



**Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee
City Hall Library
April 2, 2008, at 6:30 p.m.**

The following were in attendance:

Council: David Barrick (Chair)
Barbara Butters
Bea Kenny

Staff: Sal Iannello
Chris Lee
Janice Peyton

Members: Domenic D'Amico
Gregg Furtney
Jack Hellinga (Vice Chair)
Paul Ruzycki
Lorne White

Regrets: Beth Palma

Guests: Cheryl Crawley, Niagara Region Waste Management
Don Campbell & Albert Garofalo, Region of Niagara EEAC

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 Jack Hellinga
Seconded by Lorne White

That the February 27th, 2008 minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee be accepted as written.

CARRIED.

3. Introduction of New Staff Representative

The new staff representative, Chris Lee, Manager of Strategic Projects, and all members of the committee in attendance were introduced.

4. Guests

Cheryl Crawley, Region of Niagara Waste Management, provided a presentation to the committee on Waste Management Services in the Niagara Region and responded to questions and comments from committee members.

Don Campbell and Albert Garofalo, provided a brief overview of the Region of Niagara Ecological and Environmental Advisory Committee. Don Campbell suggested the committees exchange minutes and agendas, and offered to speak at future meetings of the Port Colborne Environmental Advisory Committee as necessary.

5. New Items

Chris Lee advised of the following green initiatives being undertaken by the City in the past year:

- Presently energy audits have been undertaken for City Hall, Roselawn and the Marina. This is done in partnership with C.N.P. with C.N.P. hiring Stantec to conduct the audits. A draft report has been submitted to City and C.N.P. staff and has been reviewed and commented on. A final report for all three facility locations is expected in the summer of 2008. The final reports will address both electrical and gas energy savings potentials with recommendations for each facility.
- Regarding City vehicle acquisitions, all vehicles planned for purchase in the next round of quotations are being specified as either being of hybrid technology or flex fuel compatible (E-85).
- The City is currently conducting research of Bio-Diesel and E-85 Ethanol Fuel and their suppliers. The intention is to test Bio-Diesel in the off-road fleet first and after trials with off –road, expanding to the on-road fleet of diesel vehicles. It is also intended to use E-85 Ethanol fuel in all the new vehicles that are flex-fuel compatible. The reason for the change to “green” fuels is to lesson our carbon footprint, by using carbon neutral products. The new environmentally friendly vehicles that will be purchased will have special badging and logo’s to identify them and the City’s move to a greener fleet.

**“Going Green to Keep It Clean”
Hybrid/E-85/Bio-Diesel**

Bea Kenny advised that there will be an article in the paper regarding results of hydro savings during Earth Hour (1.5% reduction in usage). Bea also advised that Port Colborne had good results with the “great refrigerator round-up” event.

Barb Butters asked if the committee has a source for seedlings if the Trillium grant is awarded. David Barrick advised that the seedlings could be obtained from the Port Colborne Conservation Club. Chris Lee suggested about asking Inco for seedlings, as they grow them underground in Sudbury. Don Campbell suggested that someone from the Region’s roads department or from Land Here Niagara may be of assistance.

Jack Hellinga asked that members have a top-10 priority list for the next meeting.

Lorne White suggested that the City Planner be invited to one of the meetings to discuss environmental issues from a planning perspective.

6. Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, April 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

7. Adjourn

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.