Advisory Committee on the Environment Report

9th Meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Environment September 5, 2018 Committee Room #3

Attendance

PRESENT: S. Ratz (Chair), M. Bhavra, K. Birchall, S. Hall, M. Hodge, J. Howell, N. St. Amour and D. Szoller and J. Bunn (Secretary)

ABSENT: M. Bloxam, S. Brooks, L. Langdon, T. Stoiber and A. Tipping

ALSO PRESENT: V. Kinsley, A. Macpherson, L. McDougall, A. Powell and J. Stanford

The meeting was called to order at 12:16 PM.

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 Update on Pollinator Habitat Protection, Restoration and Stewardship

That it BE NOTED that the <u>attached</u> presentation and handout, as well as the Memo dated August 22, 2018, as appended to the Agenda, from L. McDougall, Ecologist Planner, with respect to an update on pollinator habitat protection, restoration and stewardship, were received.

2.2 60% Waste Diversion Action Plan

That it BE NOTED that the <u>attached</u> presentation from J. Stanford, Director, Environment, Fleet and Solid Waste, with respect to the 60% Waste Diversion Action Plan, was received.

3. Consent

3.1 8th Report of the Advisory Committee on the Environment

That it BE NOTED that the 8th Report of the Advisory Committee on the Environment, from its meeting held on July 4, 2018, was received.

3.2 7th Report of the Environment and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 7th Report of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on June 21, 2018, was received.

4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

None.

5. Items for Discussion

5.1 Green in the City Update

That it BE NOTED that the Green in the City Speaker Series Overview, dated August 28, 2018, from S. Ratz, was received.

5.2 The River Talks Update

That it BE NOTED that The River Talks event update, dated August 28, 2018, from S. Ratz, was received.

5.3 Forestry Operations Request

That it BE NOTED that the Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) held a general discussion related to the information the ACE would like to receive from Forestry Operations with respect to trees in the City of London.

5.4 Practices Related to the Watering of London Trees

That it BE NOTED that the Advisory Committee on the Environment held a general discussion with respect to practices related to the watering of trees in London.

5.5 ACE Presentations / Events / Meeting List

That it BE NOTED that the Advisory Committee on the Environment Presentations/Events/Meeting List, dated August 28, 2018, from S. Ratz, was received.

5.6 Call for Nominations - 2019 New Year's Honours List

That it BE NOTED that the 2019 Mayor's New Year's Honour List Nomination Request letter, dated July 23, 2018, from the City Clerk, was received.

6. Deferred Matters/Additional Business

6.1 (ADDED) Letter of Resignation

That it BE NOTED that the letter of resignation, dated September 3, 2018, from G. Sass, was received.

7. Confidential

7.1 (ADDED) 2019 Mayor's New Year's Honour List Nomination

The Advisory Committee on the Environment convened in closed session from 1:58 PM to 2:02 PM after having passed a motion to do so, with respect to a personal matter pertaining to identifiable individuals, including municipal employees, with respect to the 2019 Mayor's New Year's Honour List.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:03 PM.





Community planting prairie & native woodland species with Carolinian Canada, Friends of the Coves, City of London, 2017 at Elmwood Gateway/Coves ESA. Spicebush Swallowtail butterfly nectaring on Dense Blazing Star, 2018 at Elmwood Gateway/Coves ESA.

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Protecting and Enhancing Pollinator Habitat in London



Milkweed with monarch caterpillar on residential front yard in Old East Village in London, 2018 London City By-laws permit naturalizations, perennial gardens and wildflower gardens on private property including planting of pollinator species such as milkweed.

- **ACE's** 10 "Plight of the Pollinator" Recommendations from **2014** were addressed
- Staff met with ACE in May 2017 to review in detail how ACE's 10 Recommendations were addressed
- ACE provided 3 new "Plight of the Pollinator"
 Recommendations in May 2018 Memo from City
 Staff is included on ACE's September agenda
 providing detailed responses and updates.
- ACE Council Resolution May 23, 2018:i) the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to research and report back to the Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) with respect to the City of London being certified with Bee City Canada; it being noted that ACE supports the initiatives of Bee City Canada; and,
- ii) the Managing Director, Planning and City Planner, BE REQUESTED to present at a future meeting of the ACE with respect to an update on pollination work being done by the City of London;

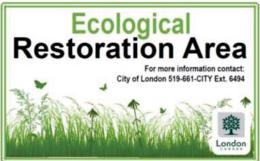


ACE Recommended that London be certified by Bee City Canada. "In this way we can be recognized as a leader within Canada in the creation of bee-friendly cities."



