



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

Date: Monday, February 24, 2025
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

Committee Members: Councillor Ron Weese (Chair)
Victor Carvalho
Shun Chen
Jason Cheng
Angela Daust
Leta Dayfoot
Alain Godin
Denis Heng
Ken Turriff (Vice Chair)

Other Attendees: Councillor Wendy Gaertner
Natalie Kehle, Analyst, Energy and Climate Change
Will Stover, Analyst, Energy and Climate Change
Ishita Soneji, Deputy Town Clerk

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Introductions were made around the table.

1.1 Appointment of Committee Vice Chair

Moved by Angela Daust

Seconded by Jason Cheng

1. That Ken Turriff be appointed as Vice Chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee for a two-year term (2025-2026).

Carried

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 Alain Godin

Seconded by Leta Dayfoot

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 December 16, 2024

Moved by Ken Turriff

Seconded by Angela Daust

1. That the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2024, be received for information.

Carried

6. Delegations

None.

7. Matters for Consideration

7.1 Memorandum from Program Manager, Energy and Environment; Re: Project Introduction to the Home Energy Retrofit Loan Program Project

Janice Ashworth, Senior Consultant, Dunsky Energy and Climate Advisors provided a presentation regarding the Home Energy Retrofit Loan Program for Aurora including background information on the current Town initiatives, the objective of the program, current market barriers, proposed financing options for consideration, stakeholder engagement efforts, and the next steps and timelines.

The Committee discussed and provided suggestions on various aspects of the program including: (1) target audience and accessibility of the program to diverse and representative segment of homeowners; (2) community engagement and awareness including means to inform residents through different avenues besides social media and involvement of alternate stakeholders such as real estate agents and financial advisors; (3) program design and prioritization such as focus on pre-1980 homes; (4) integration with existing programs to align municipal efforts with existing initiatives; and (5) legal and policy considerations.

There was further discussion regarding the importance of return on investment for homeowners to ensure the suggested energy retrofits are financially viable, the need for green building incentives for new construction projects and using similar size municipalities as comparators in the study. The Committee expressed concerns and sought further clarification on the Town's liability in recommending the noted financing options.

It was noted that the Committee's feedback would be incorporated into refining the study and be brought back to a future meeting for further input.

Moved by Leta Dayfoot
Seconded by Ken Turriff

1. That the memorandum regarding Project Introduction to the Home Energy Retrofit Loan Program Project be received; and
2. That the Environmental Advisory Committee comments regarding Project Introduction to the Home Energy Retrofit Loan Program Project 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 Ken Turriff

Seconded by Jason Cheng

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Carried