

Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee

Report

The 5th Meeting of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee
June 17, 2021

2021 Meeting - Virtual Meeting during the COVID-19 Emergency

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Attendance PRESENT: S. Levin (Chair), I. Arturo, L. Banks, A. Bilson Darko, A. Boyer, S. Esan, S. Hall, B. Krichker, K. Moser, B. Samuels, S. Sivakumar, R. Trudeau and I. Whiteside and H. Lysynski (Committee Clerk)

ABSENT: P. Ferguson, L. Grieves, S. Heuchan, J. Khan and M. Wallace

ALSO PRESENT: C. Creighton, K. Edwards, C. Saunders, M. Schulthess and E. Williamson

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM

1. Call to Order

1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

2. Consent

2.1 4th Report of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 4th Report of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on May 20, 2021, was received.

3. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

3.1 Advisory Committee Review

That the following recommendations of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee, with respect to the Advisory Committee Review and draft Terms of Reference Report dated May 17, 2021, BE PROVIDED to the Governance Working Group for consideration:

- a) the reduction in membership to 19 is supported;
- b) quorum as a requirement for committee business be maintained;
- c) the existing Terms of Reference be maintained with one alteration highlighted below:

Add to the existing mandate:

“to provide advice on any global (e.g climate change), regional or local issue related to the long-term sustainability of the Natural Heritage System.”;

- d) the existing name be maintained;

e) as the technical expertise needed is sometimes hard to obtain, term limits may not be suitable; this could be addressed by one or more of the following:

i) no term limits;
ii) three council cycles (12 year limit); and,
iii) current limit be continued but extensions be permitted on the advice of the Chair

f) given the specialized knowledge required for membership:

i) the City be asked to circulate application information to the relevant Department Chairs at Western University and Course Coordinators at Fanshawe. The Chair and Vice Chair can provide assistance in identifying the appropriate contacts; and,

ii) the information circulated include a contact name from EEPAC so that potential applicants can ask questions about membership prior to applying;

g) in the selection process, consideration be given to asking the current Chair and Vice Chair for assistance.

3.2 Arva Pumping Station to Huron Street Water Transmission Main EIS

That the Arva Pumping Station Working Group comments, appended to the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee Agenda, BE FORWARDED to the Civic Administration for consideration.

4. Items for Discussion

4.1 Climate Emergency Action Plan

That a Working Group BE ESTABLISHED consisting of A. Boyer, S. Hall, B. Krichker, K. Moser, B. Samuels and I. Whiteside, with respect to the Climate Emergency Action Plan; it being noted that the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee reviewed and received the Discussion Primer for the Climate Emergency Action Plan - 2020.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 PM.