



Environmental Management Strategy Implementation Report: Short Term High Priority Action Items

November 3, 2014



Outline

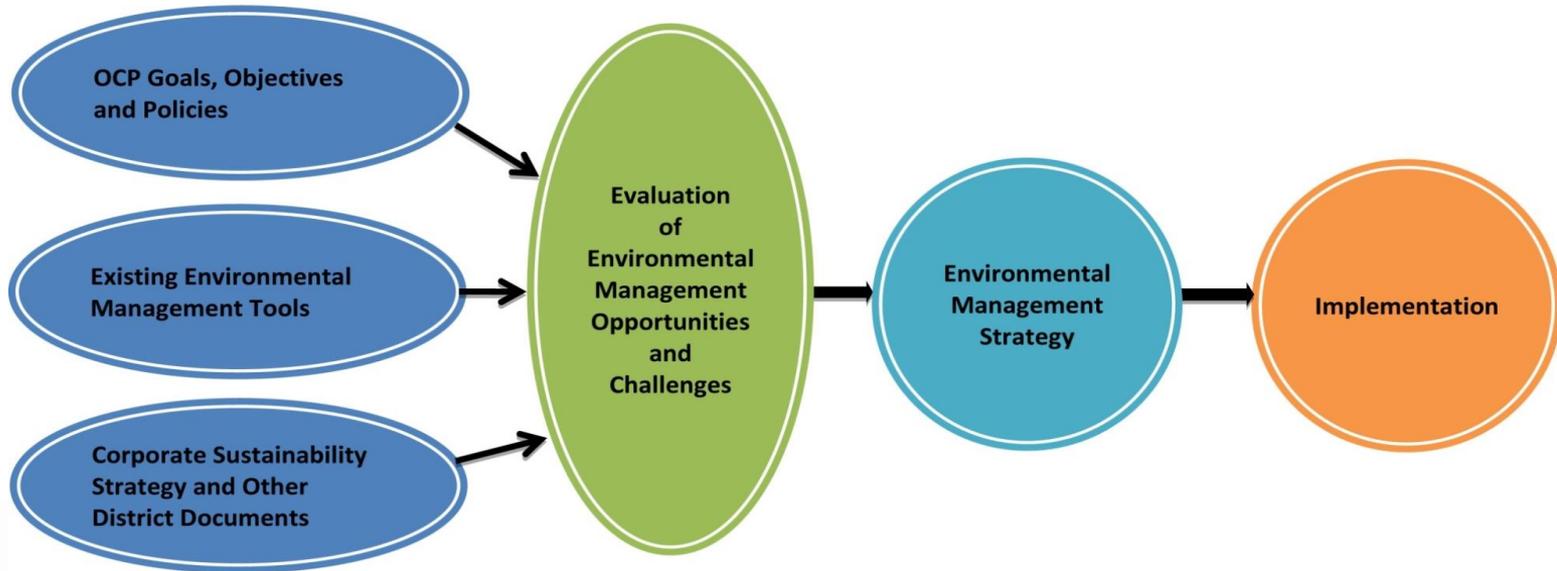


Four Things To Cover:

1. Brief History of the Environmental Management Strategy (EMS).
2. EMS Process and Consultation Efforts.
3. Environmental Management Strategy Endorsement
4. Implementation: Short Term (1- 3 years)
Medium to Longer Term (4- 7+ years)



EMS Background



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The major goals of the OCP Environmental Framework Model are:

1. Protect Significant ecosystems in the municipality;
2. Anticipate and respond to impacts of climate change on land, water and air;
3. Determine guidelines and standards necessary to protect and manage environmentally sensitive areas;
4. Identify situations where additional environmental studies and BMPs are required as part of the sustainable development review process;
5. Maintain and improve ecosystem health and human safety.



EMS Background



- On April 17 2014, Council received the Environmental Management Strategy (EMS) as information;
- Council directed staff to prepare an initial *EMS Implementation Report* for consideration and endorsement. The focus was to be on short term high priority strategies outlined in the Strategy.



EMS Background



Environmental Management Strategy Goals

1. Conserve and Manage Natural Assets
2. Design & Build Sustainable Neighborhoods
3. Improve Communications & Awareness

Each goal has multiple strategies and action items

Figure 7 in the EMS and Appendices One in the report contains the consultant's list of Recommended Action Items/Priorities

Figure 7 was reviewed by staff in light of available resources, budget, Council discussion, and ongoing feedback from the general public



