



**Meeting
Environmental Advisory Committee
March 7, 2012, 6:00 p.m.**

The following were in attendance:

Council: Bea Kenny
 Barb Butters
 Yvon Doucet

Staff: Chris Lee
 Janice Peyton

Public Jack Hellinga
Members: Vanessa Deeg
 Paul Ruzycki

Regrets: Curt Benson
 Chris Ventura
 Beth Palma

1. Call to Order

Chair Kenny called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Approval / Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

Moved by Jack Hellinga
Seconded by Vanessa Deeg

That the minutes of Nov 2, 2011 be accepted as written.
CARRIED.

Moved by Jack Hellinga
Seconded by Bea Kenny

That the minutes of February 1, 2012 be accepted as written.
CARRIED.

3. Toilet Rebate Program

Moved by Jack Hellinga
Seconded by Paul Ruzycki

That \$5,000 of the 2012 Environmental Initiatives budget be allocated to the toilet rebate program, and that conditions of the program be changed as

follows: the list of acceptable low flow toilets will be removed and replaced with the wording “maximum flush rate of 6 Litres or less.”

CARRIED.

Chris Lee advised that there are presently some toilet rebate applications awaiting approval once funding for 2012 is in place.

4. Earth Hour

The committee received a request from the World Wildlife Fund, to participate in Earth Hour 2012 on Saturday, March 31, 2012 from 8:30 pm-9:30 pm.

Moved by Yvon Doucet
Seconded by Paul Ruzycki

That an Earth Hour Proclamation be presented to Council at the March 26th Council meeting, and that Earth Hour information be posted on the City Website.

CARRIED.

5. Correspondence Re: Ontario Urban Forest Council, Awareness of Emerald Ash Borer and Request for Proclamation of a Federal and Provincial Role in Urban Forestry

The above referenced correspondence (copy attached) was provided to the committee and discussed.

Moved by Yvon Doucet
Seconded by Paul Ruzycki

That the Ash Borer susceptible trees listed on the tree rebate application be removed.

And that the Environmental Advisory Committee recommend that Council of the City of Port Colborne endorse the Proclamation regarding A Federal and Provincial Role in Urban Forestry.

And that residents be reminded of the Port Colborne Tree Planting Rebate Program.

CARRIED.

New/Other Business

Spring 2012 Earth Day Canada Community Environment Fund

Bea advised that the committee will soon be receiving judging information for the Spring 2012 Earth Day Canada Community Environment Fund. Janice will forward the information to committee members that wish to take part in judging. Yvon and Bea advised that they would judge the applications and possibly Paul will judge.

2012 Budget

Bea asked members to bring a list of items for the remaining 2012 budget (\$9893.00) to the next meeting. Vanessa suggested garbage separators for Canal Days. Jack suggested recycling containers at each intersection of the trails, where the garbage cans are presently.

Moved by Jack Hellinga
Seconded by Vanessa Deeg

That Chris Lee bring a cost of recycling containers for the trails to the next meeting for budget discussion.
CARRIED.

Anti-Idling Logo

Website information regarding an anti-idling Logo “idling gets you nowhere” was provided to the committee to review and decide whether any of the resources available on the website would be useful for some sort of EAC campaign.

CETA Update

Yvon provided an update on CETA (Comprehensive and Economic Trade Agreement). Council will send a letter to all agencies indicating that the City has concerns regarding CETA.

e waste

Bea advised that old batteries can now be dropped off free of charge at different locations of the city. This will be announced at the next Council meeting and posted on the City website.

6. Next Meeting/Adjourn

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 4th, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.