Agree that the City of London is already a leader in habitat and pollinator protection, demonstrating a proactive approach throughout the City







Ecological restoration of meadow habitat in Westminster Ponds & Coves ESAs



Protecting and Enhancing Pollinator Habitat in London

Pottersburg Valley ESA Enhancement of Oak Savannah and Creation of Prairie Habitat





Goal is to increase native vegetation diversity through a long term Oak Savannah and Prairie habitat management plan.



Kilally Meadows ESA – Ecological Restoration Plan for 146 hectares of forest, wetlands and meadow habitats on both sides of Thames River





Adopt an ESA group asked for a long term, prioritized restoration plan, with opportunities for volunteers and restoration specialists to continue and enhance the extensive restoration work to date in the ESA.



Protecting and Enhancing Pollinator Habitat in London

Westminster Ponds ESA – Ecological Restoration of area with 80% nonnative invasive buckthorn and dead ash trees



Before picture 2016 – Buckthorn / Dead Ash Monoculture

2018 – Ecological Restoration underway & habitat is improving

Canada 150 Grant from Federal Government helped fund restoration. Began in 2017 with wintertime mulching of the buckthorn and many standing dead ash trees. Project successfully restoring area back to healthy savannah, wetland & forest habitats, supporting a diversity of native species.



Ontario Nature Award

- City of London was recognized with the <u>Lee Symmes Municipal</u> Award by Ontario Nature.
- ★ The Award recognizes municipalities that demonstrate community leadership and exceptional achievement in planning or implementing programs that protect and regenerate the natural environment within a community.
- Ontario Nature commended the City of London for ensuring a natural legacy for future generations.



Sifton Bog Environmentally Significant Area, drone photo of accessible AODA boardwalk 2018



Protecting and Enhancing Pollinator Habitat in London

About 10% of the City is publically owned parkland, and over 60% of that area or about 1,400 hectares are naturalized, non-mowed areas that provide good pollinator habitat - this area increases every year.





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- Staff report will include a draft "Bee City" Council Resolution for Council's consideration



Adopt an ESA, Native Seed Collection Workshop, Common Milkweed Seeds

POLLINATOR FRIENDLY GARDENS



Make your garden and London a safe haven for pollinators

ACE Pollinator Brochure on City Website



London will continue to lead in:

- ✓ Creating, maintaining and improving pollinator habitat.
- ✓ Educating about the importance of pollinators.
- ✓ Celebrating pollinators



Protecting and Enhancing Pollinator Habitat in London

ACE Recommendation 2: Identify potential sites (on public land) across the city where pollinator habitat (garden, meadow) may be planted either by city staff or community groups. These sites may comprise parks or right-of-way areas next to roads and railways.

Staff Response - Ongoing: London Plan policy 1378 "Potential naturalization areas...these areas may include lands suitable to create natural habitats such as wetland habitat, pollinator habitat...Locations are...identified as potential naturalization areas on Map 5."

LEGEND





In addition to areas on Map 5, many naturalization projects are coordinated every year by City staff and other groups to include opportunities for the Community, "Adopt a ..." Groups, and others to enhance pollinator habitat across the City.





Protecting and Enhancing Pollinator Habitat in London

Many City programs empower community groups to plant pollinator habitats on a City property, private property, and right of ways:

- NeighbourGood London programs: <u>TreeMe</u> and <u>Neighbourhood</u> <u>Decision Making</u> funded <u>over half a million dollars</u> in pollinator habitat projects since 2015.
- The <u>Adopt a Park</u>, <u>Adopt a Street</u> <u>Adopt a Pond Program</u> and Adopt an ESA programs offer more opportunities.







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- Urban Agriculture Strategy
- London Community Gardens 17 Community Gardens
- London Invasive Plant Management Strategy
- The Growing Naturally Program
- Active & Green Communities
- Friends of the London Civic Garden Complex



URBAN AGRICULTURE STRATEGY





Protecting and Enhancing Pollinator Habitat in London

ACE Recommendation 3: Set aside funds in the next 4 year budget cycle to support the implementation of the pollinator-related policies identified in the London Plan.

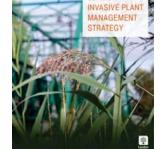
Staff Response: Done. All City policies and programs in todays presentation will be funded through the next 4 year budget cycle, and 10 year budget forecast (subject to Council's approval) to support all London Plan pollinator policies.













