



**Oshawa Environmental Advisory
Committee Minutes**

**January 14, 2025, 6:30 p.m.
Committee Room**

Present: Gregory Waclawek
Joseph Young
A.J. Groen
Chris Biancaniello
Tim Speirs
Councillor Lee

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

Public Meeting

F. Bianchet, Council-Committee Coordinator called the meeting to order and advised that all members were participating from the Committee Meeting Room.

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

Legislative Services - Advisory Committees of Council Policy and Procedure and Election of Chair and Vice Chair

1. Advisory Committees of Council Policy and Procedure

F. Bianchet, Council-Committee Coordinator provided a presentation concerning the Advisory Committees of Council Policy and Procedure.

2. Election of Chair of the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee

F. Bianchet, Council-Committee Coordinator opened the floor for nominations for the role of Chair of the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee for a one-year term.

Moved by Joseph Young

That Gregory Waclawek be nominated as Chair of the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee for a one-year term.

Gregory Waclawek accepted the nomination for Chair.

Moved by A.J. Groen

That the nominations for the role of Chair of the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee be closed.

Carried

The vote to appoint Gregory Waclawek as Chair of the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee.

Carried

3. Election of Vice Chair of the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee

F. Bianchet, Council-Committee Coordinator opened the floor for nominations for the role of Vice Chair of the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee for a one-year term.

Moved by Chris Biancaniello

That Joseph Young be nominated as Vice Chair of the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee for a one-year term.

Joseph Young accepted the nomination for Vice Chair.

Moved by A.J. Groen

That the nominations for the role of Vice Chair of the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee be closed.

Carried

The vote to appoint Joseph Young as Vice Chair of the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee.

Carried

Gregory Waclawek assumed the Chair.

Engineering Services - Draft Stevenson Road North Environmental Assessment

P. Bodjona, Transportation Engineer provided a presentation concerning the draft Stevenson Road North Environmental Assessment.

The Committee questioned the Transportation Engineer.

Delegations

None

Referrals from Council and Committees

None

Correspondence

None

Reports

OEAC-25-01 - 2025 Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee Budget

Moved by A.J. Groen

That Report OEAC-25-01 dated January 14, 2025 concerning the 2025 Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee's Budget be received for information.

Carried

OEAC-25-02 - 2024 Work Plan and Year End Accomplishments

Moved by Chris Biancaniello

That Report OEAC-25-02 concerning the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee's 2024 year-end accomplishments be endorsed and included in the Council Information Package.

Carried

Items Introduced by Members

OEAC-25-03 - Creation of a Road Salt Working Group

Moved by A.J. Groen

That a Road Salt Working Group be created to promote and educate on road salt awareness as outlined under the Category 'Community Outreach, Education and Stewardship' in the 2025 Work Plan; and,

That the Working Group consist of five members of the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee; and,

That AJ Groen, Joseph Young, Greg Waclawek, Chris Biancaniello and Tim Speirs be appointed to the Working Group; and,

That AJ Groen be appointed as Chair of the Road Salt Working Group.

Carried

OEAC-25-04 - Creation of a Tree Giveaway Working Group

Moved by A.J. Groen

That a Tree Giveaway Working Group be created in order to prepare and plan the Tree Giveaway Event in the Fall of 2025 as outlined under the Category 'Community Outreach, Education and Stewardship' in the 2025 Work Plan; and,

That the Working Group consist of three members of the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee; and,

That AJ Groen, Joseph Young, and Chris Biancaniello be appointed to the Tree Giveaway Working Group; and,

That AJ Groen be appointed as Chair of the Tree Giveaway Working Group.

Carried

OEAC-25-05 - Creation of a Fall Film Night Working Group

Moved by Joseph Young

That a Fall Film Night Working Group be created in order to prepare and plan the Fall Film Night Event as outlined under the Category of 'Community Outreach, Education and Stewardship' in the 2025 Work Plan; and,

That the Working Group consist of three members of the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee; and,

That Joseph Young, Gregory Waclawek and AJ Groen be appointed to the Fall Film Night Working Group; and,

That Gregory Waclawek be appointed as Chair of the Fall Film Night Working Group.

Carried

Adjournment

Moved by A.J. Groen

That the meeting adjourn at 7:23 p.m.

Carried