

Agenda

Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee

5th Meeting of the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee

April 5, 2023, 3:00 PM

Advisory Committee Virtual Meeting - Please check the City website for current details

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, Metis and Inuit people 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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Report

4th Meeting of the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee
March 1, 2023

Attendance PRESENT: B. Samuels (Chair), D. Allick, I. ElGhamrawy, M. Griffith, A. Hames, C. Hunsberger, C. Mettler, N. Serour, L. Vuong, A. Wittingham and K. Mason (Committee Clerk)

ABSENT: P. Almost and L. Paulger

ALSO PRESENT: M. Fabro, J. Stanford, B. Westlake-Power and R. Wilcox

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 2023-2027 Strategic Plan Presentation

That it BE NOTED that the presentation appended to the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee Agenda by R. Wilcox, Director, Strategy and Innovation, with respect to the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan, was received.

2.2 Smoking By-law

That the Municipal Council BE ENCOURAGED to investigate and consider an update to the corporate definition of the term “smoking” under By-law PH-10 - Smoke Free Public Places and By-law A.-6924(a)-278 - Prohibit Smoking within 9 Metres of Recreation Amenities in Municipal Parks, and Entrances to Municipally-owned Building, to include Parks and Environmentally Significant Areas, as well as vaping, and cannabis use in these areas; it being noted that the Environment Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee received the presentation from L. Stobo, Manager, Substance Abuse Programs Team, Middlesex London Health Unit with respect to this matter.

3. Consent

3.1 3rd Report of the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 3rd Report of the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on February 1, 2023, was received.

3.2 R. McGarry Resignation

That the resignation of R. McGarry BE RECEIVED with regret.

4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

4.1 Working Group Comments - 735 Southdale Road West

That the Working Group comments relating to the Notice of Planning Application dated January 26, 2023 from A. Curtis, Planner I, relating to the property located at 735 Southdale Road West BE FORWARDED to the Civic Administration for review and consideration.

5. Items for Discussion

5.1 Notice of Planning Application - 1310 Adelaide Street North and 795 Windemere Road

That a Working Group BE ESTABLISHED, to review the Notice of Planning Application for Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments for the property located at 1310 Adelaide Street North and 795 Windemere Road; it being noted that the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee received a Notice dated February 9, 2023 from N. Pasato, Senior Planner, with respect to this matter.

5.2 (ADDED) Creation of Sub-Committees / Working Groups

That it BE NOTED that the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee (ESACAC) held a general discussion regarding the creation of sub-committees and working groups; it being further noted that ESACAC will defer this matter to next meeting for additional discussion.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:26 PM.

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/goldfishw
ww.thamesriver.on.ca



Protecting our waterways

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

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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)