

Community Advisory Committees

Name of Committee: Environmental Sustainability Community Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: 5, January, 2021

A meeting of the Environment and Sustainability Community Advisory Committee convened on January 5, 2021 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:47 p.m. via Zoom Video Conferencing, with Sheila Cary-Meagher and Manna Wong presiding.

Attendance:

Sheila Cary-Meagher (Community Co-Chair), Manna Wong (Trustee, Ward 20), Michelle Aarts (Trustee, Ward 16), Lindsay Bunce (EcoSchools Canada), Andrew Davies (No.9); Patrick DeRochie (Shift); Valerie Endicott (Community Member), Barbara Falby (For our Grandchildren), Sunday Harrison (Green Thumbs Growing Kids), Haley Higdon (Natural Curiosity), Hilary Inwood (OISE), Anne Keary (Parent), Linda Naccarato (Community Member), Erin Pan (SustainEd), Brenda Simon (Natural Curiosity), Andrea Stephens (Parent), and Stefan Sommer (CUPE 4400).

Also present were: Richard Christie (TDSB), Esther Collier (TDSB), Kelly Crosthwaite (TDSB), Priyan de Silva (TDSB), Kristen Evers (TDSB), David Hawker-Budlovsky (TDSB), Gigi Shanks (TDSB), and Jenn Vetter (TDSB).

Regrets: Catherine Leighton (TRCA)

Part A: Recommendations

No recommendations to report.

Part B: For Information Only

Based on feedback from ESCAC's End-of-Year Survey, the committee has decided to shorten meetings to 90 minutes.

Since the spring of 2020, TDSB EcoSchools and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) have been delivering free environmental education webinars. Upcoming webinars and past recordings can be accessed via the TDSB EcoSchools website.

An overview of the EcoSchools Canada program was presented to ESCAC.

A representative from Shift Action for Pension Wealth and Planet Health delivered a presentation to ESCAC and shared details of how individuals can encourage large pension funds to take climate action by decarbonizing their holdings

Part C: Ongoing Matters

No ongoing matters to report.

Report Submitted by: Richard Christie