

**8TH REPORT OF THE**  
**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT**

Meeting held on July 16, 2014 commencing at 12:17 p.m.

PRESENT: D. Szoller (Chair), M. Baetens, C. Baird, J. Baxter, M. Bloxam, J. Howell, T. Khan, L. Langdon, G. Sass, B. Schulz, J. Shelley and J. Martin (Committee Secretary).

ALSO PRESENT: S. Galloway and H. McNeely.

REGRETS: T. Kolybaba and N. St. Amour.

**I YOUR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS:**

Pesticides and  
Pollination Working  
Group

1. (f) That the Civic Administration and the Planning and Environment Committee BE REQUESTED to review the attached submission with respect to London being a “Pollinator Sanctuary” and designated as such in the London Plan; it being noted that the submission includes the following recommendations with respect to this matter:
  - a) identify London as a Pollinator Sanctuary in the City’s Official Plan;
  - b) include explicit language throughout the London Plan that refers to the importance of creating suitable habitat for pollinators on private and public lands as well as reducing pesticide pressures;
  - c) modify the City of London by-laws concerning property standards, streets, trees and parks to reflect the City’s proposed status as a Pollinator Sanctuary;
  - d) create a Natural Heritage Master Plan which should have an extensive section on protecting but also on restoring and creating pollinator habitat across the city;
  - e) provide and/or expand more forage and habitat areas in the city, through less mowing and allowing wild flowers and grasses to flourish (in park lands, boulevards, backyards and rooftops) and support the creation of natural corridors and meadows between forage areas. Plant more native and other plants that support the health of pollinators such as milkweed;
  - f) collaborate with the City’s many organization and business contacts to encourage planting and development of bio-diverse areas on their properties, with special emphasis on native plants;
  - g) ensure that plants used in the City of London gardens are purchased from local suppliers who are not using neonicotinoid insecticides and encourage or require its affiliated schools, libraries and community centres to use locally grown, neonicotinoid-free plants;
  - h) leading by example, London will encourage community organizations, businesses, and institutes of higher education to plant diverse, locally grown, neonicotinoid-free plants;
  - i) inform and encourage gardeners to purchase organic seedlings or grow their plants from untreated seeds for their vegetable and flower gardens. Encourage garden centers that do not use treated seeds to publicize this advantage; and,
  - j) encourage further collaboration between Civic Administration, neighbouring conservation authorities, municipalities and agricultural associations to develop programs which encourage plant diversity and native plants as well as the creation of corridors for pollinator movement.

## II. YOUR COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Smart Meter Program 2, That the Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) received the attached presentation from K. Deller, London Hydro, with respect to London Hydro's Smart Meter Program.
- The London Plan 3. (8,a) That the Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) received a presentation from G. Barrett, Manager, Long Range Planning and Research and H. McNeely, Senior Planner, with respect to the new City of London Official Plan. The ACE received a verbal update and reviewed a draft submission prepared by J. Howell and will prepare a report for submission with respect to this matter.
4. That the Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) received and noted the following:
- 7th Report of the ACE a) (1) the 7th Report of the Advisory Committee on the Environment from its meeting held on June 4, 2014;
- 7th Report of the EEPAC b) (2) the 7th Report of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee from its meeting held on June 19, 2014;
- 6th Report of the TAC c) (3) the 6th Report of the Transportation Advisory Committee from its meeting held on June 10, 2014;
- 5th & 6th Report of the TFAC d) (4) the 5th and 6th Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee from its meetings held on May 28, 2014 and June 25, 2014, respectively;
- 3rd Report of the AAC e) (5) the 3rd Report of the Agricultural Advisory Committee from its meeting held on June 18, 2014;
- The London Plan f) (6) a Notice dated June 3, 2014, from H. McNeely, Planner, with respect to the new City of London Official Plan; and,
- 1922-1930 Mallard Road g) (7) a Notice dated July 4, 2014, from C. Parker, Planner, with respect to properties located at 1922-1930 Mallard Road and surrounding properties zoned OS4.
- Next Meeting 5. That the Advisory Committee on the Environment will hold its next meeting on September 3, 2014; it being noted that the September meeting will be held at the Western University Biotron.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.