



Environmental Advisory Committees

More and more of the decisions about land-use planning in Ontario are now made at the municipal level because of provincial government "downloading" and budget cutbacks. This increased focus on local decision making means now is the time to establish more municipal environmental advisory committees (EACs).

There are over 447 municipalities in Ontario, but only 36 of them officially involve local citizens in environmental decisions through environmental advisory committees. Here's information about EACs.

- A resolution or by-law of your municipal council creates an EAC.
- It is a group of community members who are appointed by the council to provide advice on environmental concerns to the council.
- EAC members act as volunteers who freely provide their expertise and experience related to conservation and the environment. Your municipality benefits as it is unlikely it could always afford consultants with equivalent expertise.
- An EAC only gives advice—your municipal council still makes the final decisions.
- An EAC can work on either a broad range of environmental issues (recycling, water quality, environmental monitoring, land-use planning) or have a particular focus, depending on the council's decision about the EAC's mandate. A common thread running through all Ontario EACs is involvement in land-use planning for nature conservation.
- EACs typically meet once a month on a weekday evening; issue-specific sub-committees may meet between the regular monthly meetings.

Success in community conservation involves learning from others who have travelled the same road before you. That's why it's very useful for EAC members across Ontario to stay in touch, to share experiences, provide information about new publications and upcoming events, and get questions about particular problems answered.



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ATTACHMENT 2

MARKHAM CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Composition

The Committee shall be comprised of twelve (12) members of the public appointed by Council and the past chair will sit as ex-officio. Two (2) additional members shall be appointed from Council.

Staff liaison from the Environmental Services Department; and one (1) position made available to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

Note: The Chair or designate of the Markham Conservation Committee is to be appointed to the Environmental Issues Committee to provide input when matters of the Markham Environmental Sustainability Fund are considered. In addition, the Chair or designation of the Markham Conservation Committee is to be appointed to the Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

Term of Office

Offsetting terms of office of 1, 2, 3 or 4 years in duration.

Duties and Function

- to assist Council with the development of resource and environmental initiatives.
- to educate and inform the public about the values of conservation and the role of stewardship in the management of the natural environment.
- to provide a coordinating role with which to assist the Town of Markham in planning and implementing restoration work.
- to undertake fund raising programs to accelerate the restoration/rehabilitation of selected natural areas.
- to act as an umbrella organization to assist community groups with conservation activities in the Town of Markham.

Code of Ethics

Recognizing responsibilities to the people, desiring to inspire public confidence and respect for government and believing that honesty, integrity, loyalty, justice, and courtesy form the basis of ethical conduct, a Committee member:

- puts public interest above individual group or social interest and considers the position as an opportunity to serve society.
- recognizes that government service is a public trust that imposes responsibility to conserve public resources, funds and materials.

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- never offers, gives nor accepts any gifts, favours, or service that might tend to influence the discharge of duties.

Code of Ethics (cont'd.)

- never uses the position to secure advantage or favour for self, family or friends.
- never discloses confidential information gained by reason of position, nor uses such information for personal gain.
- declares a conflict of interest and withdraws from Committee participation on any matter that involves a personal direct or indirect financial interest.

Sub-Committees

1. Sub-committees may be created to assist and/or advise the Markham Conservation Committee (MCC).
2. A Chair for each Sub-committee, defined by the Markham Conservation Committee, will be appointed from the members of the Markham Conservation Committee. The Sub-committee chair will coordinate, and administer the meetings of the Sub-committee and report to the Markham Conservation Committee as necessary.
3. The Markham Conservation Committee may appoint, at the request of the Chair of the Sub-committee, additional members to sit on the Sub-committee. These representatives will be regarded as non-voting members.
4. The Chair of the Sub-committee will be called upon to hold meetings of the sub-committees as deemed necessary, independent of the Markham Conservation Committee meeting.
5. The Chair of the Sub-committee may call upon Staff of the Town of Markham for technical advice or support.
6. Resolutions and/or recommendations by the Sub-committee will be presented by the Chair of the Sub-committee to the Markham Conservation Committee for consideration.
7. The term of a Sub-committee shall be January through December.

Remuneration

None

MARKHAM CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (Cont'd)

Frequency of Meetings

The fourth Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

ATTACHMENT 3

MARKHAM ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE - proposed

Mission

To provide advice to Council on environmental policy, planning and sustainability and promote environmental awareness within the community.

Committee Composition

Fourteen (14) members of the public appointed by Council. Past Chair will sit as ex-officio. Members to be selected for their environmental knowledge, expertise, community experience and ability to attend meetings. One (1) Council member shall also be appointed.

The Chair, or designated Committee member, is appointed to the Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Environmental Issues Committee and other Committees, as determined by Council.

