# Name of Committee: Environmental Sustainability Community Advisory Committee (ESCAC)

**Meeting Date**: **November 7, 2023, 6:30 p.m.**

Notes

A meeting of the Environment and Sustainability Community Advisory Committee convened on November 7, 2023 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. via Zoom Video Conferencing, with Trustee Manna Wong and Community Co-Chair Anne Keary presiding.

## Attendance via Zoom:

Manna Wong (Trustee, Ward 20), Anne Keary (Community Co-Chair), Maria Bazilevskaya (Parent), Esther Collier (Community Member), Matias de Dovitiis (Trustee, Ward4), Barbara Falby (For Our Grandchildren), Mieke Foster (Community Member), Hilary Inwood (OISE), Dan Maclean (Trustee, Ward 2), Linda Naccarato (Community Member), Erin Reesor (Parent), Andrea Stephens (Parent), Sarah Urquhart (OISE).

Also present were: Richard Christie (TDSB), Kristen Evers (TDSB), Pam Miller (TDSB), David Hawker-Budlovsky (TDSB), Nancy Gillis (TDSB), Jenn Vetter (TDSB).

## Regrets: Peyton Leung (TDSB)

| **ITEM** | **DISCUSSION** | **RECOMMENDATIONS / MOTIONS** |
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| Call to Order / Quorum | * Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.
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| Land Acknowledgment | * The meeting began with a Land Acknowledgement
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| Introduction | * Co-Chairs Anne Keary and Manna Wong and Participants.
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| Approval of Oct 3, 2023 minutes | * Minutes approved, without comments.
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| 2023 Annual Climate Action Report (Education and Engagement) | * Annual Climate Action Report, 2023, will be presented to the Planning and Priorities Committee on November 22, 2023.
* The report will include a “report card” on past actions that includes the status of actions that were reported on in the last two years.
* Draft action items, focused on “Education and Engagement”, planned for the TDSB’s annual climate action report were reviewed with ESCAC.
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| TDSB/OISE Collaboration: Climate Change Éducation | * In October 2017, the TDSB and Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto (OISE/UT) entered into an agreement centered on environmental education.
* Through a variety of learning opportunities, this initiative has provided environmental education professional development to TDSB educators, building K-12 educators’ literacy about climate change and climate justice.
* H. Inwood shared achievements of the collaboration and highlighted a plan for deepening educators’ learning over time through professional development offerings.
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| Member Updates/Announcements | Barbara Falby – Unwanted noise* Suggestion was made to discuss health issues related to repeated exposure to loud noises.
* **Action:** add to the agenda for next ESCAC meeting and bring back information about where this could go to next.

Esther Collier – Communications about TransformTO* Suggestion was made to for the TDSB to share communications from City of Toronto regarding City’s net zero targets.
* **Action**: Sustainability staff will meet with Anne and Esther discuss how to operationalize.
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| **Adjournment** | * Meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.
* Next meeting, January 9, 2024
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