



**Meeting of the  
Environmental Advisory Committee  
June 1<sup>st</sup> 2011, 6:00 p.m.**

**The following were in attendance:**

Council: Bea Kenny

Staff: Chris Lee  
Janice Peyton

Public Members: Beth Palma  
Curt Benson  
Jack Hellinga  
Paul Ruzycki

Regrets: Yvon Doucet  
Barbara Butters (vacation)  
Vanessa Sijm (vacation)  
Chris Ventura

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**1. Call to Order**

Chair Bea Kenny called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

**2. Approval / Review of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Moved by Beth Palma  
Seconded by Jack Hellinga

That the minutes of May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011 be accepted as written.  
CARRIED.

**3. Community Gardens**

Planning and Development Report 2011-31, Container Gardening Initiative was distributed for information and briefly discussed. Jane Hanlon, Executive Director of Climate Action Niagara will be invited to speak on Community Gardens at a future meeting.

**4. Review Terms of Reference**

The committee terms of reference was reviewed, no revisions were requested.

## **5. New / Other Business**

Chris Lee provided the following updates:

### **Toilet Rebate Program**

There are presently seven (\$50.ea.) toilet rebates remaining for 2011.

### **Tree Planting Rebate Program**

\$3715.11 is remaining of the \$4000.00 residential tree planting rebate allowance. Some schools and community centres have come forward with requests for trees for 2011.

Moved by Jack Hellinga  
Seconded by Beth Palma

That \$1400.00 of the remaining \$3715.11 be allotted to the purchase of trees for schools and community centres.

CARRIED.

\$2300.00 will remain for residential tree planting rebates. Posters promoting the Tree Planting Rebate Program will be distributed locally by members.

### **Signage**

“No Idling” signs can only be posted by the Region if the City has an anti-idling by-law in place. There is an anti-idling clause contained in the noise by-law. Chris is still investigating and presently waiting for feedback from the By-law department.

Moved by Jack Hellinga  
Seconded by Beth Palma

That Council be requested to direct staff to initiate an anti-idling by-law for the City of Port Colborne and that anti-idling signage be erected on City property wherever possible.

CARRIED.

## **6. New Business**

### **Green Energy Act**

The committee briefly discussed the Green Energy Act as it relates to Municipal requirements to report energy consumption annually. Chris advised that the City is aware of the pending requirements.

### **Canal Waste Station**

Moved by Paul Ruzycki  
Seconded by Beth Palma

That Council be requested to approach Regional Council to request that the Region supply a waste station for ships at the North and South ends of the canal.

CARRIED.

Paul and Bea will continue to work on this initiative. Bea will make Regional Councillor Barrick aware of this request.

**Funding Roof Repairs through Solar Power**

Paul advised that the Toronto School Board is receiving funds to repair roofs in exchange for placing solar panels on school rooftops.

**7. Next Meeting Date, Adjourn**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Moved by Curt Benson  
Seconded by Paul Ruzycki

That with no further business to discuss the meeting be adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

CARRIED.