Minutes of the first meeting of the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee for 2017, held in the Committee Meeting Room, Council Building, Civic Administration Complex on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:  
Susan Hall, Member  
Sean Forrester, Member  
Robert Maillet, Student Member  
Erin McGregor, Student Member (entered the meeting at 6:35 p.m.)  
Mary Olaveson, Member  
Kat Senyk, Member  
Shirley Smith, Member  
Councillor Gail Bates, Member

Also Present:  
Felicia Bianchet, Council-Committee Coordinator  
Laura Davis, Council-Committee Coordinator  
Meaghan Harrington, Senior Planner

Absent:  
Gage Comeau, Member  
Sandy Willis, Member

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None.

Deputations and Presentations

OEAC-18-02 Advisory Committees of Council Policy and Procedure

The Council-Committee Coordinator provided a presentation regarding the Advisory Committees of Council Policy and Procedure. The Council-Committee Coordinator reviewed the expectations of members, the roles of staff, attendance management procedures, and meeting procedures.

Erin McGregor entered the meeting during the presentation.

The Committee questioned the Council-Committee Coordinator.

OEAC-18-03 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

The Council-Committee Coordinator opened the floor for nominations for the role of Chair of the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee for a one-year term.

Moved by Shirley Smith, "That Susan Hall be nominated as Chair of the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee for a one-year term." Carried by later vote

Susan Hall accepted the nomination.
Moved by Councillor Bates,
“That nominations for the role of Chair of the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee be closed.” Carried

The vote to appoint Susan Hall as Chair of the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee for a one-year term carried.

The Council-Committee Coordinator opened the floor for nominations for the role of Vice Chair of the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee for a one-year term.

Moved by Mary Olaveson,
“That Shirley Smith be nominated as Vice Chair of the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee for a one-year term.” Carried by later vote

Shirley Smith accepted the nomination.

Moved by Sean Forrester,
“That nominations for the role of Vice Chair of the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee be closed.” Carried

The vote to appoint Shirley Smith as Vice Chair of the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee carried.

Susan Hall assumed the Chair.

OEAC-18-04 Site Plan Review Working Group

The Committee discussed the development of a Site Plan Review Working Group to examine and review development applications.

Moved by Mary Olaveson,
“That the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee strike a Site Plan Review Working Group to examine and review development applications; and,

That the Working Group consist of five members of the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee; and,

That Mary Olaveson, Robert Maillet, Kat Senyk, Shirley Smith, and Susan Hall be appointed to the Working Group; and,

That Mary Olaveson be appointed as Chair of the Site Plan Review Working Group.” Carried
OEAC-18-05 O.E.A.C. Mandate and Terms of Reference

The Senior Planner provided a presentation regarding the terms of reference and mandate of the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee. The Senior Planner reviewed the purpose of a terms of reference document and provided details regarding the mandate and scope of work of the Committee.

OEAC-18-06 Planning 101

The Senior Planner provided a presentation regarding the planning process concerning development applications. The Senior Planner stated that Planning Services is responsible for all land use, policy and development activities for the City. The Senior Planner reviewed the legislative framework, and stated that the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee is circulated on development applications where it would be beneficial to have input from an environmental standpoint, or on development applications that may impact the environment.

The Committee questioned the Senior Planner.


The Senior Planner reviewed an application for the property located West of Windfields Farm Drive West, East of Oshawa Creek. The Senior Planner outlined the proposed use and development details for 73-94 single detached dwellings (freehold), 17-22 single detached dwellings (condominium), and open space. In addition, the Senior Planner reviewed the Scoped Environmental Impact Study conclusions and recommendations.

The Committee questioned the Senior Planner.

Moved by Sean Forrester,

OEAC-18-08 Application to Amend Zoning By-law 60-94 and Draft Plan of Subdivision submitted by Minto (Harmony Road) GP Inc. 2466 and 2651 Harmony Road North File(s): Z-2017-12 and S-O-2017-07

The Senior Planner reviewed an application for the property located at a portion of 2466 and 2651 Harmony Road North. The Senior Planner outlined the proposed use and development details for 74 single
detached dwellings, 32 blocks for 205 street townhouse dwellings, 2 medium density blocks for 64 units, 1 high density block for 28 units, 4 mixed-use blocks for 504 units and 1486 m2 of commercial gross floor area, community park block, stormwater management block, 8 open space blocks, future development block, landscape strip, reserve and 2 road widening blocks, and a new arterial road, new collector road, and new local roads. In addition, the Senior Planner reviewed the Scoped Environmental Impact Study conclusions and recommendations.

The Committee questioned the Senior Planner.

Moved by Shirley Smith,
“That the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee refer OEAC-18-08 ‘Application to Amend Zoning By-law 60-94 and Draft Plan of Subdivision submitted by Minto (Harmony Road) GP Inc. 2466 and 2651 Harmony Road North File(s): Z-2017-12 and S-O-2017-07’ to the Site Plan Review Working Group.” Carried

Additional Agenda-Related Items

None.

Review of Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee 2018 Work Plan

The Committee discussed the O.E.A.C. 2018 Work Plan and noted various status updates.

Referrals from City Council

None.

Correspondence

None.

Reports

OEAC-18-01 The Blue Communities Project

The Committee discussed Report OEAC-18-01 ‘The Blue Communities Project.’

The Committee questioned the Senior Planner.
Moved by Councillor Bates, “That the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee strike a Blue Communities Project Working Group to gather additional information prior to submitting input concerning the endorsement of the Blue Communities Project; and,

That the Working Group consist of three members of the Oshawa Environmental Advisory Committee; and,

That Councillor Bates, Erin McGregor, and Kat Senyk be appointed to the Working Group; and,

That Kat Senyk be appointed as Chair of the Blue Communities Project Working Group.” Carried

Other Business

None.

Moved by Shirley Smith, “That the meeting adjourn.” Carried

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.