

Parks and Environment Committee

Meeting No. 2	Contact Helen Smith, Manager
Meeting Date Tuesday, February 20, 2007	Phone 416-392-0146
Start Time 9:30 AM	E-mail hsmith@toronto.ca
Location Committee Room 1, City Hall	

Attendance

Members of the Parks and Environment Committee were present for some or all of the time periods indicated under the section headed, "Meeting Sessions," which appears at the end of the Minutes.

Councillor Paula Fletcher (Chair)	X
Councillor Raymond Cho (Vice-Chair - Parks)	X
Councillor Gord Perks (Vice-Chair - Environment)	X
Councillor Pam McConnell	X
Councillor Ron Moeser	X
Councillor Michael Walker	X

Also in Attendance:

Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone	
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Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Minutes of the meeting of the Parks and Environment Committee held on January 23, 2007, were confirmed.

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Presentations to the Parks and Environment Committee: Scoping of an Integrated Climate Change and Clean Air Action Plan

Summary

Presentations by experts in the areas of climate change and air quality with input from City staff will assist in the scoping of the City's Integrated Climate Change and Clean Air Action Plan.

Communications

(February 19, 2007) letter from Peter Tabuns, MPP - PEMainPE2.1.1

(February 20, 2007) letter from Dr. David McKeown, Medical Officer of Health, Toronto Public Health - PEMain

(February 20, 2007) letter from Dr. Keith Stewart, Climate Change Campaign Manager, WWF-Canada - PEMain

(February 20, 2007) letter from Eva Ligeti, Executive Director, Clean Air Partnership - PEMain

(February 20, 2007) letter from Franz Hartman, Co-Executive Director, Toronto Environmental Alliance - PEMain

(February 20, 2007) letter from Jose Etcheverry, Research & Policy Analyst, David Suzuki Foundation - PEMain

(February 20, 2007) letter from Mark Winfield, Director, Environmental Governance, Pembina Institute - PEMain

(February 20, 2007) letter from Mary Pickering, Associate Director, Toronto Atmospheric Fund - PEMain

Speakers

Mary Pickering, Associate Director, Toronto Atmospheric Fund

Dr. David McKeown, Medical Officer of Health, Toronto Public Health

Dr. Keith Stewart, Climate Change Campaign Manager, WWF-Canada

Jose Etcheverry, Research & Policy Analyst, David Suzuki Foundation

Franz Hartman, Co-Executive Director, Toronto Environmental Alliance

Mark Winfield, Director, Environmental Governance, Pembina Institute

Eva Ligeti, Executive Director, Clean Air Partnership

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Parks and the Environment Committee:

1. referred the following motions to Environment Office staff to be dealt with during the development of a Strategic Plan on Climate Change:

(Motion by Councillor McConnell)

- a. That the Deputy City Manager be requested to report to the Parks and Environment Committee and Executive Committee on different levels of parking fee charges for downtown parking lots depending on the number of occupants in vehicles;

(Motion by Councillor Cho)

- b. That the Chief Planner be requested to report to City Council on creating different development charges and fees dependent on green building construction;

(Motion by Councillor Cho)

- c. That the General Manager, Transportation Services, report to Parks and the Environment Committee on the percentage of bike lanes in the four community council areas.

(Motion by Councillor Cho)

- d. That the General Manager, Fleet Services, report on the percentage of City vehicles that use diesel fuel and what it would require to have more environmentally friendly vehicles in five years; and

(Motion by Councillor Cho)

- e. That the Executive Director, Environment Office, report on the possibility of having a vehicle tax rate related to vehicle size and fuel consumption so that more environmentally friendly vehicles would be identified and pay less tax than others; and

(Motion by Councillor Cho)

2. requested that:

- a. suggestions from the presenters at the Parks and Environment Committee meeting of February 20, 2007 be inventoried and evaluated for effectiveness as possible options for inclusion in the Climate Change Action Plan;

(Motion by Councillor Fletcher)

- b. the City's Climate Change Action Plan include baseline, targets and timelines; consider sectors and options for action; and that in developing the plan, financing options be explored, as well as economic development for green jobs and technologies;

(Motion by Councillor Fletcher)

- c. Mayor Miller meet with the GTA Mayors and Reeves to discuss common issues and common approaches to climate change;

(Motion by Councillor Fletcher)

- d. regulatory abilities and impediments be considered within the framework of the plan;

(Motion by Councillor Fletcher)

- e. written materials from the presentation be part of the record and available to

Councillors;

(Motion by Councillor Fletcher)

- f. Committee Members volunteer to assist in neighbourhood discussions on the Climate Change Action Plan and Clean Air Action Plan;

(Motion by Councillor Fletcher)

- g. that the Mayor and staff be requested to explore the possibility of an inter-regional approach with our sister municipalities to review a co-operative approach on climate change and related issues, and report back to the Parks and Environment Committee as soon as possible to establish a co-operative working group to explore issues, such as smog prevention, clean river systems and ecological approach and green space retention;

(Motion by Councillor Moeser)

- h. that Environment Office staff be requested to prepare a report to include an inventory of ideas presented and discussed at the February 20, 2007 meeting of the Parks and Environment Committee and report to the March 26, 2007 meeting of the Executive Committee to assist in the development of a Toronto climate and clean air plan, and such report also include a preliminary analysis of a neighbourhood climate plan; and

(Motion by Councillor Perks)

3. directed that the requests of the Mayor be made now and that proposed plans made as a result of the remaining requests be reported to Parks and the Environment Committee before the Climate Change Action Plan is recommended to Council.

(Motion by Councillor Moeser)

Meeting Sessions

Session Date	Session Type	Start Time	End Time	Public or Closed Session
2007-02-20	Morning	9:40 AM	12:25 PM	Public
2007-02-20	Afternoon	1:45 PM	2:45 PM	Public

Chair