

Advisory Committee on the Environment

Report

10th Meeting of the Advisory Committee on the Environment
December 1, 2021

Advisory Committee Virtual Meeting - during the COVID-19 Emergency

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Attendance PRESENT: M.T. Ross (Chair), N. Beauregard, M. Bloxam, J. Howell, K. May, J. Santarelli and D. Szoller and J. Bunn (Committee Clerk)

ABSENT: M.D. Ross, A. Tipping and B. Vogel

ALSO PRESENT: T. Arnos, M. Fabro, J. Skimming, J. Stanford and B. Westlake-Power

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 Working Together on Low Carbon Solutions

That it BE NOTED that the presentation, dated December 1, 2021, as appended to the Agenda, from B. Lennie and C. Suter, Enbridge Gas Inc., with respect to Working Together on Low Carbon Solutions, was received.

2.2 Barriers and Opportunities for London

That it BE NOTED that the verbal presentation, from M. Watt, TEC Canada, with respect to Renewable Natural Gas and Barriers and Opportunities for London, was received.

3. Consent

3.1 9th Report of the Advisory Committee on the Environment

That it BE NOTED that the 9th Report of the Advisory Committee on the Environment, from its meeting held on November 3, 2021, was received.

4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

None.

5. Items for Discussion

5.1 Hefty Energy Bag Pilot

That it BE NOTED that a verbal update on the Hefty Energy Bag Pilot by J. Stanford, Director, Climate Change, Environment and Waste Management, was received.

5.2 Wharnccliffe Road South Expansion and 100 Stanley Street Relocation

That the following comments, from the Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE), BE FORWARDED to the Municipal Council through the Planning and Environment Committee for consideration, with respect to the Wharnccliffe Road South Expansion and 100 Stanley Street Relocation:

- the ACE recommends that the Wharnccliffe Road South Improvements project explore every possible avenue to avoid road widening to provide more traffic lanes for motor vehicles; it being noted that there are a number of alternative methods that provide better traffic flow and improved options outside of driving one's own personal vehicle (public transit, cycling, walking, etc.) and making this stretch the first of many projects to turn a stroad into proper transportation infrastructure;
- the ACE recommends that the Civic Administration be directed by Municipal Council to revisit the issue of moving the property located at 100 Stanley Street and to find a way to move the house across the street; and,
- the ACE encourages that, as we are in a climate crisis and have declared a climate emergency ourselves, means we must do everything possible to mitigate negative environmental impacts, for example demolishing homes and making room for more motor vehicles, is the exact antitheses to this declaration.

5.3 About London Hydro Presentation - RESUBMITTED

That it BE NOTED that the Advisory Committee on the Environment held a general discussion with respect to the presentation, dated October 6, 2021, from T. Arnos, London Hydro, with respect to information related to London Hydro and sustainability, as appended to the Agenda.

5.4 Advisory Committee on the Environment Budget

That it BE NOTED that the Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE) held a general discussion with respect to the ACE 2021 Budget.

6. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.