



**Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee  
City Hall Library  
Oct 22, 2008, at 6:30 p.m.**

**The following were in attendance:**

Council: David Barrick (Chair)

Staff: Janice Peyton  
John White

Members: Lorne White  
Beth Palma  
Gregg Furtney  
Jack Hellinga (Vice Chair)

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**1. Call to Order**

Chair David Barrick provided opening remarks.

**2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed.

Moved by Beth Palma  
Seconded by Gregg Furtney

That the June 25, 2008 minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee be accepted as written.  
CARRIED.

**3. Selection of New Chairperson**

Chair David Barrick advised that although he wanted to continue to serve on the committee, he was no longer able to be the Chairman. Vice Chair Jack Hellinga thanked David for chairing the committee so far.

Moved by Lorne White  
Seconded by Jack Hellinga

That Councillor Bea Kenny be appointed as the new Chair of the committee.  
CARRIED.

Vice Chair Jack Hellinga chaired the meeting from here on.

**4. New Items/Correspondence**

**Report 2008-54 Information Report on Municipal Green Initiatives and Energy Conservation**

Moved by David Barrick  
Seconded by Beth Palma

That Report 2008-54, Information Report on Municipal Green Initiatives and Energy Conservation be received for information purposes.  
CARRIED.

**Solar panel donation to Marina**

David Barrick suggested that through Chair Kenny the proponent be invited to the next meeting, along with Mark Minor from the Marina.

Moved by David Barrick  
Seconded by Beth Palma

That Mr. Wayne Lukacs and Mark Minor be invited to the next meeting through Chair Kenny.  
CARRIED.

**Township of Hilliard Resolution Re “Zenn” Electric Car**

While we support developments of this nature this committee has concerns about the safety of a vehicle with a maximum speed of 50 km/hour. The committee encourages the Province to research this expeditiously, and would support the use of this vehicle in an appropriate urban area. The committee encourages the Province to consult with British Columbia and Quebec, as they have licensed this vehicle.

Moved by Lorne White  
Seconded by David Barrick

That the Council of the City of Port Colborne support the Province expeditiously examining the possibility of permitting this vehicle in urban areas.  
CARRIED.

**City of Orillia Re Continued Use of Coal Generation in Ontario**

Since Port Colborne is downwind of Nanticoke this committee is in support of this resolution if the highest available current technology is used to clean emissions and all pollutants.

Moved by Beth Palma  
Seconded by Lorne White

That the Council of the City of Port Colborne support the resolution of the City of Orillia Re Continued Use of Coal Generation in Ontario if the highest available current technology is used to clean emissions and all pollutants.  
CARRIED.

**Town of Milton Re Deposit/Return System on Aluminum and Plastic Drink Containers**

Whereas we don't agree with all of the reasons given for the application of a deposit return system for aluminum cans and plastic drink containers this committee strongly supports the intent to charge a deposit return on aluminum, plastic and tetra drink containers, and we support the resolution.

Moved by Lorne White  
Seconded by Jack Hellinga

That the Council of the City of Port Colborne support the Town of Milton Resolution No. 333-08 Re Deposit/Return System on Aluminum and Plastic Drink Containers.  
CARRIED.

**New Items**

David Barrick advised that he has been contacted about possible grant money available through TD Bank Friends of the Environment Foundation.

David Barrick advised that city staff is currently working on the 2009 budget and suggested that the committee bring forward any expenses for 2009 to the next meeting for consideration. Jack Hellinga commented that there is money left in the budget from this year.

Lorne White will go to some local businesses to see if they are interested in partnering with the city for a low flow toilet rebate program.

**5. Next Meeting Date**

Wednesday Nov 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

**6. Adjourn**

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.