



**Meeting of the
Environmental Advisory Committee
March 10th 2010, at 6:30 p.m.**

The following were in attendance:

Council: David Barrick
Barbara Butters
Bea Kenny

Staff: Chris Lee
Janice Peyton

Public Members: Gregg Furtney
Norbert Gieger
Jack Hellinga
Paul Ruzycki
Lorne White

Regrets: Beth Palma

1. Call to Order

Chair Bea Kenny called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Approval / Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

Moved by Jack Hellinga
Seconded by Paul Ruzycki

That the February 10th minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee be accepted as written.

CARRIED.

3. Toilet Rebate Program Update

Bea Kenny advised that 80 rebate applications have been processed so far. Also, Bea announced that John White will no longer be a staff representative of this committee as he is leaving his employment with the City of Port Colborne.

4. Tree Planting Program Update

Chris Lee advised that once the Tree Planting Program has been coordinated with the Treasury department he will email the committee and have the

details of the program posted on the City website. Chris will inquire as to where it would be best to plant the City trees.

5. ECO Weekend

Lorne White advised that he received a pamphlet in the mail regarding the Eco-Buzz Event and has seen posters regarding the event. Some committee members did not recall receiving any Eco-Buzz information in their mail. Lorne will contact Katimavik on behalf of the committee and request an update.

6. New Business

The committee received an email request regarding volunteer opportunities for youth from Sarah Willis, Youth Coordinator, Change the World! Ontario Youth Volunteer Challenge for the Niagara Region. David Barrick offered to coordinate an Earth Day Clean-Up event of the Port Colborne section of the Friendship Trail, possibly on Saturday, April 24th.

Bea Kenny advised that the 2010 budget has not yet been finalized and there is a chance that the request for \$15,000 for environmental initiatives for 2010 may be decreased.

Chris Lee advised that John White has contacted a volunteer organization (DADA – Dads Against Dirty Air) that provide “no idling” signs for free. Chris advised that he is waiting for a response back from the organization.

The committee discussed options for the rain barrels that remain from the 2009 rain barrel sale event as there are approximately 9 barrels remaining. The committee may give away a rain barrel as a prize during the Earth Day Clean Up event and the others can be donated to non profit organizations. Barbara Butters will call Community living and Port Cares to see if they could use a rain barrel.

The committee discussed renting roof space for solar energy. David Barrick advised that CAO Heil is looking into this option for the City.

7. Next Meeting Date, Adjourn

The next committee meeting will be on April 14, 2010.

Moved by Norbert Gieger
Seconded by Jack Hellinga

That with no further business to discuss the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.