

## **Advisory Committee on the Environment Built Environment sub-committee - report**

**Meeting date:** Monday, January 18, 2016

**In attendance:** Mike Bloxam, Lois Langdon, Diane Szoller

**Regrets:** Ken Birchall, Caitlin Kushnir, Becki Schultz

*The meeting commenced at about 10:00.*

### **1. Nighttime issues (#8 on 2016 work plan)**

#### **a) Night markets**

Lois spoke to Western Fair District, who told her to speak directly to Western Fair Farmers' Market management. Diane spoke with Covent Garden Market, who is willing to explore the idea. Diane also asked Old East Village Neighbourhood Association, but no reply as of yet. Continue to make progress in 2016 on this.

#### **b) Dark-sky policy**

Ken presented to ACE in December with follow-up by Caitlin with EEPAC input at ACE in January. Ken and Caitlin are asked to form a working group with membership from EEPAC, AWAC, and City planning staff.

### **2. Alternative building materials/strategies (#6 on 2016 work plan)**

#### **a) Living Building Challenge**

Becki is asked to do some research and report back to the sub-committee on a recommendation for ACE.

#### **b) Green-roof by-law**

Diane will review existing drafts and bring up to date for consideration in Fall 2016.

#### **c) Heated sidewalks**

This discussion got more into the idea of the "flex street" as a whole: the "My Dundas" proposal currently includes reference to heated sidewalks. We need to know more about the idea for heated sidewalks (environmental implications, enhanced safety/comfort, etc.).

Recommend looking at other Canadian cities with flex streets (Calgary, Ottawa, Halifax), and also at bioswales used in Portland, Oregon, USA. We were pleased to see pollinators mentioned in the plans also.

Diane will research timelines for comments and circulate to the sub-committee to make comments that will go to ACE for review.

In the meantime, all should visit the following links:

1. [http://media.wix.com/ugd/659d1e\\_5e050ca3c9db4e33b017e7e2591b5a75.pdf](http://media.wix.com/ugd/659d1e_5e050ca3c9db4e33b017e7e2591b5a75.pdf) - January 13: public consultation presentation
2. [http://media.wix.com/ugd/659d1e\\_4dd6fad8942743669f848bd9a218f8fc.pdf](http://media.wix.com/ugd/659d1e_4dd6fad8942743669f848bd9a218f8fc.pdf) - comment card due by January 29: all ACE members should submit on their own
3. <http://www.mydundas.ca/> - project details - City is in phase 2 - What is the best strategy, evaluate alternatives and recommend solution  
Phase 3 - optimal design from phase 2, select a recommended design. There will be further consultation in the spring with phase 3 that ACE will contribute to.

#### **d) Vehicle parking**

Ask for a presentation by staff on the number of parking spaces downtown, and future plans/considerations.

### **3. Low-impact development (#7 on 2016 work plan)**

#### **a) Glen Cairn neighbourhood**

Ask for speaker presentation in conjunction with natural environment sub-committee, regarding the Glen Cairn neighbourhood.

#### **b) UTRCA presentation**

Lois to research past presentation by Upper Thames River Conservation Authority to the development industry and circulate to the sub-committee.

*The meeting concluded at about 11:30.*