

CITY OF VAUGHAN
REPORT NO. 1 OF THE
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

*For consideration by the Council
of the City of Vaughan
on February 16, 2010*

The Environment Committee met at 9:40 a.m., on January 26, 2010.

Present: Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio, Chair
 Councillor Alan Shefman, Vice-Chair
 Regional Councillor Mario F. Ferri
 Councillor Tony Carella

The following items were dealt with:

1 PARKS AND FORESTRY OPERATIONS – WORKING TOWARDS A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

The Environment Committee recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Community Services, dated January 26, 2010, be approved;
- 2) That staff be requested to bring forward a report on initiatives such as the creation of a community gardens pilot project and the education strategy for the Vaughan B’leaves program;
- 3) That staff be requested to prepare a report with respect to banning all electronics from on-street waste pick-up and that proper information on this initiative be provided to residents, including locations where these items can be properly disposed;
- 4) That as part of its 2010 work plan, staff report back on a plan for a public garden to demonstrate sustainability measures that may be employed by owners of private residential properties, including but not limited to the following features:
 - (i) the inclusion of native species only
 - (ii) drought resistant plant types
 - (iii) lawn-less gardening

and the identification of potential sites on public lands or private property (at negligible cost) that are highly accessible and visible to both pedestrian and motor traffic, e.g. the new Civic Centre; and

- 5) That the presentation material submitted entitled, “Parks & Forestry Operations 2010 Work Plan, Working Towards a Sustainable Future”, be received.

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Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services, in consultation with the Director of Parks and Forestry Operations recommends:

- 1) That the presentation by the Parks and Forestry Operations Department titled "Working Towards a Sustainable Future" be received; and,
- 2) That the attached report be received as information.

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CREATION OF A STAFF WORKING GROUP

The Environment Committee recommends that, on a meeting to meeting basis, a schedule be developed and implemented by staff to present each Department's sustainability activities, events and plans in order that the members of the Committee can understand what degree progress is being made on the objectives of the City's sustainability plan.

The foregoing matter was brought to the attention of the Committee by Regional Councillor Frustaglio.

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INVITE A SPEAKER TO A FUTURE MEETING

The Committee requested staff to invite Mr. Bernie McIntyre, Manager of Community Transformation Programs, Toronto and Region Conservation (TRCA), to speak at a future Environment Committee meeting.

The foregoing matter was brought to the attention of the Committee by Regional Councillor Frustaglio.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio, Chair