



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

**Date:** Monday, June 17, 2024  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

**Committee Members:** Councillor Rachel Gilliland (Chair)  
Councillor Wendy Gaertner (Vice Chair) (arrived at 7:30 p.m.)  
Shun Chen  
Nicole Arsenault  
Denis Heng  
Kristen Martens  
Ken Turriff

**Members Absent:** Pippette Eibel  
Alain Godin

**Other Attendees:** Natalie Kehle, Analyst, Energy and Climate Change  
Matt Volpintesta, Manager, Parks and Fleet  
Emily Freitas, Council/Committee Coordinator

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**1. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:07 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** Kristen Martens

**Seconded by** Ken Turriff

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

**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 May 13, 2024**

**Moved by** Ken Turriff

**Seconded by** Nicole Arsenault

1. That the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2024, be received for information.

**Carried**

**6. Delegations**

None.

**7. Matters for Consideration**

**7.1 Memorandum from Energy and Climate Change Analyst; Re: Natural Capital Asset Management Plan Draft Presentation**

Elaine Chang, SLBC Inc., and Amy Taylor, Green Analytics, provided a descriptive presentation of the Natural Capital Asset Management Plan,

which included; defining an asset management plan regarding its priorities, tactical planning, and work delivery, natural area assets and natural enhanced assets including inventory, state of infrastructure and the condition of natural assets, and the levels of service, and detailed the asset management strategy, highlighting the risk ratings and risk management including environmental, climate, and human-induced hazards. They further presented three asset management strategies involving status quo activities and costs with scenario B being identified as the recommended strategy due to costs and funding.

The Committee and Staff discussed various matters including; the preference of scenario B in terms of levels of service and mitigating risks, establishing a target once a scenario has been selected by the Town, how carbon sequestration can be included in the natural capital asset management plan, how the plan's recommendations compare to other surrounding municipalities which Staff explained that the plan includes an advanced assessment, the requirement for municipalities to report their current levels of service, identifying natural assets and managing the risks in the plan's framework, types of vulnerabilities and threats such as phragmites, and meeting green development standards established by the Town.

**Moved by** Ken Turriff

**Seconded by** Nicole Arsenault

1. That the memorandum regarding Presentation of the Draft Natural Capital Asset Management Plan be received; and
2. That the Environmental Advisory Committee comments regarding Presentation of the Draft Natural Capital Asset Management Plan be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

**Carried**

## **8. Informational Items**

None.

**9. New Business**

Staff provided an update on the Dog Waste Pilot Project and the goal to install 6 dog waste bins throughout the Town beginning July 2024.

**10. Adjournment**

**Moved by** Kristen Martens

**Seconded by** Nicole Arsenault

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

**Carried**