extent permitted by law.

#### 6.5 Formal Investigation

If mediation or other informal options to resolve the complaint are not appropriate or are unsuccessful or where the Director of People Services or designate, in consultation with the Human Rights Division, determines that further inquiry is necessary, a formal investigation into the matter will be conducted.

**Corporate-initiated Investigations:** In circumstances where a complaint is made by someone other than the alleged victim, the Corporation may conduct a formal investigation where the Director of People Services or designate, in

consultation with the Human Rights Division, deems it appropriate, including where allegations of harassment or discrimination warrant further action/investigation or where the alleged victim does not wish to submit a complaint. The Corporation may also conduct a formal investigation where there is information to suggest the existence of an outstanding specific or systemic problem in the workplace.

Formal investigations and communication of the findings from such investigations will be conducted in accordance with the Corporation's <u>Formal Investigation</u> <u>Process</u>.

#### 7. General Provisions

#### 7.1 Refusal to Act or Investigate

The Corporation may refuse to act or investigate or may discontinue an informal action or investigation where:

- i) The behaviour alleged, if true, would not be a breach of this policy;
- ii) The complaint is anonymous and there is insufficient information to warrant any or further steps;
- iii) The complaint is vexatious or made in bad faith (see Section 7.5 below);
- iv) Another complaint avenue has been pursued or engaged regarding the same or a related concern/complaint; or
- v) Having regard to all of the circumstances, further investigation of the matter is unnecessary.

#### 7.2 Interim Measures

In certain circumstances such as where health or safety is at issue, it may be necessary to take immediate measures. In such a case, interim measures shall be determined by the Director of People Services, or designate, in consultation, where appropriate, with the Human Rights Division, other members of the Respectful Workplace Response Team, Corporate Security, and/or the London Police Service. Interim measures may include relocating a party, or placing a party on a non-disciplinary suspension with pay pending the resolution of the complaint or outcome of the investigation. The Division Manager, Corporate Security and Emergency Management Division, or designate, in consultation, where appropriate, with the Human Rights Division, other members of the Respectful Workplace Response Team, and/or the London Police Service, shall determine interim measures with respect to members of the public. The implementation of interim measures does not mean that conclusions have been reached relating to the allegations.

#### 7.3 Support for Parties

The Corporation recognizes that involvement in a workplace investigation may be stressful and emotionally upsetting. Complainants, respondents, witnesses, and other affected employees may access the counselling services and support provided by the Corporation's employee assistance provider. Additionally, complainants may wish to access counselling and support through outside agencies.

Parties to a complaint also have the right to be accompanied by a support person of their choice during meetings relating to a complaint made pursuant to these procedures, including their Union/Association representative, if applicable, or a trusted friend (e.g. another manager if they are a management employee). Where the Human Rights Intake Administrator/investigator is of the opinion that the presence of the support person is inappropriate (e.g. they have a conflict) or is hindering the process, the relevant party may select another support person provided that doing so does not hinder or unduly delay the meeting/process. As these procedures are intended as an internal means of addressing prohibited

behaviour outside of more formal legal proceedings, parties are not entitled to select legal counsel as their support person.

#### 7.4 Corrective Action and/or Disciplinary Action

Where a finding of a violation of this policy that does not constitute harassment, discrimination, or reprisal has been made, the applicable division manager, in consultation with the Director of People Services, or delegate, will determine appropriate corrective and/or disciplinary actions.

Where a finding of harassment, discrimination, or reprisal in violation of this policy has been made, the Respectful Workplace Response Team will determine appropriate corrective and/or disciplinary actions.

Where it is determined that corrective or disciplinary action is to be taken against an employee of the Corporation, such action may include the following:

- An apology
- Coaching or counselling
- · Education or training
- Warning
- Suspension or leave without pay
- Demotion
- Transfer
- Termination of employment

The appropriate supervisor or manager will implement corrective or disciplinary actions to be taken against an employee.

Where it is determined that corrective action is to be taken against members of Council, volunteers (including members of Advisory Committees, Special Committees, and Task Forces), students on placements, contractors, consultants, members of the public, including clients or customers, the Corporation will take such corrective action as is reasonable in the circumstances and permitted by law to ensure the prohibited behaviour stops. This may include barring the person from Corporation facilities or discontinuing business with contractors or consultants. The Division Manager, Corporate Security and Emergency Management Division or designate will be consulted with respect to determining any corrective action to be taken against members of the public.

