



**Town of Aurora
Environmental Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Date: Monday, May 13, 2024
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

Committee Members: Councillor Wendy Gaertner (Vice Chair)
Nicole Arsenault
Shun Chen
Pippette Eibel
Denis Heng
Kristen Martens
Ken Turriff

Members Absent: Councillor Rachel Gilliland (Chair)
Alain Godin

Other Attendees: Natalie Kehle, Analyst, Energy and Climate Change
Emily Freitas, Council/Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

2. Land Acknowledgement

The Committee acknowledged that the meeting took place on Anishinaabe lands, the traditional and treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island, recognizing the many other Nations whose presence here continues to this day, the special relationship the Chippewas have with the lands and waters of this territory, and that Aurora has shared responsibility for the stewardship of these lands and waters. It was noted that Aurora is part of the treaty lands of the

Mississaugas and Chippewas, recognized through Treaty #13 and the Williams Treaties of 1923.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Pippette Eibel

Seconded by Kristen Martens

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved with the addition of Jason Cheng as delegation 6.2.

Carried

4. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50*.

5. Receipt of the Minutes

5.1 Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2024

Moved by Shun Chen

Seconded by Nicole Arsenault

1. That the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2024, be received for information.

Carried

6. Delegations

**6.1 Jason Cheng, Climate Action; Re: Invitation to Climate Action Townhall
Hosted by Climate Action Newmarket Aurora**

Jason Cheng announced that Climate Action Newmarket Aurora will be hosting the Climate Action Townhall will be taking place at the Newmarket Legion on Wednesday May 29, 2024, at 7 p.m. Attendees will be able to participate in a roundtable discussion on topics such as conscious consumerism, smart energy choices, and activism.

Moved by Kristen Martens
Seconded by Shun Chen

That the comments of the delegation be received for information.

Carried

7. Matters for Consideration

7.1 Memorandum from Energy and Climate Change Analyst; Re: 2024 Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan Draft Report

Staff discussed the Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan Draft Report and introduced Patrick Darby, Energy & Carbon Team Manager, and Kayden Toffolo, Energy Engineering Intern, of WalterFedy, who highlighted the accomplishments, data acquisitions, sustainable building standards, and long-term goals to achieve net zero.

Staff highlighted their findings, including: the difficulty to collect waste management data, how most emissions come from waste, using information from fleet to pilot new projects, and how some recreational buildings having greater emissions such as the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex having a 30% GHG impact, possibilities for external funding for climate action projects, and feasibility studies accompanied by the asset renewal strategy.

The Committee discussed the role of data to calculate how much waste has been diverted such as dog waste, how the recommendations will be used to stay on track of long-term goals, the use of space heaters, alternative energy options, and if the report will be shared back to the buildings that participated in the report. Staff noted that facilities play a crucial role in the implementation process.

Moved by Ken Turriff
Seconded by Pippette Eibel

1. That the memorandum regarding the 2024 Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan Draft Report be received; and
2. That the Environmental Advisory Committee comments regarding the 2024 Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan Draft

Report be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

8. Informational Items

None.

9. New Business

None.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Nicole Arsenault

Seconded by Kristen Martens

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Carried