Did you know?

- ★ Trees are critical for pollinators and support a greater diversity of butterflies and moths than most herbaceous plants.
- Trees provide most of the first available food for pollinators in the spring.
- London's urban forest is a key element in provision of habitat and food for pollinators, and, is closely tied to achieving the London Plan pollinator policies.
- The Council approved Tree Planting Strategy is on track and fully funded (\$450,000/year) to plant 20,000 trees from 2016 to 2019.
- ★ The strategy outlines the long term plan to increase London's tree canopy cover from 24% to 34%.



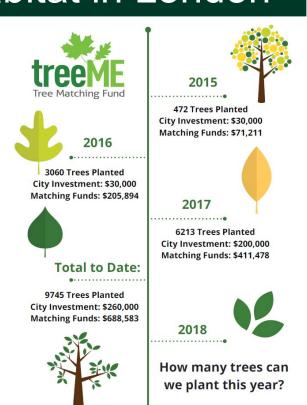


Protecting and Enhancing Pollinator Habitat in London

treeME Tree Matching Fund – \$200,000 available in 2018 and 2019

- Leverages City funding to get even more trees and good pollinator habitat on private property.
- 90% of land in City is private property







Neighborhood Decision Making Program – \$250,000/year available

Winning Projects 2016 & 2017 that support pollinator habitat include:

- Plant Fruit Trees near Community
 Gardens
- Community Garden at First Saint Andrew's United Church
- Cedar Hollow Park Improvements and Plantings
- Matural Landscape Playground in Kiwanis Park
- Save the Bees Pollinator Garden in Byron
- Gleaning Food Forest





Protecting and Enhancing Pollinator Habitat in London

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Winning Projects that support pollinator habitat in 2018 included:

- Nature Sanctuary in Hyde Park
- Bat Boxes in Masonville
- Trees for Accessible Playground
- Cedar Hollow PS Outdoor Classroom
 - Raised Gardens
- Bee Pollinator Garden
 London's Free Fruit Trees
- Pollinator Pathways Project
- Community Beehives
- F.D. Roosevelt Public School Yard Enhancements





Next Steps

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UPDATE

Summer 2018

City of London

A leader in Habitat and Pollinator Protection, Enhancement and Creation initiatives

- NeighbourGood London programs including TreeMe and the Neighbourhood Decision Making program, empower residents to plant trees, shrubs and pollinator gardens. The City has funded over half a million dollars in pollinator habitat projects since 2015 through these programs.
- London's urban forest is a key element in provision of habitat and food for pollinators. The <u>Tree Planting Strategy</u> is on track and fully funded to plant 20,000 trees from 2016 to 2019 and outlines the long term plan to increase London's tree canopy cover from 24% to 34%.
- The City's Adopt-a-Park, Adopt-a-Street, Adopt an ESA and Adopt-a-Pond programs engage communities to plant trees, shrubs and gardens that include milkweed on City property.
- About 10% of the City (inside the Urban Growth Boundary) is publicly owned parkland, and over 60% of that area or about 1,400 hectares (3,500 acres) is managed as naturalized, non-mowed areas. This area increases every year.

- ★ The Urban Agriculture Strategy is one of the many related plans, policies, and strategies for pollinator protection in London and includes a section on Urban Pollinators.
- London Community Gardens 17 community gardens on City property with a simple process for residents to start a new one.
- Active & Green Communities program promotes environmental awareness and stewardship on private property through community engagement.
- The Council approved London
 Invasive Plant Management Strategy
 improves the ecological integrity of
 our natural areas and restoration
 plantings improve the diversity of
 native species for pollinators.
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Many government agencies,
Conservation Authorities and others
are leading additional pollinator
habitat initiatives in London, primarily
on private property. Groups like
Pollinative whose "mission is to
restore, replant and preserve natural
"Pollinative Pathways" to ensure the
survival of bee, insect and bird
populations." has provided over 700
acres of pollinator habitat on private
property in London since 2016.



*The Growing Naturally Program helps residents reduce their environmental footprint and provides resources for a healthier environment for pollinators and our watersheds.



For more information on habitat and pollinator protection initiatives and opportunities, please contact:

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Presentation to the Advisory Committee on the Environment September 5, 2018

Environmental & Engineering

Maste Diversion Action Plan

What's in the garbage?

