



Environmental Advisory Committee

Terms of Reference

Purpose

The role of the Environmental Advisory Committee is to assist the Township with the conservation, promotion and enhancement of the natural environment including its biodiversity. The Committee shall provide scientific and evidence-based comments and recommendations on a broad range of environmental issues. Our goal is to safeguard and improve the quality of life of residents in Front of Yonge.

Scope and Responsibilities

The committee shall:

- Examine such matters and issues submitted to it by the Township Council, Department Head or other authorized staff
- Make recommendations to Council in writing

The Committee could be expected to advise on such matters as waste management (including recycling, composting, landfill site enhancements), sewage, stormwater runoff, air quality, energy conservation and invasive species. In cases, where other organizations have lead regulatory authority i.e. groundwater and drinking water, species at risk, the Committee (with Council approval) can undertake to partner with lead agencies to deliver effective solutions.

The potential impact of those human activities on the biodiversity, ecology, biology, hydrogeology, forestry, geography of the natural environment will be assessed and reported to Council as required.

The Committee shall take the lead in public education on best environmental practices and community events.

Recommendations to Council could include best practices guidelines, promoting public awareness and on policy and bylaw development.

Membership

The Committee shall be comprised of no more than two Council members but as many residents who request participation (in writing). Membership shall be for a minimum of two years but not exceed the term of the current Council. A Chairperson and Secretary shall be appointed by committee members.

Committee members shall contribute time, knowledge, skill and expertise to fulfillment of the Committee's mandate; research relevant issues as required; and commit to attending regular meetings.

Governance

Recommendations to Council will require quorum. Quorum will be two-thirds or more of the membership. Minutes shall be kept of each meeting and submitted to Council.

Meeting Schedule

The Committee shall meet a minimum 10 times per calendar year. Meetings will occur on the fourth Wednesday of each month excepting December and August when there is no scheduled meeting.