The Corporation may also implement any systemic remedies it deems appropriate.

#### 7.5 Vexatious/Bad Faith Complaints

Where it is determined that the complainant has made a vexatious or bad faith complaint or an individual makes allegations knowing them to be false, the Respectful Workplace Response Team will take appropriate corrective and/or disciplinary action which may include the same corrective and/or disciplinary actions noted above.

A complaint is vexatious or made in bad faith if it is made for the purpose of annoying, embarrassing or harassing the respondent, out of spite or vindictiveness, or the complainant is engaging in improper behaviour such as fraud, deception, or intentional misrepresentation.

A complaint that is made in good faith but is not substantiated does not constitute a vexatious or bad faith complaint.

#### 7.6 Timing of Complaint

A complaint under these procedures should be made as soon as possible after the prohibited behaviour occurred and no later than one year after the last incident occurred unless there are reasons why it was not possible to bring it forward sooner. Where failure to make a complaint in a timely fashion affects the ability of the Corporation to conduct a full and complete investigation, the Corporation may decline to deal with the complaint.

#### 7.7 Timing of Completion of Actions/Investigation

The Corporation will complete any informal actions or formal investigations pursuant to these procedures in a timely manner and within three (3) months from the date of receiving a complaint/initiating an investigation, unless there are extenuating circumstances (e.g. illness, complex investigation) warranting a longer period. The Human Rights Intake Administrator/investigator, supervisor, or manager responsible for handling a complaint under these procedures will update the parties to the complaint on a regular basis (approximately every two to three weeks) as to the status of their complaint and anticipated next steps.

#### 7.8 Confidentiality

The administration of these procedures will be in accordance with the <u>Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act</u> ("MFIPPA"). All complaints received under these procedures will be considered strictly confidential subject to the Corporation's obligation to safeguard employees, to conduct a thorough investigation, take appropriate corrective and/or disciplinary action, or to otherwise disclose information as required by law. The parties to the complaint and any witnesses are also expected to maintain confidentiality. Unwarranted breaches of confidentiality will result in corrective and/or disciplinary action.

#### 7.9 Complaint Records

Where an investigation results in corrective and/or disciplinary action against an employee, a record of such action will be placed in the employee's Human Resources file. Where there is insufficient evidence to prove that prohibited conduct occurred, no record of the complaint shall be placed in the respondent's Human Resources file.

All records pertaining to enquiries and complaints under this policy will be kept in confidential storage separate from employees' Human Resources files. All records will be subject to the provisions of <u>MFIPPA</u> as noted above.

#### 7.10 Other Avenues of Complaint

In addition to these internal resolution and complaint procedures, there may be other avenues available to pursue complaints of prohibited behaviour. Depending on the nature of the behaviour at issue and the parties involved, other complaint avenues may include an Application to the Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario, a complaint to the Ministry of Labour, an application to the Ontario Labour Relations Board, a civil action, a criminal complaint, a complaint to the Integrity Commissioner, and a grievance pursuant to the terms of an applicable collective agreement.

These resolution/complaint procedures are not intended to interfere with or restrict employees' rights to pursue any other available avenue(s) of complaint, including pursuant to the Ontario <a href="Human Rights Code"><u>Human Rights Code</u></a> and the <a href="Occupational Health and Safety Act">Occupational Health and Safety Act</a>. Where appropriate and/or required by law, the Corporation will conduct its own independent investigation into the allegations and make its own determination in accordance with this policy even when another avenue of complaint is pursued. This includes circumstances where there may be a related criminal proceeding.

### TERMS OF REFERENCE THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

#### Role

While it is the legislative mandate of the Municipal Council to make the final decision on all matters that affect the Municipality, the role of an advisory committee is to provide recommendations, advice and information to the Municipal Council on those specialized matters which relate to the purpose of the advisory committee, to facilitate public input to City Council on programs and ideas and to assist in enhancing the quality of life of the community, in keeping with the Municipal Council's Strategic Plan principles. Advisory committees shall conduct themselves in keeping with the policies set by the Municipal Council pertaining to advisory committees, and also in keeping with the Council Procedure By-law.

