



**Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee
City Hall Library
January 13th 2010, at 6:30 p.m.**

The following were in attendance:

Council: Barbara Butters

Staff: Chris Lee
Janice Peyton
John White

Public Members: Gregg Furtney
Norbert Geiger
Jack Hellinga
Beth Palma
Paul Ruzycki
Lorne White

Also in attendance were interested members of Katimavik.

1. Call to Order

Beth Palma called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. Approval / Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

Moved by Beth Palma
Seconded by Jack Hellinga

That the November 18th minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee be accepted, with the addition of the solar panel discussion.
CARRIED.

New committee member Norbert Geiger was introduced to the committee.

3. Toilet Rebate Program

John White provided an update of the toilet rebate program. 47 rebate applications have been processed so far. Barbara Butters advised that she will mention the toilet rebate program at the next Committee/Council meeting as a reminder or for those that may not be aware of the program.

4. Tree Planting Program

Moved by Jack Hellinga
Seconded by Gregg Furtney

That staff prepare a program for Tree Planting similar to the Toilet Rebate Program, with a list of eligible trees, subject to total budget, on a first come/first serve basis.

And that the Tree Planting Program rebate be 50% of the purchase price, up to a maximum of \$40.00 per residential property.
CARRIED.

5. Budget

4 “no idling” signs at bridges (Clarence & Main St. 2 signs each.)
4 signs @ 125.ea for a total of \$500.00
The wording for the signs will be discussed at the next meeting.

An EAC newsletter was discussed, however, it was decided that the EAC information be included in the next City Hall Newsletter that is distributed with the Tribune.

Home energy audits were mentioned as a possible budget item.

ECO Weekend Environmental Fair - first weekend in March \$2000.00

6. High School Reps

Lorne White will contact the High Schools.

7. Green Fund

Lorne White has not yet met with Peter Senese.

8. New Business

Barb Butters suggested that the committee become involved in “Pitch-In Canada” week. Barb will gather more info on this event and bring it to the committee.

Beth Palma suggested the committee have a Household Hazardous Waste Day. Chris Lee advised that Household Hazardous Waste days are provided by the Region.

Members of Katimavik were present and suggested holding an ECO Weekend environmental fair. The ECO weekend was tentatively scheduled for the first weekend in March, to be held at the Guild Hall, and the committee

agreed to use \$2000 of the 2010 budget for this event. Katimavik members volunteered to assist with the organization of the event.

Lorne White advised of the Upwind-Downwind Conference (Air Knows No Boundaries) on Sunday Feb 21 and Monday Feb 22 in Hamilton and suggested it may be helpful to attend and get ideas for the ECO Weekend. Some of the Katimavik members expressed an interest in the conference. Lorne will organize car pooling through email.

9. Next Meeting Date, Adjourn

The next committee meeting will be on February 10, 2010.

Moved by Jack Hellinga
Seconded by N. Geiger

That with no further business to discuss the meeting be adjourned at 7:25 p.m.