

Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee

Mandate

The Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee reports to the Municipal Council, through the Planning and Environment Committee. The Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee provides technical advice to the City of London on matters which are relevant to the City of London's Official Plan, including London's natural heritage systems it relates to Environmentally Significant Areas, woodlands, stream corridors, etc.

The Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee is responsible for the following:

- to provide advice on natural areas, environmental features and applicable policies which may be suitable for identification and/or recognition in the Official Plan;
- to provide advice on the management and enhancement of the Natural Heritage System, including Official Plan Policy, Environmental Management Guidelines and other policies and practices;
- to provide advice as part of the development of Conservation Master Plans for London's Environmentally Significant Areas and in Subwatershed Studies;
- monitor and provide advice on reports, projects and processes that may impact the natural heritage system, including Areas Plans, Natural Heritage Studies, Environmental Impact Studies (EIS), Subject Land Status report, Environmental Assessments, etc.;
- monitor impacts and provide advice on all projects (including City lead) occurring within the Official Plan trigger distance for an EIS, regardless of whether or not the project includes a formalized EIS;
- to provide technical advice, at the request of the Municipal Council, its Committees or the City's Administration, on environmental matters which are relevant to the City's Official Plan or natural heritage system;
- to assist in maintaining an up-to-date information base on natural areas and environmental features which are identified in the Official Plan and to monitor the condition of these areas on an ongoing basis;
- to encourage public awareness and education on natural areas, environmental features and policies of the Official Plan which relate to environmental matters;
- to provide advice on any global, regional or local issue related to the long-term sustainability of the Natural Heritage System; and
- to provide comment on any matter which may be referred to the Committee by Municipal Council, its Committees, or the City's Administration.

Qualifications

Members are appointed to serve as individuals and shall not represent a specific interest group or agency. Members shall be chosen based on their interest, experience, availability, academic qualifications and expertise they possess in disciplines that will assist in carrying of the mandate of the Committee. Areas of expertise may include, but is not limited to the following: Biology, Ornithology, Geology, Botany, Zoology, Landscape Architecture, Forestry, Ecology, Resource Management, Hydrology, Geography, Environmental Planning, Limnology and Natural History. Applicants without the above-noted technical background may also be considered. Non-voting representatives from local resource groups shall be members or employees of the organization they represent.