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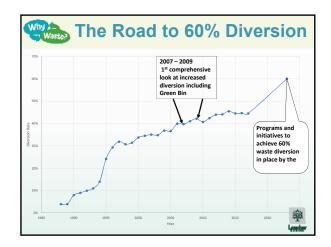
What's in the garbage?

What's finding from: July 13, 2018

Cyck Winks Committee: July 17, 2018

Management Works Committee: July 17, 2018

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Services

Council Direction(s)

October 30, 2017 Council direction:

"The W12A Landfill expansion be sized assuming the residential waste diversion rate is 60% by 2022 noting this does not prevent increasing London's residential waste diversion rate above 60% between 2022 and 2050."

July 13, 2018 Waste Management Working Group:

The action plan to achieve 60% waste diversion by 2022 BE SUPPORTED IN PRINCIPLE; and,

The release of the report for review and comment by the general public and other stakeholders BE SUPPORTED . .



Why Waste?

Council Direction(s)

Strategic Plan for the City of London (2015-2019):

Increase efforts on more resource recovery, longterm disposal capacity, and reducing community impacts of waste management.

The London Plan (December 28, 2016):

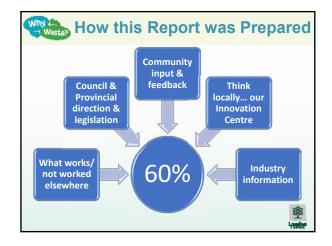
Direction #4 Become one of the greenest cities in Canada

#12 Minimize waste generation, maximize resource recovery, and responsibly dispose of residual waste.









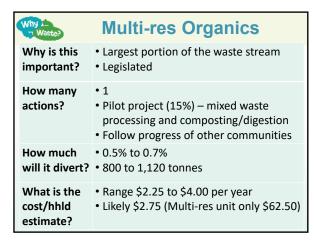


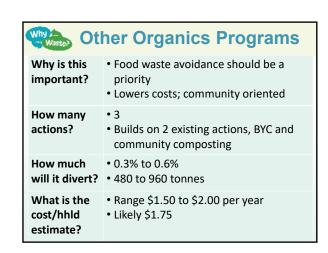
Composition – Did You Know!!				
Top 5 Diversion Opportunities	Estimated tonnes	% of Waste	Kg/hhld/ year	
1. Avoidable food waste	19,300	23%	107	
2. Other organics	12,300	15%	68	
3. Unavoidable food waste	10,100	12%	56	
4. Pet waste	8,500	10%	47	
5. Items for Blue Box/Cart	8,300	10%	46	
Total	58,500	70%	324	

Why - Waste?	Blue Box – Blue Carts
Why is this important?	Provincial law - shifting to EPR is keyIndustry will be funding
How many actions?	None; Industry will be responsibleCouncil/City staff to continue to push
	• 1% to 3% • 1,600 to 4,800 tonnes
What is the cost/hhld estimate?	 SAVINGS estimated at \$1.5 to \$1.8 million by 2022+ SAVINGS \$8.00 to \$10.00 per year

New (or Expanded) Recycling			
Why is this important?	Items are easy to identify/describe Identified in provincial direction		
How many actions?	7; some pilot projectsSupport local jobs; potential for moreNew business opportunities		
How much will it divert?	• 0.4% to 0.8% • 640 to 1,280 tonnes		
What is the cost/hhld estimate?	• Range \$2.00 to \$3.00 per year • Likely \$2.50		

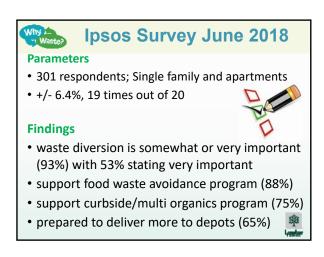
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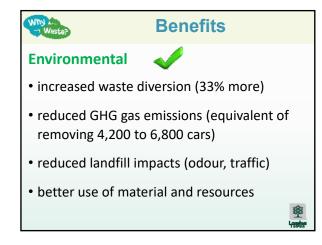


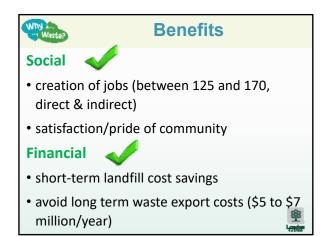


Why - Weste?	Reduction & Reuse
Why is this important?	Lowers costs; community orientedCouncil policies, directions and by-laws set stage
How many actions?	 7, includes community investment People are the driving force behind reduction and reuse
How much will it divert?	• 1% to 4% • 1,600 to 6,400 tonnes
What is the cost/hhld estimate?	Range \$0.50 to \$2.00 per yearLikely \$1.50