#### **Mandate**

The Advisory Committee on the Environment reports to the Municipal Council, through the Planning and Environment Committee. The Advisory Committee on the Environment provides input, advice and makes recommendations on environmental matters affecting the City of London.

The Advisory Committee on the Environment is responsible for the following:

to serve as an advisory, resource and information support group to the Planning and Environment Committee, the Municipal Council, and its Committees as required, and to the citizenry to encourage and promote sustainable programs and functions such as the following:

- remedial planning toward the clean-up of contaminated areas;
- waste reduction, reuse and recycling programs;
- water and energy conservation measures;
- climate change mitigation;
- to investigate such other aspects of environmental concerns as may be suggested by the Municipal Council, its other Committees, or the Civic Administration; and
- to initiate and/or receive submissions and/or delegations regarding any environmental concerns and to report with recommendations to the Planning and Environment Committee.

#### Composition

#### Voting Members

Maximum of thirteen members consisting of:

- Nine members-at-large
- One representative of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee
- One representative of the Thames Region Ecological Association
- One representative of an environmental and/or private sector interest group
- One representative of the Industrial/Commercial/ Institutional sector

#### Non-Voting Resource Group

One representative from each of the following:

- Ministry of the Environment
- Middlesex-London Health Unit
- Thames Valley District School Board
- London District Catholic School Board
- City's Community Services Department
- City Ecologist
- City's Planning Division
- Planning, Environmental & Engineering Services Department
- London Hvdro
- Youth Representative under age 18 for a period of 1 to 3 years; it being noted that once this representative turns 18 they will be eligible to become a voting member through the usual appointment process
- Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction, University of Western Ontario
- UWO Biotron
- One Post-Secondary Student

#### Sub-committees and Working Groups

The Advisory Committee may form sub-committees and working groups as may be necessary to address specific issues; it being noted that the City Clerk's office does not provide secretariat support to these sub-committees or groups. These sub-committees and working groups shall draw upon members from the Advisory Committee as well as outside resource members as deemed necessary. The Chair of a sub-committee and/or working group shall be a voting member of the Advisory Committee.

#### Term of Office

Appointments to advisory committees shall, in all but one case, be for a four-year term, commencing March 1 of the first year of a Council term and ending on February 28 or, in the case of a leap year, February 29 of the first year of the following Council term. In the case of the Non-Voting Post-Secondary Student Member, the term shall be for one year, commencing March 1 of each year and ending on February 28 or, in the case of a leap year, February 29 of the following year.

#### **Appointment Policies**

Appointments shall be in keeping with Council Policy. Non-voting Post-Secondary Student Members shall be cooperatively nominated by the Fanshawe Student Union and the University Students' Council, Western University.

#### **Qualifications**

The representatives of the organizations must be members or employees of the organizations they represent. Other members shall be chosen for their special expertise, experience, dedication and commitment to the mandate of the Committee. Non-voting representatives from local resource groups shall be members or employees of the organization they represent. Non-

voting Post-Secondary Students shall be current students at either Fanshawe College, Western University, Brescia University College, Huron University College or King's University College.

#### **Conduct**

The conduct of Advisory Committee members shall be in keeping with Council Policy.

#### **Meetings**

Meetings shall be once monthly at a date and time set by the City Clerk in consultation with the advisory committee. Length of meetings shall vary depending on the agenda. Meetings of working groups that have been formed by the Advisory Committee may meet at any time and at any location and are in addition to the regular meetings of the Advisory Committee.

#### **Remuneration**

Advisory committee members shall serve without remuneration.

#### ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT - 2020 WORK PLAN

(Updated February 5, 2020 – The status column reflects the actions of the renewed committee, established in Sept. 2019) ACE looks forward to reaching its full complement of members in March/April 2020.

