

Special Joint Meeting EAC / RSAC

September 11, 2019

City Hall, Meeting Room C

7:00 to 9:00 pm

Committee Disbandment Process

On July 8, 2019, City Council approved the following:

1. That a Natural Heritage Advisory Committee be established for the City of Guelph in accordance with report IDE-2019-72.
2. That the existing Environmental Advisory Committee and the River Systems Advisory Committee be disbanded as of December 31, 2019 and members thanked for their contributions to the City of Guelph.
3. That staff be directed to develop terms of reference for the City of Guelph Natural Heritage Advisory Committee for consideration by City Council in Q4 2019.

Committee Disbandment Process

- Next meeting is being planned as a celebration of contributions made by EAC and RSAC to our community
- Scheduled on November 13, 2019 from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, City Hall Meeting Room C

Natural Heritage Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

- The Terms of Reference for the Natural Heritage Advisory Committee will be considered by Council at the October 8th Committee of the Whole (Committee) Meeting
 - The Agenda for this Committee Meeting, including the draft Terms of Reference, will be posted on the [City's website](#) on Thursday, September 26th
 - Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to submit written comments to clerks@Guelph.ca or [register to delegate](#).
 - The deadline for Committee delegations and comments is 10:00 am on Friday, October 4th.

Appointment process for boards and committees

- An ad for the NHAC will be posted on Thursday, January 9th and 16th, 2020 on the City's website and in local newspapers
- [Applications](#) for the NHAC are due Thursday, January 23rd, 2020.
- Members will be appointed to the NHAC at the March 30th, 2020 Council Meeting
- Applicants will be notified of the appointment decisions by Monday, April 6th, 2020
- NHAC meetings will commence in April 2020

Engagement Opportunities in Sustainability Initiatives in the city

Water Conservation and Efficiency Public Advisory Committee

- Purpose – to provide an ongoing mechanism for feedback and advice to staff on key aspects of implementation of the 2016 Water Efficiency Strategy Update including:
 - Issues and opportunities to be addressed in the implementation of the Water Efficiency Strategy Update;
 - Alternative solutions;
 - Design considerations;
 - Community consultation and communications plans; and
 - Other relevant matters that City staff refers to the committee for feedback

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Our Energy Guelph

- A community-led opportunity for citizens to be involved in energy conservation, climate change, and sustainability matters. Its focus is energy and climate, but supports other action on sustainability in collaboration with other community groups. The municipality is a key stakeholder, but it does not “own” OEG; it has a vote, but not a veto. Various teams under OEG are focused on specific topics, such as:
 - Improving the practice of energy management among large local employers
 - Energy efficiency retrofits on private property
 - Education, communication, outreach and awareness
- Possibly a climate change adaptation and resilience team in the future

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Education, Communication, Outreach and Awareness Committee

- Currently being planned by the City's Climate Change Office so look for this future opportunity