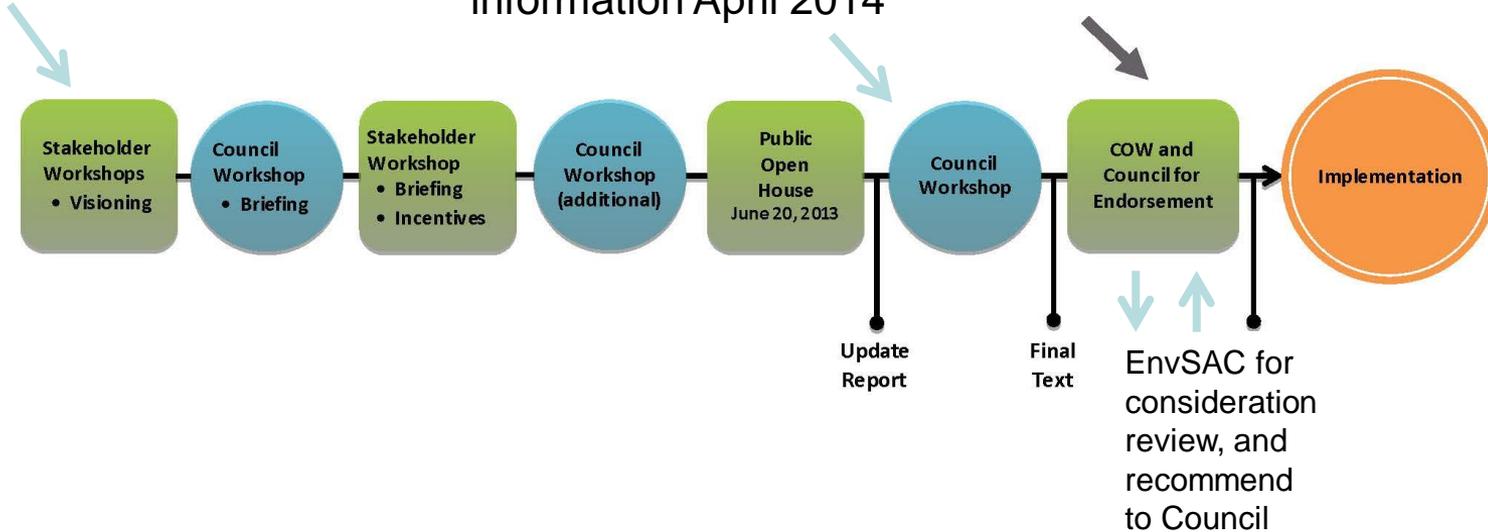
EMS Consultation Process



EMS consultation begins
2013 with stakeholders

EMS received by
Council for
information April 2014

We are here



EMS Report Considerations



1. Recent consideration of an Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee provides a forum for detailed review of the EMS with the assistance of community stakeholders;
 - Opportunities to work through details, provide input and review potential implications of the Strategy;

Therefore, the report recommends that the EMS be forwarded to the EnSAC for review prior to being submitted and recommended to Council.



EMS Report Considerations



2. Many of the short, moderate, and long term implementation items in the EMS may require more complex review of implications, supporting materials, budgets, and how they will need to be selectively phased in over time;
 - Opportunities to work with EnSAC through the details and potential implications of the more complex short, moderate, and longer term strategies or action items;

The report recommends that the majority of the short, moderate and longer term Action items in the Strategy are referred onto the EnSAC for further review prior to being submitted to Council.



EMS Report Considerations



3. There were some short term high priority strategies and action items identified in the EMS by the consultant of record.
 - Prioritization was also based on feedback from Council, costs and benefits associated with impacts, and relative level of effort required for successful implementation ;

Therefore, the report recommends that the short term high priority action items identified in the report be endorsed by Council to commence in 2015.



Implementation Considerations



- 1. Strategic Alignment.**
- 2. Establishing Priorities, Pacing and Timing.**
- 3. Reporting, Business Planning and Budget.**
- 4. Staff complement.**



Short Term High Priority Action Items



Table 1. Recommended Implementation Items

	Issue	Council Resolution	Staff or consultant	Cost estimate	Timeline
1	Interest in an Environmental Advisory Committee	Provide Assistance with the creation of the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee	Planning; EnSAC Members	To be determined	Commencement 2015
2	Update the Soils Deposit Bylaw	That staff be directed to provide a scoping report to Council with proposed amendments and updates to the Soils Deposit Bylaw and Tree Protection Bylaw.	Planning	Not applicable*	Commencement 2015
	Update the Tree Protection Bylaw	That staff be directed to provide a discussion paper to Council to identify key issues and opportunities on Bylaws			
3	Improve clarity around environmental review processes	Review environmental processes and regulations to ensure better clarity on requirements & options.	Planning Communications Information Services	Not applicable*	Ongoing

Recommend that staff commence work on these high priority short term action items in 2015.

Remaining items on Figure 7 in the report are to be referred to the EnSAC.



Recap



1. Council refers the *Environmental Management Strategy*, dated April 2014 to the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee for their review and possible endorsement. Once completed, the Committee would then forward the Strategy to Council for recommendation.
2. Planning will assist and support the proposed *Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee* program which is likely to commence in 2015.
3. Work will commence in 2015 on the short term high priority items identified in Table 1 of the report.
4. Remaining short, medium and long term implementation items will be prepared in discussions with the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee prior to recommendation to Council.



EMS Implementation Recommendations



1. The report recommends that the *Environmental Management Strategy* of April 2014 be referred to the ‘to be formed’ Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee for consideration, review, and recommendation to Council;
2. The report recommends that Staff be directed to prepare the remaining short, medium and long term action items from the EMS into a Final Implementation Strategy, in consultation with the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee and forward the recommendation to Council;
3. That short term high priority action items identified in Table One in the report entitled “Environmental Management Strategy Implementation Report – Short Term High Priority Implementation Recommendations”, dated November 3 2014, be endorsed by Council.





Thank You

