



**Oshawa Environmental Advisory
Committee Minutes**

**September 3, 2024, 6:30 p.m.
Committee Room**

Present: Emily Posteraro
Chris Biancaniello
Tim Speirs
Gregory Waclawek
Joseph Young
Councillor Lee

Absent: A.J. Groen

Also Present: F. Blanchet, Council-Committee Coordinator
B. Morris, Planner A
P. Aguilera, Council-Committee Coordinator

Public Meeting

Emily Posteraro, Chair called the meeting to order and advised that all members were participating from the Committee Meeting Room except A.J. Groen 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

Little Forests Durham - Mini-Forests

Ingrid Janssen, Little Forests Durham provided a presentation concerning the benefits of mini-forests.

The Committee questioned Ingrid Janssen.

Ontario Tech University - Great Sustainability Debate Event

Isabel Savransky, Sustainability and Asset Planner, Ontario Tech University provided a presentation concerning the Great Sustainability Debate Event.

The Committee questioned Isabel Savransky.

Delegations

None

Referrals from Council and Committees

None

Correspondence

None

Reports

OEAC-24-40 - Information from Oshawa City Council – June 24, 2024

Moved by Gregory Waclawek

That Report OEAC-24-40 dated August 30, 2024 concerning Information from Oshawa City Council from its meeting of June 24, 2024 be received for information.

Motion Carried

OEAC-24-41 - 2024 O.E.A.C. Third Quarter Budget Update

Moved by Gregory Waclawek

That Report OEAC-24-41 dated September 3, 2024 concerning the 2024 O.E.A.C. Budget be received for information.

Motion Carried

OEAC-24-42 - 2024 O.E.A.C. Third Quarter Work Plan Update

Moved by Gregory Waclawek

That Report OEAC-24-42 dated September 3, 2024 concerning the 2024 O.E.A.C. Work Plan be received for information.

Motion Carried

OEAC-24-44 - Fall Film Night Working Group Report - September 2024

Moved by Gregory Waclawek

That Report OEAC-24-44 dated September 3, 2024 concerning the Fall Film Night Working Group activities for September 2024 be received for information.

Motion Carried

OEAC-24-43 - 2025 Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee Work Plan and Budget Working Group Report

Moved by Gregory Waclawek

That based on Report OEAC-24-43 dated September 3, 2024, the 2025 Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee Work Plan and Budget submission be endorsed as recommended.

Motion Carried

Items Introduced by Members

None

Adjournment

Moved by Gregory Waclawek

That the meeting adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

Motion Carried