



**Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee  
City Hall Library  
May 28, 2008, at 6:30 p.m.**

**The following were in attendance:**

Council: David Barrick (Chair)

Staff: Chris Lee  
Janice Peyton  
John White

Members: Paul Ruzycki  
Lorne White  
Beth Palma  
Gregg Furtney  
Domenic D'Amico  
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 Paul Ruzycki  
Seconded by Gregg Furtney

That the April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008 minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee be accepted as amended.

CARRIED.

Chair Barrick advised that South Niagara Community Futures did not receive the Trillium grant for tree planting, however they did receive \$500 through The Good Neighbour Program through the Meridian Credit Union.

Manager of Projects & Design Chris Lee introduced John White who will be filling in for Chris during his absence.

**3. Rain Barrels - Logistics**

The committee decided that rain barrel distribution will take place at the City Hall parking lot on June 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9 a.m. A limit of one barrel per household with

proof of residency will be in effect unless it appears that the barrels will not be sold out. Advertising is to be placed on the City website and Chair Barrick will arrange for a photo with the newspapers. Chair Barrick requested the assistance of Committee members for the event. Manager of Projects & Design Chris Lee advised that City staff will be available to assist with the event. It was the consensus of the committee that rain barrels will be donated to the Habitat for Humanity house, the Katimavik house and the winners of the EAC logo & slogan design.

The winner of the EAC logo design is Amanda Shoalts of St. Patrick's school and the winner of the EAC slogan "**Think Green & Clean**" is committee member Beth Palma.

**4. Mayor's Request for Report on Conservation Activities**

Chair Barrick advised that Mayor Badawey requested that the committee provide a report to Council at the June 23<sup>rd</sup> regular meeting, outlining the community based conservation activities that the city can promote to citizens. Chair Barrick advised that he will provide the information to the Mayor for the June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**5. Concerns over Proposal to Ban Cosmetic use of Pesticides.**

Chair Barrick asked that committee members review the correspondence regarding concerns over the proposal to ban cosmetic use of pesticides as it will be discussed at the next EAC committee meeting.

**6. New items/correspondence**

Provincial Environmental Grant for Cities

Jack Hellinga referred to information that had been emailed to him by Beth Palma regarding a Provincial Environmental Grant and suggested that possibly the city could get an environmental grant for the Health and Wellness Centre. Manager of Projects and Design Chris Lee commented that the EAC has an obligation to see that environmental ideas are implemented because even though the initial costs are higher the operational costs are often minimal. Chris said that seldom ideas are implemented because of the initial dollar value.

Budget

The committee discussed the following options for the remaining 2008 EAC budget:

- Low flow toilets
- Additional rain barrel distribution event later this year
- Home energy audits
- Public education campaign

Wind Turbines

Paul Ruzycki asked if the Inco property could possibly be used for wind turbines. Chair Barrick said that he would invite Eric Azzopardi (Environmental dept at Inco) to the next meeting.

7. **Next Meeting Date**

Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

8. **Adjourn**

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