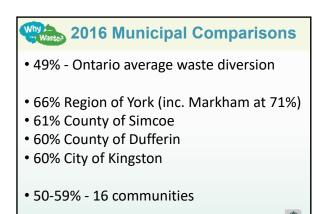
Estimated Annual Costs				
Program Category	Cost Range	Likely Cost		
Blue Box/Cart Recycling	\$0	\$0		
New Recycling Programs and Initiatives	\$350,000 - \$550,000	\$450,000 (\$2.50)		
Curbside Organics Management Program	\$3,900,000 - \$5,500,000	\$5,000,000 (\$27.75)		
Multi-Res Organics Pilot Program	\$400,000 - \$700,000	\$500,000 <i>(\$2.75)</i>		
Other Organic Programs	\$250,000 - \$350,000	\$300,000 <i>(\$1.75)</i>		
Waste Reduction, Reuse Initiatives and Policies	\$150,000 - \$350,000	\$250,000 (\$1.50)		
Total	\$5,050,000 - \$7,450,000	\$6,500,000 <i>(\$36.00)</i>		

Estimated Capital Costs			
Program Category	Items	Estimated Cost	
New Recycling Programs and Initiatives	EnviroDepot Improvements	\$500,000 to \$2,700,000	
Curbside Organics Management Program	 Green Bin Carts Kitchen Catchers Collection Vehicles	\$12,000,000	
Other Organic Management Programs	Community composting	\$100,000	
Waste Reduction, Reuse Initiatives and Policies	Reuse facilities	\$200,000	
Total \$12.5 - \$15 million			



Annual Cost Summary			
	Low	High	Likely (Anticipated)
Cost	\$5,050,000	\$7,450,000	\$6,500,000
Cost/hhld	\$28.00	\$41.50	\$36.00
Revenue	\$1,800,000	\$2,950,000	\$2,000,000
Revenue/hhld	\$10.00	\$16.50	\$11.00
Total Estimated Cost	Requires financing strategy as funding/revenues come later		\$4,500,000
Total cost/hhld			\$25.00





Source: Resource Productivity & Recovery Authority

MBNC Cost Comparisons				
	Cost per Household			
2016 Municipality	Collection & Disposal	Diversion	Total	
London (existing) \$89 \$50 \$1				
Hamilton (lowest Diversion & GB)	\$150	\$69	\$218	
Niagara (Lowest with GB)	\$90	\$102	\$192	
Average of 9 GB municipalities	\$127	\$100	\$227	
London (60% - likely cost)	\$87	\$87	\$174	
London (60% - high cost)	\$87	\$92	\$179	

Why Waste?	Next Steps – 60%		
Next Steps	Comments	Timeline	
CWC and Council "Approval for public comment"	CWC Meeting – July 17 Council - July 24	July 2018	
Seek Community Feedback on Action Plan	 Interactive WhyWaste website Circulate to Stakeholder Groups Attend Gathering on the Green II Presentations to WMCLC and ACE 	July to Sept., 2018	



Draft Proposed ToR Summary of Comments				
Stakeholder		Comments		
		#	Subject	
	MECP (EA)	40	EA Process/ General	
	MECP (Air Quality)	10	Air Quality	
GRT	MTCS	6	Archaeology & Built Heritage	
	МТО	5	Transportation	
	KCCA	7	Surface Water	
<u>:</u>	Written comments (1 person)	12	General	
Public	Project website (6 persons)	6	General	
Tota	Total 86			

Proposed TOR Summary of Changes from	m Draft
No change/Minor Changes	(46)
Additional Details/Clarification	(35)
Change to Technical Studies	(1)
Change to EA Process	(1)
Change to List of Commitments	(2)
Change to Undertaking	(1)
Reduction in waste from proposed re service area	egional

Next Steps – 60% & ToR		
60% Next Steps	Comments	Timeline
Final Comments Action Plan	 Public Participation Meeting at CWC 	September 25, 2018
CWC and Council Approval	To be determined	October 2018 to early 2019
ToR Next Steps	Comments	Timeline
Final Comments	 Public Participation 	September 25,
Final Comments ToR (EA)	 Public Participation Meeting at CWC 	September 25, 2018
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