



**Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee  
City Hall Library  
February 27, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.**

**The following were in attendance:**

Council: David Barrick (Chair)

Staff: Ron Hanson  
Janice Peyton

Members: Domenic D'Amico  
Gregg Furtney  
Jack Hellinga (Vice Chair)  
Beth Palma  
Paul Ruzycki  
Lorne White

Guests: Cheryl Crawley, Niagara Region Waste Management  
Paul Grenier, Councillor, City of Welland Environmental Committee

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**1. Call to Order**

Chair David Barrick provided opening remarks.

**2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed.

Moved by Jack Hellinga  
Seconded by Gregg Furtney

That the January 30th, 2008 minutes of the Environmental Advisory Committee be accepted as written, and that the correspondence attached to the February 27<sup>th</sup> agenda of the Environmental Advisory Committee be received.

CARRIED.

**3. Cheryl Crawley, Region of Niagara Waste Management Services**

Cheryl Crawley, Region of Niagara Waste Management Services Coordinator responded to questions and comments from members of the committee. Cheryl advised that Regional Waste Management is currently preparing a level of service document with waste collection occurring every other week and that she expects this document will be approved in June. Cheryl agreed to report on the following items at the next committee meeting:

- Use of clear bags for waste (Cheryl will email Lorne with stats)
- Provide materials that the committee could use to educate the public
- Commercial organics collection
- Regional in-house facilities waste management

Moved by Lorne White  
Seconded by Jack Hellinga

That the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends that Port Colborne volunteer for the Waste Management Clear Bag Pilot Program.  
CARRIED.

**4. Paul Grenier, City of Welland Environmental Committee**

Paul Grenier gave an overview of the following environmental events/programs that Welland's Environmental Committee is involved in:

- World Water Day, March 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Earth Day, April 19<sup>th</sup>, Merritt Island
- Toilet Sale, late May, early June
- \$100 rebate for washing machines
- Downspout Disconnection Program
- Home Energy Audits
- Landscape Audits
- Rain Barrels
- Rain Gauges (give away)
- World Environment Day (June 5<sup>th</sup>)

Paul advised that City of Welland Environmental Committee meetings are usually the first Wednesday of every month and he extended an open invitation to Port Colborne Environmental Committee members.

Manager of Engineering Services Ron Hanson referred to information provided by Mark Green of the City of St. Catharines regarding the St. Catharines Rain Barrel Program. Ron suggested that the funding for the rain barrels be added to the CSO Funding Program.

**5. New Items – Correspondence Re “responsible Use Plan” Urban Pesticide Use**

Moved by Beth Palma  
Seconded by Gregg Furtney

That the resolution of the Municipality of South Bruce petitioning the Provincial Government to implement a “Responsible Use Plan” for urban pesticide use be received for information purposes only.

CARRIED.

Manager of Engineering Services Ron Hanson suggested that Superintendent of Parks and Public Works Paul Peyton be invited to a future committee meeting to discuss turf management.

Beth Palma advised that she has had no feedback for the logo slogan for this committee. Manager of Engineering Services Ron Hanson suggested emailing the information for the logo slogan to Janice Peyton for the city website.

Chair David Barrick circulated a copy of the Ontario Trillium Fund Grant Application provided by Terry Kadwell.

Chair David Barrick provided members with correspondence relating to the Niagara Region Ecological and Environmental Advisory Committee.

Chair David Barrick circulated information provided by Barbara Butters regarding Earth Hour, taking place on March 29, 2008 at 8 p.m. David advised that Councillor Bea Kenny has already brought the Earth Hour information to Council.

Moved By Jack Hellinga  
Seconded by Paul Ruzycski

That the committee approve the Community Greening Application and commit \$5,000.00 to tree planting.

CARRIED.

**6. Next Meeting Date**

Wednesday March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**7. Adjourn**

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.