



Caledon Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 27, 2011
7:00 p.m.
Mayfield/Palgrave Room, Town Hall

Members Present:

Acting Chair: N. Morris
B. Campbell
J. Cassell
V. Cushing
C. Cybulski
D. Dengler
L. Kingsborough
A. Lamers
A. Leaney-East
S. McElroy
K. Morrison
P. Parete
H. Rutter
H. Stock
B. Wilson

Members Absent

Councillor N. deBoer (regrets)
Councillor P. Foley (regrets)
P. Derus
Chair: D. Mazeau (regrets)
G. Walker (regrets)

Town Staff:

Senior Policy Planner: T. Manley
Energy and Environmental Coordinator: J. Schembri
Records/FOI Coordinator: L. Wright

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Due to the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, N. Morris was selected as Chair for this meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m.

2. **RECEIPT OF AGENDA**

Moved by: J. Cassell

CEAC-2011-012

That the Caledon Environmental Advisory Committee Agenda dated April 27, 2011 be received.

Carried.

3. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** – None stated

4. **RECEIPT OF MINUTES**

Moved by: B. Campbell

CEAC-2011-013

That the Caledon Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes dated March 30, 2011 be received.

Carried.

5. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

A. Agenda Format

T. Manley discussed the idea of structuring and building the agenda to suit the needs and interests of the committee members, while continuing with the reports and updates regarding the activities of the working groups as outlined in the 2011 Work Plan.

Ideas discussed were monthly guest speakers from outside agencies and other environmental topics of interest.

The committee requested clarification regarding its role, purpose and responsibilities as an advisory committee to Council.

All members were asked to re-read CEAC's terms of reference and 2011 work plan.

The committee members were requested to submit any questions they have regarding CEAC's Terms of Reference and the 2011 Work Plan by May 11th to D. Mazeau, N. Morris, and T. Manley. Answers to all questions will be prepared and provided at the May 25th CEAC meeting.

Some members felt that Council was not engaging CEAC as they had done so in the past i.e. referring issues to CEAC for review and CEAC advising Council of a recommended course of action and/or response.

The question of accountability to Council was raised in the context of the discussion on CEAC submitting comments, on behalf of the Town, to MTO on the GTA West Corridor Draft Transportation Development Strategy Report.

T. Manley will speak with the Town Clerk to confirm the reporting protocol for advisory committees and report back to CEAC.

L. Wright will mail out copies of the 2010 Annual Status Report & 2011 Work Plan.

T. Manley will send out an email reminder within the next week, for members to submit their questions.

B. Project B3 - Transportation Issues

The GTA West Corridor Draft Transportation Development Strategy Report was released for public comment on March 11, 2011 and is available at: www.gta-west.com . The commenting period is open for a minimum of 90 days (mid-June) and comments can be submitted directly on the web site.

G. Walker will organize a working group meeting with Kant Chawla, Senior Transportation Planner, early May to align CEAC's draft comments with the current Town position. The draft comments from the working group will be listed as an item on CEAC's May 25th agenda for review and finalization.

Members were advised to contact G. Walker if they wish to be part of the working group.

T. Manley will speak with the Town Clerk to confirm the reporting protocol for CEAC submitting comments to MTO, on behalf of the Town.

T. Manley will email members a link to the executive summary of the GTA West Corridor Draft Transportation Development Strategy Report, along with G. Walker's full update regarding this issue.

C. Project E4 - Environmentalist of the Year Award

1. Volunteer Appreciation Night

The Environmentalist of the Year Award was presented to the Coalition of Concerned Citizens (CCC) at the Volunteer Appreciation Night, held on Monday, April 18, 2011.

2. Stewardship Grove Presentation

The plaque will be presented to CCC at the Stewardship Grove in Caledon East on June 22, 2011, at 6:30 p.m.

T. Manley will notify CCC and Council of the event and order the plaque. CEAC sub-group will notify the media of the event. L. Wright will be responsible for entering the event onto the Corporate Calendar.

3. Annual Environmentalism Recognition Award (AERA)

CCC to provide name of recipient of the \$500 AERA by May 25 so that CEAC can discuss and confirm the selection at its May meeting.

T. Manley will contact CCC re: deadline for recipient name and arrange for the cheque to be processed.

D. Project F3 - Environmental Progress Office update

1. Climate Change Plan Update

J. Schembri advised that the Town is working with the Region of Peel regarding its plan, as well as a community plan for the Town of Caledon. It is anticipated that both plans will be brought to Council in the summer.

2. Corporate Sustainability Framework and Assessment Tool

J. Schembri advised that over the next year the Town will be developing a corporate sustainability plan, with an objective to determine what sustainability actually means for the corporation. The assessment tool would outline the actions that Town staff would carry out during a typical work day

3. 2011 Environmental Progress Action Report

J. Schembri advised that Report PD-2011-026 - 2011 Environmental Action Report and Next Steps regarding Sustainability was adopted by Council at its meeting held on April 19, 2011. J. Schembri will provide the report by email, as well as a link to the website, to members for their information.

E. Project F5 - CEAC Member Development

G. Walker will be contacting all the new members before the next scheduled meeting to identify and coordinate what working groups are of interest, which will then be weighed against the committee's resource needs.

F. Giving Our River Its Credit workshop

J. Cassell provided an update regarding the workshop which took place on Saturday, April 2, 2011. The workshop was held to raise awareness and to build a case towards designating the Credit as a Canadian Heritage River.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Council Resolution 2011-216, Re: CEAC 2010 Annual Status Report & 2011 Work Plan
- B. CEAC Sub-Committee Participation

7. **CLOSED MEETING** - none

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

9. **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on May 25, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mayfield/Palgrave Room, Town Hall.