Project / Initiative & Background	Lead/ Responsible	Proposed Timeline	Proposed Budget	Actual Expenditure	Link to Strategic Plan	Status
Managing organic waste  1. Review & prioritize leading edge waste management systems that focus on waste as a resource technology (biogas, anaerobic digester, landfill gas recovery – e.g. Edmonton Waste Management Centre of Excellence)  2. Follow the progress of City regarding development of a Resource Recovery Centre for London (invite staff members speak to ACE)  3. Continue research into organic waste diversion and bring successful models to attention of the City  Resource Recovery  4. Monitor & review on-going resource recovery initiatives with a particular focus on diversion of textiles, plastics and small appliances.  Landfill Expansion  5. Monitor & review landfill expansion, including plan to get to 60% diversion.	Waste sub- committee	On-going	\$0		Building a Sustainable City -Robust Infrastructure -Increase resource recovery/ long-term disposal capacity/ reducing community impacts  Building a Sustainable City -Strong and Healthy Environment -Support resident/community driven initiatives  Growing Our Economy -Local, Regional and Global Innovation -Lead development of new ways to resource/energy recovery	Detailed review of Additional Investment Business Case #1 – 60% Waste Diversion Action Plan –ratified at Feb 5 ACE meeting. The review will form part of the ACE feedback on the 2020-2023 multi-year budget.
Sustainability  6. Support actions in regards to sustainability & resiliency.  6 a) Plan to establish a resiliency sub-committee when ACE achieves a full complement of members (four seats to be filled in the coming months).	ACE	Ongoing in 2020	\$0		Building a Sustainable City -Strong and Healthy Environment	Submitted to PEC a climate action and renewable energy recommendation pertaining to the City-wide Urban Design Guidelines (Dec. 2019).  Participation in start-up Bird-Friendly Development Working Group – D. Szoller (ongoing)  Participation in the development of the EEPAC Environmental Management Guidelines – D. Szoller (ongoing)

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Project / Initiative & Background	Lead/ Responsible	Proposed Timeline	Proposed Budget	Actual Expenditure	Link to Strategic Plan	Status
6 b) Act as a resource group to London citizens and organizations engaged in sustainability initiatives.						London Chapter of the Council of Canadians has requested delegation status at March/2020 ACE meeting regarding the Blue Community Project. City staff will be invited in order to provide update on City actions.
Community Education  7. Support community events to increase awareness of environmental issues and that help to mobilize citizens to consider their carbon footprint.	ACE	Ongoing in 2020	Up to \$750		Strengthening Our Community  Building a Sustainable City	ACE sits on planning committee for London's Premier Zero Waste Festival & Conference, June 13, 2020 - R. Sirois (ongoing)  Participation in various events such as Go Wild Grow Wild Green Expo, April 18, 2020 (TBD)  Set-aside of funds (see proposed budget) to collaborate with community ENGOs on events that advance city commitments related to environmental resilience, sustainability and the city climate change action plan.  Reprinted <i>Pollinator Friendly Gardens</i> brochure for use at public events. (\$350 – 2019 budget)  Supported Green in the City lecture series, Fall 2019 (\$500 – 2019 budget)
Corporate Energy Management Program  8. Provide feedback on Corporate Energy Management Program as part of the City's annual review.	Energy sub- committee	2020	\$0		Building a Sustainable City -Robust Infrastructure -Strong & healthy environment	
Climate Emergency Action Plan     9. Monitor and provide input to the development of the new London Climate Emergency Action Plan.     9 a) Act as a resource group to London citizens and organizations engaged in climate change	Energy Sub- Committee and ACE	2020	\$0		Building a Sustainable City -Robust Infrastructure -Strong & healthy environment	In the context of reducing greenhouse gas emissions through active transportation, reviewed the Cycle Advisory Committee's Input to Cycling Master Plan – submitted comments and recommendations to PEC (February 2020)  Delegation from graduate students in the Centre for Environment and Sustainability, UWO – April 2020 meeting. Will learn their research findings related to climate change mitigation and adaptation. City Staff invited.

Project / Initiative & Background	Lead/ Responsible	Proposed Timeline	Proposed Budget	Actual Expenditure	Link to Strategic Plan	Status
City Budget	ACE	February 2020	\$0		Leading in Public Service	Participation at February 13, 2020 Public Participation Meeting
10. Review and provide feedback on 2020-2023 multi- year budget						
Committee Member Education & Development  11. Assist ACE members with registration fees for conferences pertaining to ACE mandate		2020	Maximum of \$750		ALL	R. Sirois attended Zero Waste Conference October 2019 – presentation delivered to ACE with City officials in attendance, January 2020. (\$250 ACE subsidy – 2019 budget)  D. Szoller attended Trans-Disciplinary Theory, Action and Practice Conference - October 2019 – Presentation to ACE in March 2020 (\$300 ACE subsidy – 2019 budget).