

Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes

June 4, 2024, 6:30 p.m. Committee Room

Present: Emily Posteraro

A.J. Groen

Gregory Waclawek Councillor Lee Joseph Young Chris Biancaniello

Tim Speirs

Absent: Peter Kanellos

Also Present: P. Aguilera, Council Committee Coordinator

F. Bianchet, Council-Committee Coordinator

Call to order

The Chair called the meeting to order and advised that all members were participating from the Committee Meeting Room except Peter Kanellos who was absent.

Land Acknowledgement

The City of Oshawa is situated on lands within the traditional and treaty territory of the Michi Saagiig and Chippewa Anishinaabeg and the signatories of the Williams Treaties, which include the Mississaugas of Scugog Island, Curve Lake, Hiawatha and Alderville First Nations, and the Chippewas of Georgina Island, Rama and Beausoleil First Nations. We are grateful for the Anishinaabeg who have cared for the land and waters within this territory since time immemorial.

We recognize that Oshawa is steeped in rich Indigenous history and is now present day home to many First Nations, Inuit and Métis people. We express gratitude for this diverse group of Indigenous Peoples who continue to care for the land and shape and strengthen our community.

As a municipality, we are committed to understanding the truth of our shared history, acknowledging our role in addressing the negative impacts that colonization continues to have on Indigenous Peoples, developing reciprocal relationships, and taking meaningful action toward reconciliation.

We are all Treaty people.

Additional Agenda Items

None

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None

Presentations

Stevenson Road North Municipal Environmental Assessment Study - Second Update

Pidenam Bodjona, Transportation Engineer, provided the Committee with a presentation concerning the Stevenson Road North Municipal Environmental Assessment Study - Second Update.

The Committee questioned the presenter.

Moved by Councillor Lee

That the presenter's time be extended by two minutes.

Motion Carried

Plant Based Treaty

Jacinta MacDonnell, Louise Jorgenson and Anita Kranje from Plant Based Treaty provided a presentation concerning the sustainable food systems with the goal of combating the climate crisis to halt the widespread degradation of critical ecosystems caused by animal agriculture and to promote a shift towards healthier, sustainable plant-based diets.

The Committee questioned the presenters.

Moved by Gregory Waclawek

That the presenter's time be extended for two minutes.

Motion Carried

Delegations

None

Referrals from Council and Committees

None

Correspondence

None

Reports

OEAC-24-38 - Fall Film Night Working Group Report - June

Moved by Gregory Waclawek

That based on Report OEAC-24-38 from the Fall Film Night Working Group dated June 4, 2024 that:

- 1. The Committee prepare a physical postcard including the details listed under the heading "Physical Postcard Details", and,
- 2. The Committee switch the film to "There's Something In the Water"; and,
- 3. The Committee approve the Fall Film Night Event Structure Overview.

Motion Carried

OEAC-24-39 - 2025 OEAC Work Plan and Budget

Moved by A.J. Groen

- That pursuant to Report OEAC-24-39 dated June 4, 2024, a 2025 Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee Work Plan and Budget Working Group be created in order to prepare a 2025 Committee Work Plan and Budget submission and report back to the September 3, 2024 meeting; and,
- 2. That the working group consist of A.J. Groen, Joseph Young, Gregory Waclawek and Chris Biancaniello; and,
- 3. That Joseph Young be appointed as chair of the working group.

Motion Carried

Items Introduced by Members

None

Adjournment

Moved by Joseph Young

That the meeting adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Motion Carried