



**Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee
City Hall Library
Jan 28, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.**

The following were in attendance:

Staff: Chris Lee
Janice Peyton
John White

The following were in attendance via telephone conference:

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

Call to Order

Jack Hellinga chaired the meeting by telephone conference. Lorne White advised that Domenic D'Amico has resigned from the committee.

1. Approval / Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

As this meeting was a telephone conference, the previous meeting minutes were not formally approved.

John White advised that Wainfleet is considering offering rain barrels with Port Colborne, providing the logistics can be worked out.

2. 2009 Budget

Moved by Lorne White
Seconded by Beth Palma

That the committee request that Council top up the remaining balance from the 2008 Environmental Initiatives account (\$10,850.00) to \$15,000.00 for the 2009 budget and that an additional \$7500.00 be granted to the committee for the low flow toilet rebate commitment that was initiated in 2008. The committee noted that they were slow in spending the 2008 budget allowance, as it was the starting year for this committee. (Total 2009 budget request is **\$11,650.00** in new moneys, plus pushing forward to 2009 the remaining balance from 2008 - \$10,850.00)
CARRIED.

3. New Items/Correspondence

Tree Planting/NPCA Friendly Tree Planting Challenge

The committee requested that Barb Butters provide further details regarding the NPCA tree planting challenge. Beth Palma will provide information from her forestry contact. Lorne White suggested that the committee ask that the City's tree replacement policy be reviewed. Jack Hellinga commented that there are a several parks within the city for tree planting and he suggested that the school boards be contacted for possible tree planting on school property.

Ecofest

Beth Palma will provide more details of Ecofest activities at the next meeting.

4. Next Meeting Date

Wednesday Feb 25th, 2009.

5. Adjourn

Moved by Gregg Furtney
Seconded by Lorne White

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

CARRIED.