Term of Office

Staggered terms of office of 1, 2, 3 or 4 years.

Committee Operation

Meeting minutes and recommendations shall be received by General Committee and Council following each meeting.

Action Plan

An annual action (work) plan and budget will be prepared. The Committee will also report on their accomplishments from the previous year.

Frequency of Meetings

Monthly.

Municipal Staff roles

1 Clerk for administrative support. Also, Staff from appropriate Commissions shall provide advisory support to the Committee for projects.

Role and Mandate

Markham EAC is a dedicated group of volunteers who:

- educate and inform the public about the value and protection of the environment;
- provides advice to Council on environmental policy, planning and sustainability;
- promotes conservation and stewardship of the environment through outreach into the community;

- assists the Town of Markham in planning and implementing restoration and rehabilitation of natural areas;
- assists community groups with conservation activities in the Town of Markham.

Projects undertaken should not overlap with the work of other committees/working groups and be consistent and support Town policy and initiatives.

General Conduct and Code of Ethics

Recognizing the importance of ethical conduct to the community and the corporation, a Committee member shall:

- put public interest above individual, group or social interests and consider this position as an opportunity to serve society;
- treat other Committee members and Town staff with respect and courtesy at all times;
- recognize that government service is a public trust that imposes responsibility to conserve public resources, funds and materials;
- never offer, give, or accept gifts, favours, services that might tend to influence the discharge of duties;
- never use the position to secure advantage;
- never disclose confidential information;
- declare a conflict of interest and withdraw from Committee participation on any matter that involves a direct or indirect personal financial interest



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Mission and Values

Approved by the Green Communities Canada Board of Directors, 29 November 2002.

Mission

Green Communities Canada is a national network of community-based non-profit organizations that deliver innovative environmental programs and services, with a focus on household and community action. Green Communities Canada supports member organizations in working together to achieve environmental sustainability, including healthy ecosystems and communities, sustainable resource use, and clean air, water, and soil.

Statement of Values

Green Communities Canada and its member organizations are committed to:

- respect for the natural environment and quality of life - as the basis for all that we do
- personal, household, and community action - because we can make a difference
- multi-sectoral cooperation and partnership - as a primary strategy for achieving results
- professionalism and impartiality - in the services we provide
- fairness and respect - in our dealings with customers, partners, suppliers, colleagues, employees, and volunteers
- program effectiveness and measurable outcomes - to maximize our impact and ensure accountability
- inclusiveness and equity - in access to program benefits
- personal, organizational, and community capacity development - as the foundation for

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About Our Members

Our members

Our members are non-profit organizations that deliver environmental programs and services with measurable results. They focus on household and community action.

Green Community members work for:

- sustainable resource use
- clean air, water, soil
- healthy ecosystems

Green Communities are community-based - each with their own programs, partnerships, boards, and staff. They are a growing nation-wide movement - we have 40 member organizations in all regions of the country.

Who we are. See [our members](#).

What we do . See [programs](#), including [Green Communities joint programs](#).

How we do it. We use community-based social marketing - a practical approach that reaches people where they live.

See: [www.cbsm.com](#), and [www.toolsofchange.com](#).

Our partnerships

Partners make it all possible. They contribute funding, marketing support, professional services,

materials, and equipment. They include municipalities, utilities, community organizations, businesses, media, foundations, federal, provincial and territorial governments, faith groups, schools and post-secondary institutions, First Nations and others. For more about our partners, see [Green Communities joint programs](#), and [How to Grow a Green Community](#).

Want to grow your own Green Community?

Read more about the structure, programs, and methods of Green Communities, in [How to Grow a Green Community](#), a 38-page guide in PDF. (To read this document, download [Acrobat Reader](#).)



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Our Programs

The environmental programs delivered by Green Communities members focus on the actions we can take today in our own lives - in our homes, our businesses, our communities - to begin the transition to a sustainable future.

Our growing menu of programs address every dimension of environmental concern. They mobilize personal and community action to:

- reduce the energy we use to heat our houses
- curb water consumption for cleaning and yard care
- lower the damaging environmental impacts of personal transportation
- prevent contamination of air, soil, and ground and surface waters
- minimize the waste of resources resulting from consumption patterns in a modern industrial society
- maximize biological diversity and ecological functions in a human-dominated environment

For more about members' programs see our member contact list, including local website links.

Green Communities Joint Programs

Green Communities Canada facilitates delivery of joint programs common to a number of members. Green Communities Canada is responsible for program support and coordination; individual Green Communities members are responsible for local program delivery.

To date, some Green Communities Canada supported joint programs have included:

Ontario Member Organizations

Ontario

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