



**Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee
City Hall Library
April 22, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.**

The following were in attendance:

Council: David Barrick
Bea Kenny (Chair)

Staff: Chris Lee
Janice Peyton

Public Members: Beth Palma
Paul Ruzycki
Lorne White

1. Call to Order

Bea Kenny called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Paul Ruzycki advised that this will be his last meeting until this fall, he will correspond by email.

2. Approval / Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

Moved by Lorne White
Seconded by Paul Ruzycki

That the Feb 25 minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee be accepted as written.
CARRIED.

The committee discussed rain barrels.

Moved by Beth Palma
Seconded by Paul Ruzycki

That the committee organize a rain barrel distribution event for 2009 and order a truckload of rain barrels, price to be dependent on financing.
CARRIED.

In total \$15,000 of the 2009 environmental initiatives budget will be used to purchase the barrels. The committee is hopeful that approximately \$7500 will be recouped from consumers and approximately \$3500 will be rebated by the Region. Lorne suggested that one rain barrel be donated to each Port

Colborne church. The distribution of rain barrels will take place at one of the arenas, at the end of May or early in June.

3. Low Flow Toilet Program

Lorne gave an overview of the details of the low flow toilet rebate program that he has discussed/arranged with four local hardware stores, Canadian Tire, Home Hardware, Sherk Hardware and Frank's Home Hardware.

Moved by Lorne White
Seconded by Beth Palma

That 10 rebates for the purchase of low flow toilets be available for Port Colborne churches.
CARRIED.

In total, \$5500 of the 2009 environmental initiatives budget will be allocated to the low flow toilet rebates, 10 \$50. rebates for the local churches and 25 \$50. rebates for each of the four local hardware stores. The committee agreed that this program would run sometime in late summer or fall, after the rain barrel program.

The committee agreed that the remainder of the 2009 budget would be used towards a tree planting program.

4. New Items/Correspondence

The committee received the following correspondence:

- Letter from ENERGY SOLUTIONS Re Energy Management Program
- Region of Niagara Report ICP-2-2009 Re Federation of Canadian Municipalities Partners for Climate Protection Program
- Joe Cressy, Polaris Institute Re public water consumption over bottled water
- email from John Vincken, VIP Energy Services Inc.

Moved by David Barrick
Seconded by Lorne White

That the correspondence of the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting of April 22, 2009 be received.
CARRIED.

The Region of Niagara Report ICP-2-2009 Re Federation of Canadian Municipalities Partners for Climate Protection Program and Joe Cressy, Polaris Institute Re public water consumption over bottled water correspondence will be discussed at the next meeting.

David advised that he toured CSR Electronics in Welland, a company that manufactures LED lighting. An invitation to tour has been extended to the committee. David will ask a representative of CSR Electronics if they wish to speak at the next meeting.

David advised that he attended Ecofest Niagara and it was very good. David will advise when the Welland Ecofest is scheduled to take place.

5. Next Meeting Date

Wednesday May 27th, 2009, Jack Hellinga will be asked to chair this meeting as Bea is unable to attend.

6. Adjourn

That with no further business to discuss the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.
CARRIED.