



**MINUTES**  
***ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE***  
**April 22, 2015**  
**1:00 p.m.**  
**Building Board Room - Lower Level**

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**Members of Committee**

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath  
Regional Councillor Joe Li  
Councillor Valerie Burke  
Councillor Karen Rea  
Councillor Logan Kanapathi

**Staff**

Nory Takata, Parks Planner  
Mavis Urquhart, Manager, Policy & Planning Delivery  
Cathy Molloy, Manager, Museum  
Andrea Carpenter, Program Coordinator  
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

The Environmental Issues Committee convened at 1:06 p.m. with Councillor Valerie Burke as Chair.

**1. MARKHAM ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY FUND (MESF)**

Community Applications:

Staff provided a brief summary of the application from EcoWatch Canada for \$9,990.00 for Future Engineers Academy Green Tech Program noting it was submitted in Fall 2014, but delayed.

Carmen Ng, Executive Director, EcoWatch delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding Future Engineer Academy summarizing the various programs they offer.

The Committee inquired about the sponsor by U.S. Army for the camp program, and expressed concern that it is not Canadian.

There was brief discussion regarding whether there is any reference to the City's Greenprint plan.

The Committee inquired about the environmental aspects of the various programs. It was noted that they use solar panels, and other eco-friendly materials.

There was discussion regarding whether these programs meet the criteria for the environmental sustainability fund. Staff advised that the use of eco-technology in these programs is a benefit towards the environment, and the opportunity to work together with the City's Museum in community outreach. The Committee suggested that VentureLAB might have some funding opportunities for this type of program. The Committee also suggested that staff put Mr. Ng in contact with Bruce Ander, Markham District Energy Inc. and with the City's sustainability office.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath  
Seconded by Councillor Karen Rea

That the report dated February 19, 2015 entitled Markham Environmental Sustainability Fund, Funding Applications, Fall 2014, be received; and,

That the presentation by Carmen Ng, Executive Director, EcoWatch regarding Future Engineers Academy be received; and,

That the funding application from EcoWatch Canada for \$9,990.00, for Future Engineers Academy Green Tech Program, be **denied**.

Carried

## **2. MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 1, 2015 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE**

Moved by Regional Councillor Joe Li  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath

That the minutes from the April 1, 2015 Environmental Issues Committee be approved.

Carried

## **3. POSITION OF CHAIR**

It was suggested that Councillor Valerie Burke continue as the Chair of this committee.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Jack Heath  
Seconded by Councillor Logan Kanapathi

That Councillor Valerie Burke be appointed as Chair for the Environmental Issues Committee.

Carried

**4. CHANGE OF POSITION**

Mavis Urquhart, Manager, Policy & Planning Delivery addressed the Committee and provided an update on her change in position with the City and that moving forward Claudia Marsales, Senior Manager of Waste & Environmental Services will be overseeing future MESF applications.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

The Environmental Issues Committee meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.