



**Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee  
City Hall Library  
May 27, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.**

**The following were in attendance:**

Council: Regrets – D. Barrick, B. Butters, B. Kenny

Staff: Chris Lee  
Janice Peyton

Public Members: Gregg Furtney  
Jack Hellinga  
Beth Palma  
Lorne White

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**1. Call to Order**

Jack Hellinga called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

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

Moved by Beth Palma  
Seconded by Lorne White

That the April 22<sup>nd</sup> minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee be accepted as written.  
CARRIED.

**3. Rain Barrels**

Chris Lee provided a rain barrel update. Jack Hellinga thanked everyone who helped on rain barrel distribution day.

Moved by Lorne White  
Seconded by Beth Palma

That after the rain barrels have been offered to the local churches if there are any barrels remaining that one each be given to Port Cares, Community Living and Friends over 55 Seniors Centre.  
CARRIED.

Chris Lee will look into the possibility of a survey on the City Website regarding a rain barrel sale next year.

Moved by Lorne White  
Seconded by Gregg Furtney

That the committee send a letter to the Niagara Regional Police Services Commission thanking them for attending the rain barrel sale and stating that it was noticed by a number of local people that the police cruiser was running during the rain barrel event and suggest that they explore using a second battery in the cruiser for the computer so that the cruiser doesn't have to be continuously running, as a help to reducing air pollution and greenhouse gasses.

CARRIED.

Lorne White will draft a letter and send it to Chris Lee.

#### **4. Trees**

Beth Palma advised that \$5400.00 is left in the environmental initiatives budget for a tree program. The committee thought it would be a good idea to have the trees in pots. Chris Lee commented that the soil that the tree is started in must be adaptable to the soil that the tree will be transplanted in. Lorne White will contact Port Colborne High School and Lakeshore Catholic High School to see if they want to be involved. Beth will contact other local schools to find out if they would like any trees and if yes what kind they would like. Beth Palma suggested that the trees be in the ground by mid October, before the ground freezes. Lorne White suggested having the next meeting at Natural Havens. Beth will contact Phil and Lori to see if they would consider hosting the next meeting.

#### **5. Low Flow Toilet Program**

Lorne White will draft a letter to the local hardware stores regarding the low flow toilet rebates.

Moved by Gregg Furtney  
Seconded by Lorne White

That the low flow toilet rebate program will start on September 1, 2009.  
CARRIED.

#### **6. Discussion of Correspondence received April 22, 2009**

Region of Niagara Report ICP-2-2009 Re Federation of Canadian Municipalities Partners for Climate Protection Program

The committee received the above correspondence for information purposes.

Joe Cressy, Polaris Institute Re Public Water Consumption over Bottled Water

The committee recommends that the City not supply bottled water for any City meetings in any City owned facilities.

**7. New Items/correspondence**

The committee received the following correspondence for review at a future meeting.

- AMO Position on Bill 150, Green Energy and Green Economy Act
- Gregg Furtney – Community For Sale event suggestion

Gregg Furtney will gather further information regarding the Community for Sale event suggestion and will report back to the committee.

**8. Adjourn**

That with no further business to discuss the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next committee meeting will be on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009.