



**Meeting of the
Environmental Advisory Committee
Sept 7, 2011, 6:00 p.m.**

The following were in attendance:

Council: Barbara Butters
Yvon Doucet

Staff: Chris Lee
Janice Peyton

Public Members: Jack Hellinga
Beth Palma
Vanessa Deeg
Curt Benson

Regrets: Bea Kenny
Paul Ruzycki
Chris Ventura

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Beth Palma called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Approval / Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

Moved by Beth Palma
Seconded by Vanessa Deeg

That the minutes of July 6th, 2011 be accepted as amended.
CARRIED.

3. Budget

The committee discussed 2012 environmental initiatives in detail.

Chris Lee provided an update on the rebate programs.

Toilet rebates have been expended. In total \$10,000 was given in toilet rebates over the past three years. The committee agreed to put \$3500 toward toilet rebates for 2012 along with any funds that may be received through the Regional Watersmart program. Curt will approach the Regional Project Manager regarding additional funding that may be available.

Tree rebates have been moving along slower than the toilet rebates. \$1400.00 has been donated to local schools, \$356.89 has been rebated to residents and an additional \$1400.00 has been earmarked for local schools

and community groups that apply for trees through the rebate program. The committee decided to increase the tree rebate amount up to \$50.00 per household with a receipt and to allocate funds for advertising.

Moved by Beth Palma
Seconded by Curt Benson

That the tree rebate amount be increased to up to \$50 per household with a receipt provided.
CARRIED.

Moved by Yvon Doucet
Seconded by Jack Hellinga

That up to \$500.00 of 2011 tree rebate funds be allocated to advertising the tree rebate program on the Arena, Baseball and Port Colborne Library advertising signs.
CARRIED.

The committee decided to review the effect of the increase in the tree rebate and the advertising of the tree rebate program in November with the intent to allocate any unused 2011 tree rebate to the East Village Community Garden.

Moved by Barb Butters
Seconded by Jack Hellinga

That \$3500.00 be allocated to tree rebates for 2012.
CARRIED.

The committee agreed to ask for \$6,000 for 2012 for street side recycling containers (\$3,000.00) and the premium cost for collection (\$3,000.00). Chris Lee will inquire as to the premium for collection.

Moved by Vanessa Deeg
Seconded by Barb Butters

That the EAC request \$18000.00 for environmental initiatives for 2012.
CARRIED.

Breakdown of environmental initiatives for 2012:

Toilet rebates	\$3500
Advertising	1000
Tree rebates	3500
Street side Recycling Containers and Collection Costs	6000
Community Gardens	<u>4000</u>
	\$18000

4. Anti-idling Signs

Chris Lee provided a sample of the anti-idling signs that will be installed at 6 locations on City property near the Clarence Street and Mellanby Avenue bridges. The sample sign was well received by the committee.

5. Community Gardens

Yvon Doucet gave an update on the Port Cares East Village Community Garden. Yvon advised that Port Cares is looking to the EAC for assistance and may submit application under the 2011 tree rebate program. It was the consensus of the committee to ask for \$4,000.00 for Community Gardens in 2012.

6. CETA – Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement

Beth Palma provided information regarding CETA, Comprehensive and Economic Trade Agreement and asked the committee to consider requesting that Council fully review the information and opt out of CETA. The committee agreed to have the CCPA document on the trade agreement for CETA placed on the September 26th agenda for Council for discussion.

7. New/Other Business

Nil.

8. Next Meeting/Adjourn

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 5, 2011.

Moved by Curt Benson
Seconded by Jack Hellinga

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