

2ND REPORT OF THE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Meeting held on January 6, 2016, commencing at 12:15 PM, in Committee Room #4, Second Floor, London City Hall.

PRESENT: M. Bloxam (Chair), K. Birchall, S. Brooks, S. Hall, M. Hodge, J. Howell, C. Kushnir, L. Langdon, S. Ratz, B. Schulz and D. Szoller and B. Mercier (Secretary).

ABSENT: S. Armstrong, J. Baxter, B. Branfireun and G. Sass.

ALSO PRESENT: G. Barrett, B. Orr and T. Van Rossum.

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it **BE NOTED** that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

II. SCHEDULED ITEMS

2. "Toilets Are Not Garbage Cans" and "Your Turn" Grease Collection Programs

That it **BE NOTED** that an update from B. Orr, Sewer Outreach and Control Inspector, with respect to the "Toilets are Not Garbage Cans" and "Your Turn" Programs, was received.

III. CONSENT ITEMS

3. 1st Report of the Advisory Committee on the Environment

That it **BE NOTED** that the 1st Report of the Advisory Committee on the Environment from its meeting held on December 2, 2015, was received.

4. 1st Report of the Transportation Advisory Committee

That it **BE NOTED** that the 1st Report of the Transportation Advisory Committee from its meeting held on December 1, 2015, was received.

5. 8th Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee

That it **BE NOTED** that the 8th Report of the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee from its meeting held on November 25, 2015, was received.

IV. SUB-COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

None.

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

6. 2016 ACE Budget

That it **BE NOTED** that the Advisory Committee on the Environment held a general discussion with respect to its 2016 Budget allocation and impending expenditures.

7. City E-news/Social Media Mini Tour

That it **BE NOTED** that a presentation from the Education and Outreach Subcommittee, with respect to the City's profile on Facebook, Twitter and the City e-newsletter, was received; it being noted that the Advisory Committee on the Environment viewed a mini tour of the various City of London social media sites.

8. Urban Agriculture Convergence

That the matter of an urban agriculture convergence **BE REFERRED** to the Food Sub-Committee for further discussion, with a report back at a future meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Environment.

9. Ottawa Food Security and Climate Change Conference (Diane Szoller)

That it **BE NOTED** that an update from D. Szoller, with respect to her attendance at the Canadian Climate Symposium 2015 held in Ottawa, Ontario on November 12 to 13, 2015, was received.

VI. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

10. (ADDED) Dark Sky Policy

That the attached communication from K. Birchall, with respect to outdoor lighting ordinances, **BE REFERRED** to a Working Group of the Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE), in consultation with the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee (EEPAC), the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) and City Staff, to draft a dark sky policy for Council's consideration; it being noted that the ACE received a communication from C. Kushnir, with respect to this matter.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:23 PM.

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 3, 2016

In recognition that many Canadian and Ontario cities and towns have developed outdoor lighting bylaws and/or developed policies for the benefit of their communities through conservation of energy, reduction of glare and light trespass it is

Moved by _____

Seconded by _____

that

WHEREAS the City of London’s Advisory Committee on the Environment (“ACE”) recognizes that it is desirous to encourage and protect the night time dark skies through responsible city lighting policies and education of the public; AND

WHEREAS many cities have passed outdoor lighting ordinances and that having one can reduce glare and light trespass, while promoting energy conservation and healthier neighborhoods.

Notably the Town of Richmond Hill¹s which applies to all outdoor light fixtures erected, installed or used in the Town in conjunction with:

- commercial uses, including parking lots;
- industrial uses;
- institutional uses;
- recreational or athletic uses; or
- residential uses of five dwelling units or more on a single lot.; AND

WHEREAS ACE believes improperly managed urban and suburban exterior night time lighting is a form of *pollution*; AND

WHEREAS the International Dark Sky Alliance and the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America have approved of a *Model Lighting Ordinance* (“MLO”), that is an outdoor lighting template designed to help municipalities develop outdoor lighting standards that reduce glare, light trespass, and skyglow.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ACE strongly requests that the Planning and Environment Committee (“PEC”) direct City staff to develop recommendations for a City of London Bylaw dealing with the matter of light pollution and its related nuisances in reference to the MLO and other Ontario examples (Richmond Hill).

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT ACE strongly requests that PEC direct City staff within Planning, Transportation and any other yet to be identified departments a set of guidelines regarding the proper use of exterior light for all existing and contemplated City of London facilities being mindful of the MLO and other relevant Bylaws or Guidelines that are identified to be in use in other comparable Ontario communities.

¹ <http://www.richmondhill.ca/documents/municipalcode/1050.pdf>