

Moved by: Councillor Mink
Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Andrews

WHEREAS the Committee By-law 05/2021 establishes the mandates and meeting procedures for advisory bodies including committees, boards and working groups; and,

WHEREAS the Climate Change Working Group has an established mandate focused on supporting the completion of the Climate Action Plan and completion of the four-step plan for climate change mitigation with McMaster University School of Engineering as approved by Council Resolution 86/2019, and

WHEREAS the funding for the shared position of Environmental Officer has come to an end through FCM and the Working Group has successfully completed three of the four steps within the climate change mitigation project with McMaster University thereby bringing the term of the Working Group to an end upon completion of the final step; and,

WHEREAS the Environmental Advisory Committee was established with a mandate to provide recommendations to the Committee of the Whole on matters referred by Council and shall respond to proposed policies, planning and other environmental matters with the objectives to include undertake monitoring and make ongoing recommendations regarding climate action upon completion of the Climate Action Plan or as directed by Council; and

WHEREAS Council is desirous to maintain the knowledge, experience, dedication and commitment demonstrated by the volunteer members of the Climate Action Working Group and the former Tree Advisory Committee by continuing their work under the broader mandate of the Environmental Advisory Committee;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that to strengthen the momentum of the established Environmental Advisory Committee and in accordance with the approved terms of reference schedules to By-law 05/2021, it is confirmed that upon completion of the final step of the McMaster Project the Climate Change Working Group is hereby dissolved; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the former Tree Advisory Committee and the Climate Change Working Group be asked to participate as members of the Environmental Advisory Committee and a resolution confirming appointment be brought forward for consideration at a future council meeting.