



**Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee  
City Hall Library  
Feb 25, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.**

**The following were in attendance:**

Council: David Barrick  
Barbara Butters  
Bea Kenny (Chair)

Staff: John White

Public Members: Jack Hellinga (Vice Chair)  
Gregg Furtney  
Paul Ruzycki  
Lorne White

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**1. Call to Order**

Bea Kenny called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Bea welcomed Paul Ruzycki home. Barbara Butters recorded the minutes of this meeting.

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

Moved by Gregg Furtney  
Seconded by Jack Hellinga

That the Nov 26, 2008 minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee be accepted as written.  
CARRIED.

Moved by Gregg Furtney  
Seconded by John White

That the Jan 28, 2009 minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee be accepted as written.  
CARRIED.

All members agreed that the budget request for 2009 would be \$4100.00. The committee was able to save money due to grants received. Projects for this year are to include rain barrels and the low flow toilet rebate program and tree planting for fall. The committee would like to invite a local tree technician to a future meeting.

John White will look into opportunities of grants from TD Bank, brought forward by Councillor Barrick, to be eligible this must include a youth component.

### **3. New Items/Correspondence**

The committee discussed the new Health and Wellness Centre and opportunities for greening, an EAC member (Lorne) will attend the next Health & Wellness Centre meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Councillor Barrick brought forward ideas from Fair Trade presentation and suggested an incentive program for city staff where they are rewarded monetarily for activities such as car pooling, biking to work and using public transit.

Correspondence from the Town of Pelham, Resolution Re Leaf and Lawn Waste Curbside Policy was discussed.

Moved by Lorne White  
Seconded by Jack Hellinga

That while we appreciate Pelham Council's concern for its citizens

And whereas we support the Region's efforts to remove plastics from the organic composting stream,

And whereas Pelham's proposal opposes the Region's attempt to get people to sort yard waste efficiently at source, without trying other solutions to help their citizens (such as subsidizing corn-starch-plastic bags, green bins or large plastic 'garbage pails'),

Therefore we recommend to Port Colborne Council that they advise Pelham of our opposition to their proposal."

CARRIED.

Correspondence for the County of Prince Edward Re Wind Turbines was discussed.

Moved by Paul Ruzycki  
Seconded by Lorne White

That whereas we believe in installing & using as much non-polluting Renewable Energy as possible,

And whereas Niagara citizens have lived with major hydro lines & pylons marching across the countryside for more than a century, with their high-intensity electro-magnetic fields,

And whereas Niagara citizens live downwind of North America's largest

coal-fired hydro station, Nanticoke, which spews mercury, sulphur dioxide and other pollutants on us, and we would like this pollution to end,

Therefore we recommend to Port Colborne Council that they advise Prince Edward County of our opposition to their motion, and of our support for Wind Turbines on both land and lake."

CARRIED.

Correspondence was received from D. Fehrman Non-profit Housing Providers, regarding a Greening Asses Management forum, March 24<sup>th</sup> at Club Roma.

Correspondence was received from Dan Aquilina, Director of Planning & Development, along with responses from Kim Thomas and Ernie Cronier, re: City Grows Green Buildings, Can we do it in Port? (Lorne White).

The committee discussed Pitch In Week, more discussion will take place at the next meeting as to how the committee can participate.

The committee received a copy of 10 Companies who make a difference annual 2008 report. Gregg Furtney will review for the committee.

**4. Next Meeting Date**

Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**5. Adjourn**

That with no further business to discuss the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

CARRIED.